

News Briefs

HAYMAKERS FOR HOPE BELLES OF THE BRAWL

Next month, Everett resident, Becca Pilolla, will be taking a shot at knocking out cancer by fighting in the annual, “Haymakers for Hope Belles of the Brawl” charity boxing event. On Tuesday, December 7 at the House of Blues Boston, Pilolla, along with 25 other brave individuals residing in the New England area, will be stepping into the squared circle at this year’s event to raise money for Haymaker’s beneficiary, The Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Haymakers opens registration to everyday professionals in the Greater Boston area who have never boxed and want to practice the sweet science in front of a sellout crowd at the House of Blues to literally fight for a cure. Participants get matched at local partnering gyms where they go through 4 months of intensive training with the culmination being a live fight night at the House of Blues. Since inception, Haymakers has raised more than \$14.5M.

Becca Piolla’s donation page – <https://haymakersforhope.org/event/boston/2021/belles-brawl-viii/becca-pilolla>

MASS BADGE TO HOST ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

For nearly 25 years, Mass BADGE, made up of Local Law Enforcement Officers and Civic Professionals engaged in charitable and philan-

thropic events in our surrounding communities to foster a better relationship and understanding between the many people that we interact with on a daily basis.

Through community involvement and engagement, we have fostered a network of associates and friends who wish to share their time and efforts with those in need.

Yearly in partnership with the Zion Church Ministries, Bishop Robert Brown and the City of Everett along with Mayor Carlo DeMaria and through the tremendous support of local businesses, our sponsors and friends we are privileged to provide a free Thanksgiving dinner in both the cities of Everett and in Revere.

We ask that you please keep in mind that spirit of sharing throughout the Thanksgiving season and please join us for this complimentary dinner with friends

For more information visit www.Massbadge.com.

CITY REALTY GROUP HIRES EVERETT MAN AS NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF HOSPITALITY

City Realty Group (CRG), a community-focused real estate company serving the Greater Boston area since 2004, has hired Ashif Nirola as its new Vice President of Hospitality. Nirola will lead CRG’s newly formed Hospitality Department, managing the company’s expanding interests in the hospital-

ity industry. Nirola has more than 10 years of experience in the hospital-ity industry and has held management positions at fine-dining restaurants and hotels. Nirola will oversee CRG’s hospital-ity portfolio and manage a team of individuals who will create marketing and branding initiatives. Nirola will report directly to City Realty Group Vice President of Operations James Caruso.

“Ashif has a dynamic skill set and creative philosophy that is perfect to lead our new hospitality department,” said City Realty Group Managing Partner Stephen Whalen. “He’s an impact player who will build a strong team to manage our growing hospitality portfolio and maximize our marketing strategies at each unique location.”

Nirola is ready to make an immediate impact and build a team that is ready to create and innovate. “We are here to make an impact and to offer places to the community where residents can create memories and enjoy good food and a good atmosphere,” he said.

Nirola most recently held the position of Operations Manager at Douzo Restaurant & Sushi in Boston. Nirola comes from a hospitality-driven background. Growing up in Nepal, a country known for its hospitality and tourism, his parents owned and operated several hotels and restaurants. Nirola resides in Everett and holds a bachelor’s degree in Hospitality from Southeast Missouri University.

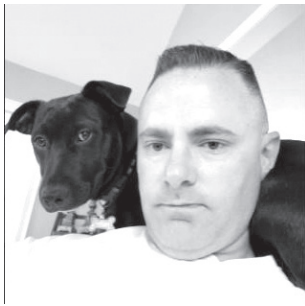
FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Detective Michael Lavey

Detective Michael Lavey is an employee of the Everett Police Department and has worked with the City of Everett for 20 years.

What do you do in the City?

I am a detective assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit and we conduct follow up investigations of reports taken by patrol division or referrals from other city and state agencies as well as conduct self-initiated criminal



investigations.

What is your favorite part about working for the City?

My favorite part of working for the city is meeting and working with many other city depart-

ments and employees to solve problems and help make the community a better place for our residents.

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

The biggest lesson I’ve learned is being ready to adapt and change direction at any moment.

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

I like to spend time outdoors and exercising.

Post Offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving

There will be no regular mail delivery or retail services available on Thursday, Nov. 25, as postal employees across the commonwealth celebrate Thanksgiving. But our carriers will still be delivering Priority Express and other guaranteed next day services.

This holiday, the Postal Service is reminding customers to shop and ship early. Our online store is open 24/7 at usps.com and boasts plenty of gift-giving ideas from T-shirts to framed prints, toys and tote bags.

The 2020 holiday season was a record-setting year for the Postal Service. Specifically, 13 billion letters, cards and packages were processed and delivered under some of the most difficult circumstances we’ve faced in the past century.

For the 2021 peak season — the period between

Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day — the Postal Service will deliver more mail and packages to homes than any other shipper. It’s anticipated that between 850 million and 950 million packages will be delivered for the holidays. The total number of letters, cards and packages processed and delivered is estimated to be more than 12 billion.

The Postal Service will expand Sunday delivery, beginning Nov. 28, to locations with high package volumes. USPS already delivers packages on Sundays in most major cities and expects to deliver more than 9.7 million packages each Sunday throughout the holiday season. Mail carriers will also deliver packages for an additional fee on Christmas Day in select locations.

The Postal Service plans all year for the peak hol-

iday season. This year’s preparations include leasing 7.5 million square feet of additional space across more than 40 annexes to handle the increase in the number of packages being mailed. The Postal Service is also currently hiring for more than 40,000 seasonal positions to help process and deliver the mail.

Since April, the Postal Service has installed 97 of 112 new package sorting machines, reflecting the Postmaster General’s “Delivering for America” plan’s \$40 billion of planned investment over 10 years. Additionally, more than 50 machines that can sort large packages are expected to be up and running prior to December. The new machinery gives the Postal Service the capacity to process an additional 4.5 million packages each day.

The “E” Club of Everett celebrates 50th year

The “E Club is celebrating its 50th year with a dinner held on Saturday November 27, at Spinnelli’s in Lynnfield. We would like as many “E” Club Alumni and Members to attend as well as anyone that would like to be there to help us celebrate the students at Everett High School. Paul Perillo will be our Main Speaker! Paul started his sports career at Everett High School in Baseball, and later continued as Captain for Boston University. He has now been with the Patriots as a writer and spokesperson on WEEI, for 21 years. Vinnie Calderone and his band “Good to Go” will



Paul Perillo.

be providing entertainment. We hope you can join us for a enjoyable evening!

Tickets to the dinner are \$60.00 a piece and can be purchased on our website: www.eclubofeverett.com or you can send a check to our PO Box: PO Box 490135 Everett, MA 02149. If you are pur-

chasing for more than one person, please tell us how many. Please include your name and phone number so we can contact you if we have any questions.

If you would like to sponsor a table it is \$600. This includes two seats at the table, your name in the “E” Club November Book, and Advertisement at the sponsored table and on our website. The BEST DEAL would be to Sponsor both the November and May Dinners for the great price of \$1000. This means advertisement at Both dinners!!!

If you have any questions on prices, please contact Tank Agnetta at 617.331.0957.

THE “E” CLUB OF EVERETT

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- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



LEGAL NOTICE EVERETT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 484 BROADWAY EVERETT, MA 02149

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 6, 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: 57 Everett Street
Map/Lot: D0-04-000140
Person Requesting: Mr. Anthony Rossi
345 Boylston Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02459

The owner wishes to convert the existing two (2) family dwelling into a five (5) family dwelling on a 7250 square foot lot in the Dwelling District. Five (5) parking spaces are proposed.

Reason for Denial:

Violations:

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
A five (5) family is not an allowed use in this district.

The allowed Floor Area Ratio for the Dwelling District is .5, the proposed FAR for this project is .98 The proposed FAR is above the allowable by .48.

(5) spaces are proposed to be which is less than the required spaces. Ten (10) spaces are required, the project is five spaces deficient.

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

Zoning Ordinance Sections

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.

Where the existing building is already non-conforming, any alteration shall not increase the existing non-conformity. Parking in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance shall be provided for any additional dwelling units. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 17 paragraph (A)2: Multifamily Dwellings two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit.

(b) Dimensional Requirements (other than one or two family in the dwelling district)

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)

Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b)(4) requires minimum front yard setback of 20 feet except were the average front yard of at least two buildings on the same side of the street and within 200 feet of the lot are less than 20 feet, and the front yard may be equal to the average of those buildings but not less than 10 feet. Porches may encroach 10 feet onto the required front yard.

The proposed front yard setback is 10' for the building. A variance of 10' is required for the proposed structure.

MARY GERACE – Chairman

Board of Appeals

Roberta Suppa - Clerk

November 17, 2021

November 24, 2021

Football / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Everett head coach Rob DiLoreto. “We were very balanced in the first half, but our ground game really took over as the game progressed.”

Zamor, defense hold Andover in check

Led by Boston College-bound defensive back Ismael Zamor, the Everett High defense held Andover’s well-known spread offense in check.

“Ish really coordinated the entire defense, because Andover runs that spread offense and there was no rain and no wind and it

was 60 degrees when the game started, and Andover threw the ball 40 times and challenged us,” said DiLoreto. “Ish did a great job managing and calling all of our coverages.”

Zamor also had a couple of receptions from Ellerbe on offense.

Thanksgiving game versus St. John’s (Shrewsbury)

Everett (8-1) will host St. John’s of Shrewsbury (5-6) in the Thanksgiving game on Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. at Everett Memorial Stadium.

“We’re going to work hard and prepare for a well-coached and physical team,” said DiLoreto.

St. John’s defeated Taunton, 35-28, in the Division 1 opening round game before falling to Central Catholic, 37-13, in the quarterfinals.

“They beat St. John’s Prep (Danvers) and played a Catholic Conference schedule, so we know that we have a huge challenge ahead of us on Thanksgiving morning,” said DiLoreto.

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lic Schools and the Everett Police Department for School Resources Officers (SRO).

Police Chief Steven Mazzie noted that a new MOU is being written at the state level by a commission, but the one that the School Committee voted on Monday night already had much of the new language contained in it and was “much more robust.”

Mazzie pointed out that there is a “lot of misinformation” about the program. “We are not here to arrest students,” Mazzie said. As proof of that statement, the chief pointed out that in the past four years, there have been only a handful of arrests of students in that time frame.

“We are thoughtful of who is in the SRO,” he said.

Lambert asked about the type of training that an SRO must complete.

Mazzie said that the training period for the SRO position usually takes about a week.

“We tailor the training to modern times,” he add-

ed. “A lot of the younger officers reflect who we are in Everett.”

Mazzie told the committee that the prime objective of the SRO is to seek compliant resolutions. He also noted that people do not have to go to the police station to make a complaint, but can go directly to the SRO.

School Committee member Millie Cardello asked about reaching out to families, noting that there are many families who are afraid to ask for help.

Mazzie reiterated that the goal of the SRO is to focus on dispute resolution, as well as mental health issues.

Superintendent Priya Tahiliani talked about the Refresh Program internship program where five EHS students are able to work along with the SRO. Presently, more than 80 students have applied for this internship program, Mazzie noted.

Angela Ciurmaglia, who viewed the meeting, added, “SROs are a tremendous asset to our team.”

In other business, Tahiliani noted that thus far there have been 129 new hires in the public schools for the current school year. However, there are still 24 openings and the new hires predominantly were used to fill retirement positions.

In COVID news, there were 12 confirmed cases for the period from November 1-12, while in the month of October there were 52 confirmed cases.

City Year volunteers have put up new murals for the students at the Whittier School and Keverian School. The murals measure eight feet by four feet. The Whittier School mural is a series of waves with positive messages and the Keverian School mural is a Knight in Armor.

Become a foster or adoptive parent for Adoption Month

The Home for Little Wanderers announced today that it has opened registration for a required education program for people interested in becoming adoptive or foster parents in recognition of Adoption Month. People interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents can apply to attend the free, 30-hour Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) education program from 5:30-8:30 PM every Monday and Friday starting on January 10, 2022 and ending on February 10, 2022.

In Massachusetts, there are over 2,800 children in foster care with a goal of adoption and over 1,200 of these children have no identified adoption resource such as a relative or foster parent.

“The child welfare system is not designed to raise children. We are here for support and healing when they need us, but children deserve to grow up in a warm, loving home,” said Lesli Suggs, LICSW, President and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers. “Children need to know that they have a permanent adult in their life to take care of them and to help them grow into well-rounded adults. Children who grow up without a permanent family and “age out” of the child welfare system are more likely to experience homelessness, substance abuse, and be involved in the criminal justice system. The love and support of a family can make all the difference.”

The Home’s adoption and foster programs

provide all the necessary training, licensing, matching, and supportive services for families to adopt or foster. The Home encourages adoptive and foster parents from all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, socio-economic backgrounds and religions. Adoptive or foster parents can be couples or single individuals. Children come from a variety of backgrounds and many have experienced multiple types of maltreatment such as neglect or abuse.

To learn more about becoming an adoptive or foster parent, visit www.thehome.org/adoption or contact The Home at (617)-288-7450, adoptioninfo@thehome.org, or fostercareinfo@thehome.org.

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Celebrating milestones

Sky Zone will be celebrating several milestones at Saturday’s event.

“Over the 10-year period, we have had 900,000 jumpers, which is pretty amazing,” said McLear. “We were one of the first trampoline parks on the East Coast and we have been welcomed with open arms by the City of Everett. This is a new era of Sky Zone, and we couldn’t have done it without the support of the community. We’re grateful for our 10 years in Everett.”

O’Neill will be recognized for ten years of service

Everett resident Colleen O’Neill will be recognized Saturday for her 10 years as a Sky Zone team member. O’Neill has been with the company since the opening of Sky Zone.

“Colleen has been with us since the very beginning,” said McLear. “She was one of the first employees hired before we even opened in 2011. Colleen has continued to grow with us in a variety

of roles, and we’re excited to celebrate her 10 years as well.”

O’Neill currently serves as business manager at Sky Zone.

Annual Pass Sale commences

Casey McLear also announced that Sky Zone will mark its 10th anniversary and the coming holiday season with its Annual Pass Sale.

People will be able to purchase a pass for \$129, which will entitle individuals to use the facility every day for the entire year.

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The Metro North Regional Employment Board, d/b/a MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (MNWB) has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure WIOA Youth-In and/or Out of School program providers for Fiscal Year 2023 covering the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 with potential renewals of one additional year. The RFP and related documents are posted on the MNWB website: <https://masshiremetronorth.org>

Bidder’s Conference Webinar scheduled for December 8, 2021 at 2PM. The Metro North Workforce Board is an EOE/AA program.

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PROGRESSIVES? NO -- THEY ARE REGRESSIVES

There are a lot of reasons why the Democrats and President Joe Biden have plummeted in the polls and then absorbed a huge defeat across the country in the recent election.

As often is the case in politics, the party in charge gets the blame even if they arise from circumstances beyond its control.

Almost all of the issues that have been troubling Americans in the past few months are no fault of Biden and the Democrats. The ongoing pandemic, supply-chain snafus, labor shortages, inflation worries, weather-related crises, and soaring energy prices all either were inherited by Biden or are the result of unforeseen circumstances.

The Biden administration could have done better with the withdrawal from Afghanistan, but that too, was a circumstance he inherited and that spiraled out of control.

However, there is one aspect of the Biden Presidency and the Democratic control of Congress that is within their control. And that is their ability to get things done.

On August 10, a bipartisan vote of the Senate approved the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill. However, the bill sat for months in the House because of the efforts of a willful group of Democratic House members who held it hostage to their demands for the \$3.5 trillion Build Back Better legislation.

We would note that we fully have supported every aspect of the Build Back Better Plan, including the Green New Deal which we endorsed from the outset when it first was introduced by Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez in January of 2019.

In fact, we would support an even-larger bill in order to bring America into the 21st century.

However, the reality is that there are Democratic members of Congress who do not agree with all of the proposals in the Build Back Better Plan and who have been saying so for months.

Yet the so-called Progressives in the House refused to accept this reality. Democrats promised the voters that if they were put in charge, they'd get things done -- but the intransigence of the so-called Progressives served not only to undermine the Biden administration and Democrats in general, but also sank their own cause as well.

For all of their posturing and demand-making, they have nothing -- nada -- zero -- to show for their efforts.

As we have said many times in this column, politics is the art of compromise. Or, as Kenny Rogers put it,

“You’ve got to know when to hold ‘em,
Know when to fold ‘em.”

The Progressives’ hubris served as a gift to the Republicans.

Instead of Progressing the country forward, their political gamesmanship has undermined Americans’ faith in the democratic process and Regressed us back to the era before 2020.

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Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

The Haiti kidnapped missionaries, consider the costs of such trips

By Glenn Mollette

The missionaries consisting of sixteen Americans and one Canadian kidnapped by the Haitian “400 Mawozo” gang October 16, is extremely scary. The gang has threatened to kill the humanitarian Christians if a million dollar per person ransom is not fulfilled. The group consists of men, women, children and an eight-month-old baby.

These missionaries have sacrificed their time and paid their own way to go to the poorest place in the Western hemisphere to try to spread God’s love and save some souls. In turn, the missionaries are experiencing a nightmare like they’ve never imagined. They’re imprisoned and being threatened with a bullet in the head.

Most of us will never get over seeing journalists being beheaded and tortured in Syria and Iraq by the barbaric Islamic extremist group called ISIL. Burning people alive and beheading others were too graphic and gruesome to ever be forgotten.

Why do journalists, missionaries and humanitarian aid workers go to

such places to risk kidnapping, rape, torture and unimaginable deaths? There is always the belief that “it will not happen to me.” Some might view such a trip as a vacation.

Years ago, I traveled to a third world country on a “missionary trip” with others thinking it would be a nice break. I’ve never worked so hard in my life.

Sadly, the 17 missionaries in Haiti are undergoing a cruel experience that may end with the cost of their very lives. What are they thinking now? What is going through the minds of the little children who traveled to a world to help others and spread God’s love?

Haiti has been the site of years of humanitarian efforts. The United States and other countries have given billions of dollars to help Haiti. Sadly, hurricanes, political unrest, underdevelopment and extreme poverty have all made for a sad scenario.

How much money would the world have to give to Haiti to make life better for this nation? This is a question no one can answer because usually aid is a short-term solution. We spent a trillion

dollars in Afghanistan and they aren’t any better off today.

Good missionary people went to Haiti with good hearts for helping others in the name of God’s love. They went to share a message they hoped would bring about change and better lives. They may now lose their lives.

Christians point to Jesus as the model for such missionary efforts. He came preaching and teaching in an effort to demonstrate and spread God’s love and it cost him plenty – his life, executed in public on a cross.

There are some Christians today who, like Jesus, are willing to risk their lives for the sake of others. Did these men and women literally go to Haiti taking their children with them truly believe they could be killed? Would they purposefully do this to their children? Who convinced these people that such a trip with small children was a good idea?

My goal here is to simply say, think about such trips to places like Haiti. Afghanistan, Iraq, Northern Nigeria and numerous

others countries are not vacation spots. Foreign travel may sound exotic and adventurous but consider the possible cost.

Many missionaries and Christian workers have paid the ultimate price in order to spread the gospel of Christ. Only eternity will reveal what their selfless sacrifice has meant to those whose lives they impacted.

By chance, if you decide such an international trip is not for you, don’t feel bad. Consider helping in an American inner city, Appalachia or maybe your own neighborhood. Service at home is needed across America.

Let’s pray for the safety of these missionaries and for those negotiating their release. May God help them and all who may consider such endeavors.

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

LETTERS to the Editor

A JOB WELL DONE To our Everett Community,

On behalf of the Election Commission, we want to thank everyone who participated in this election season - the candidates, their supporters, and of course, you the voters. You came out and participated in the process and made your voices heard. You exercised one of your greatest privileges -- your right to vote!

Throughout this election season, there has been a team of hard-working individuals who have been committed to making Election Day possible. They have done this work because of the importance of the process. Without the commitment of these dedicated civil servants, we would not be able to make Election Day possible! Our poll workers start their day at 6:15 am and work until

8:30 or 9:00 pm to ensure a smooth process. Their work, however, begins in the days and weeks leading up to the election. They come to City Hall for training and updates, work the early voting polls and offer their wisdom through experience to make things easier for our citizens to vote.

A special thank you goes out to the Everett High School students who worked the polls this year. The students assisted in helping with language interpretation, checked in voters and performed all the duties and functions of the full-time poll workers. Our long-term poll workers were grateful for their help and found their enthusiasm for the process hopeful. We are grateful for their participation and hope that they will continue to stay active and involved in the community and the election process.

Additional thanks to the Everett Police Department and the officers who worked diligently to ensure that every vote was counted, and every precaution was taken to maintain voting integrity.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude to the staff of the Elections Office and City Clerk’s office, who make our jobs so much easier with the outstanding work they perform in the lead up to the elections. They put in countless hours preparing all the necessary materials, assisting the candidates, and responding to inquiries from the public. It is impossible to put into words the amount of work involved and how thankful we are to them for their commitment.

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Election Commissioners
Brian McCarthy

Patti Cheever
Lucy Pineda
Danielle Pietrantonio,
Director of Elections

THIRD ANNUAL EVERETT COMMUNITY ART WALK A SUCCESS

To the Editor,

Integral Arts Everett would like to thank all the artists, businesses, organizations, sponsors and participants for a successful third annual Everett Community Art Walk. Our month-long city-wide art scavenger hunt has come to a close for this year. Thanks for attending, we will see you next year!

The Everett Community Art Walk is supported in part by a grant from the Everett Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Sacramone awarded President’s Award

The Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association (MMLA) recently announced that Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) and Everett resident, was awarded the MMLA President’s Award.

Recipients of this award have demonstrated superior guidance and assistance to municipal attorneys and local officials concerning the Commonwealth’s alcoholic beverages laws and procedures.

“Congratulations to Executive Director Ralph Sacramone,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. “During these unprecedented times, he and his team have provided superlative service to our state’s businesses and the people of Massachusetts. Ralph is extremely deserving of this honor and I am proud to have him as part of our Treasury family.”

Throughout the pandemic and under the lead-



Ralph Sacramone, (right) Executive Director of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) and Everett resident, was awarded the MMLA President’s Award.

ership of Sacramone, the ABCC has worked closely with the MMLA, the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, the Massachusetts Wholesalers Association, and other industry trade organizations to support licensees.

More so than ever before, the ABCC has played an integral role as part of the Governor’s COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team to ensure the

economic vitality and public safety of every community throughout the state.

About the ABCC: The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission is an agency under the Massachusetts State Treasury. Their overall objective is to provide uniform control over the sale, transportation, possession, purchasing, and manufacturing of alcoholic beverages in the state.

Gurgone appointed as new CEO of MVES

The Board of Directors of Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Gurgone as Chief Executive Officer effective January 3, 2022. Gurgone will be succeeding retiring CEO Dan O’Leary who has headed the agency for 35 years. She brings nearly 25 years of progressive experience in the industry, with expert knowledge of the elder home care system, services for people with disabilities and caregivers as well as a passion for advocating for underserved and vulnerable populations.

A seasoned public policy advocate, Gurgone was most recently the Executive Director at Mass Home Care, the lead advocacy organization for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Aging Services Access Points (ASAP) in Massachusetts, which includes MVES. At Mass Home Care, she was responsible for overseeing the administration and strategic plan of the trade association representing the Commonwealth’s network of 28 ASAPs and AAAs. Gurgone served as the lead advocate in Massachusetts for legislative initiatives to strengthen and support the Massachusetts home and community-based care network serving older adults. She also partnered with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to craft and implement standards, policies, and contract requirements for the home and community-based care network.

“After a thorough search process, it was immediately clear that Lisa



Lisa Gurgone.

was the right fit,” said Janice Houghton, MVES’ Board of Directors President. “We’ve been aware of her work for years and we know she will lead us into a new era. Lisa possesses the qualifications and expertise to grow Mystic Valley Elder Services into an even greater, more successful organization to create a lasting impact in our communities. I’m confident that Lisa will carry on the long legacy of providing the highest level of service and support to Mystic Valley Elder Services’ consumers, staff, donors and volunteers. The Board of Directors and I are excited for the energy and vision she will bring to help the organization work towards meeting our mission.”

“I could not be more grateful to accept the position as CEO to this well-established and mission-driven agency that consists of an extremely talented team of professionals,” says Gurgone, MVES incoming CEO. “For more than 45 years, Mystic Valley Elder Services has led the way in designing and managing home and community-based services available to older adults throughout its 11 communities. I look

forward to continuing its mission and expanding the organization’s role in developing and growing programs and services for the older people and adults living with disabilities.”

Prior to her position at Mass Home Care, Gurgone was Executive Director at the Home Care Aide Council where she directed and managed all operations and initiatives of the organization including events, educational programs, advocacy, policy formulation, and curriculum development. Gurgone currently serves as an appointee to the Health Policy Commission Advisory Council, Massachusetts Healthcare Collaborative, and the Massachusetts LGBT Aging Commission. Lisa also worked as a Legislative Aide within the Massachusetts Legislature, served as a Health Research Assistant for the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis, and was a Mediator and Internship Coordinator for the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger.

Gurgone completed her graduate studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston, earning both a graduate certificate in Women in Politics and Public Policy and a Master of Science in Public Affairs. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Human Services from Lesley University.

Gurgone resides in Waltham with her husband and two teenage children.

For more information on Mystic Valley Elder Services, please call 781-324-7705 or visit us at www.mves.org.



Students from the Pioneer Charter School of Science in Everett Volunteer at Cradles to Crayons Headquarters in Newton. The students also raised \$600 for the charity.

Pioneer Charter School students volunteer, hold fundraiser for Cradles to Crayons

Student members of the Social Justice Club at Pioneer Charter School of Science in Everett volunteered at Cradles to Crayons in Newton recently. Cradles to Crayons is an organization that collects and distributes clothing, toys, and school supplies to kids in need.

According to their website, 1 in 3 children in Massachusetts is at risk of experiencing clothing insecurity. Cradles to Crayons works with families, individuals, community groups, and companies to serve over 145,000 chil-

dren in Massachusetts every year.

Pioneer Charter students Woodjana Larose, Marwa Yeznasni, Aicha Bellakdar, Sara Rivera Lemus, Maria Souza, Ashley Merino, and Tatiana Duarte participated in this volunteer opportunity. Students sorted through incoming donations to get rid of broken items or items that did not meet Cradle to Crayons’ guidelines and standards. Once these were separated, students worked to sort clothing by size and category.

The Social Justice

Club members also held a school-wide fundraiser, and raised over \$600 for the organization. The money raised allowed the club to purchase jackets from the Cradles to Crayons Amazon Wish List.

Clubs like the Social Justice Club are part of the school’s mission to balance a rigorous academic curriculum with a strong foundation in the humanities and a character education program to develop students into responsible citizens who are engaged in their communities.

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“Sounds of Christmas” concert returns to Revere

Music Director Robert Lehmann and The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra will return to St. Anthony’s Church on Sunday, December 5 at 4 p.m. for the Robert A. Marra Memorial “Sounds of Christmas” concert, resuming a tradition that began in 1976 but was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Covid precautions will be enforced at the Concert: all patrons must present a vaccination card or proof of a negative Covid test taken no more than 72 hours prior to the concert. “We want everyone to feel safe, for themselves and for others. “ Everyone, including the

musicians, will wear masks during the concert.

The concert is principally sponsored by Global Partners LP, Bocchino Insurance Agency, RCN, Comcast, and Action Emergency Services. Admission to the “Sounds of Christmas” Concert is free in exchange for a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry.

“The concert has a long and proud relationship with our sponsors and the Revere Food Pantry,” said Marra. “The Food Drive is a way that everyone can enlarge the sponsors’ generosity. The need is great. Although the world is slowly

getting back on track amid the pandemic, many people are still staggered by the economic hardship that has resulted from last year’s drastic restrictions.”

The Concert is named in honor of life long Revere resident, violinist Robert A. Marra Sr., a 40-year Revere High teacher, concertmaster of the NSPO, and one of the concer originators 45 years ago who died in 2002. The concert program will feature a variety of popular holiday favorites and feature soprano Jean Danton, who has performed many times with the NSPO.

“We’re obviously happy to be back,” said NSPO president Robert Marra



The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra.

Jr. “The Orchestra played its first live concert since March of 2020 this past Sunday and it was both a relief and a thrill for everyone.”

Seven tips for readying your outdoor power equipment for winter storage

After your lawn gets its last cut before winter, it will be time to put away spring and summer outdoor power equipment, like lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and trimmers. What’s next? Snow throwers, generators and other small engine equipment need to be readied for winter use. How and when you prepare your equipment for seasonal changes can save you time and money later, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI).

With record-breaking sales of outdoor power equipment, homeowners are spending more time during the COVID-19 pandemic working or renovating their family yards. This means more people are using outdoor power equipment, and OPEI reminds everyone the importance of proper outdoor power equipment

storage, maintenance and safe handling.

“During this very challenging pandemic, we’ve learned our outdoor spaces are more important than ever,” says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI and the TurfMutt Foundation, which encourages outdoor learning experiences, stewardship of our green spaces, and care for all living landscapes. “Our yards, parks and schoolyards are our safe space for connecting with friends and family, acting as outdoor classrooms and offices. Green space also contributes to the health and wellbeing of people, pets and wildlife, and having the right outdoor power equipment to take care of it is key. But preparation is everything -- understanding how to store equipment and get it serviced, how to operate it safely, and how

to ready your space to use that equipment.”

He adds, “Always follow your manufacturer’s guidelines, and remember to keep kids and dogs away from operating equipment at all times.”

Here are a few tips from OPEI to ensure your lawn mower and other spring equipment will be available for use when warmer temperatures return, and snow throwers and other winter equipment will be ready for use when the snow falls.

1. Review owner’s manuals. Re-familiarize yourself with how to handle equipment safely. Lost manuals can be found online. Save a copy on your computer if possible, so it can be consulted when needed. Be familiar with your equipment, and all its features, including how to turn it off quickly and safely.

2. Service all equipment. Before storing spring and summer equipment, clean and service it or take it to a small engine repair shop. Drain and change engine oil and safely dispose the old oil. Service the air filter, and do other maintenance as directed by the owner’s manual. Check winter equipment and see if any maintenance and repairs are required.

3. Handle fuel properly. Unused fuel left in gas tanks over the winter can go stale and even damage equipment. Before storing equipment, add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, then run the equipment to distribute it. Turn the engine off, allow the machine to cool, then restart and run until the gas tank is empty. For winter equipment, buy the recommended type of fuel no more than 30 days before use. Use fuel

with no more than 10% ethanol in outdoor power equipment. Use a fuel stabilizer if recommended by the manufacturer. Get more information on safe fueling for outdoor power equipment at LookBeforeYouPump.com.

4. Charge the battery. Remove and fully charge batteries before storing. Don’t store batteries on metal shelves or allow them to touch metal objects. Store them on a plastic or wood shelf in a climate-controlled structure.

5. Shelter equipment from winter weather. Store spring and summer equipment in a clean and dry place such as a garage, barn or shed. Winter equipment should be kept away from the elements, but be easily available for use.

6. Prepare, prepare, prepare. Make space in the

garage or basement before the weather changes, so there is room to store larger yard items. Clean up the yard of sticks, debris, dog and kid’s toys and other items that can damage or destroy equipment. Clear the paths used regularly in your yard, especially during the winter when snow can “hide” things.

7. Have the right weather appropriate extension cord for your generator. Keep heavy duty weather proof extension cords on hand to use with it. Ensure the length of the cord is necessary to operate the generator a safe distance from the house or building. Never operate a generator indoors, in a garage, breezeway or under an open window.

The following article was submitted by Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI)

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

EASTIE VOTERS SAY NO TO SUBSTATION

EAST BOSTON - Should Eversource place an electric substation in East Eagle Square along the Chelsea Creek, near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel storage, and in a flood risk area?

During Boston Municipal Election a non-binding ballot question was posed to voters here and across the city asking that very question and an overwhelming thought Eversource should not build a substation in Eastie and seek a nearby alternative location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport.

During the election 5,755 Eastie voters voted “NO” on Question 2 with only 600 voting “YES”. A NO vote meant that the voter opposed building the substation at the proposed East Eagle Square location and favored locating the facility at a secure location such as Logan Airport.

Citywide 101,953 voters voted “NO” on the ballot question with only 19,797 voting “YES”. At 101,953 NO votes against the substation received the largest single vote total for any ballot measure or candidate in Boston over the last 17 municipal elections according to the City of Boston Election Department records.

“This is a decisive win for East Boston residents and brings us a big step closer to locating this substation at a safe alternative location”, said Heather O’Brien, No on Question 2 campaign leader and Eastie resident.

According to state law, a non-binding public option question may be placed on the ballot for a regular municipal election by vote of the City Council with the approval of the mayor. The question was sponsored by 10 Eastie residents and supported by Councilor Lydia Edwards, local activists and Rep. Adrian Madaro. Both the Council and Acting Mayor Kim Janey approved the measure ahead of the election.

Historically, a non-binding ballot question provides information to elected officials and the public of voter sentiment on a particular issue and it seems most Bostonians are on Eastie’s side when it comes to this particular issue.

Eastie residents were promised an athletic field and natural flood protection buffer on the Condor Street property, which was City land until Eversource was given the prime waterfront site in a hastily arranged land swap with the City to build the new Bremen Street Branch Library. Eversource owned the land the current library sits on but was given city land on the Chelsea Creek so the library could be built.

Prior to the land swap, the City’s Inspectional Services Department granted Eversource a complete waiver on basic City review of the project. The City gave Eversource this rarely-given blanket waiver without any notice to neighbors or opportunity for comment.

“Practical alternative sites exist for this substation, such as on secure Massport land at Logan Airport.” added O’Brien. “We trust the new Mayor of Boston will use all her

available powers to resolve this serious issue.”

Boston Mayor-elect Michelle Wu has consistently stated her opposition to the substation as a City Councilor, appearing with Councilor Edwards at events and rallies in Eastie against the facility at its proposed location. Wu also signed the joint letter with other elected leaders in December 2020.

Despite widespread community opposition as well as opposition from over a dozen Massachusetts elected officials the state’s Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) unanimously approved Eversource’s highly controversial plan to build a new substation back in February.

Despite state Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides saying at Monday’s hearing that the substation would be placed in a “heavily, heavily industrialized area within an environmental justice community that has historically suffered disproportionate environmental harms and a heavy burden of infrastructure” she still voted in favor of Eversource’s plans as an EFSB board member.

Elected officials led by US Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren, Councilor Lydia Edwards, State Representative Adrian Madaro and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley went on record in a joint letter affirming their support of East Boston residents and opposition to the proposed substation location.

The substation is the subject of numerous pending appeals and legal challenges at the state level from Eastie residents and organizations.

The environmental justice organization GreenRoots then filed suit challenging the Board approval in the state’s Supreme Judicial Court. Attorney General Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healy declined to defend the state Siting Board approval, and the Siting Board has been compelled to seek outside legal counsel to defend their decision.

The project is also the subject of parallel appeals and legal challenges in Suffolk County Superior Court and with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SLATED FOR RETAIL SPACE

CHELSEA - The former Salvation Army building at 440 Broadway could soon be the site of 29 affordable housing units if the City Council approves the sale of the property.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino is asking the council to approve the sale of the building to Traggorth Companies for \$1,150,000. In addition to the residential units, the Traggorth proposal also includes 4,100 square feet of retail space on the ground floor.

“The City is seeking to redevelop the former Salvation Army building to catalyze affordable housing and economic development in the Downtown,” stated Ambrosino in a letter to the City Council. “Following the City’s acquisition of this site, the Department of Housing & Community Development undertook

site-planning activities and engaged stakeholders to advance an affordable housing project with community benefits.”

The resulting request for proposals resulted in the one submission from Traggorth. After reviewing the proposal, Ambrosino said an evaluation committee unanimously voted to recommend the City Council approve the sale of the property to allow the project proceed.

At Monday night’s meeting, the council voted to move the proposal to a future subcommittee meeting for further discussion before taking a final vote.

In addition to the 29 units, there will be 20 parking spaces that will be accessed through Cherry Street. Of the 29 residential units, 10 will be offered for affordable home ownership opportunities for households making 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), while the other 19 units will be rental units for households making either 30 or 60 percent of the AMI.

“At the ground level, the proposal envisions flexible space intentionally designed to accommodate local culinary entrepreneurs and small businesses,” said Ambrosino. “The retail space will feature an outdoor dining patio overlooking Luther Place, a communal kitchen and a collection of small food shops, similar to a public market.”

As part of the deal with the city, Traggorth would also rehabilitate and extend the affordability of 17 units of affordable housing it owns at 466 Broadway.

“The City expects that the project will create vibrant, healthy housing that is affordable for Chelsea residents, while bolstering homeownership opportunities for first time homebuyers,” said Ambrosino. “The City is also optimistic that the unique retail space will enliven the downtown, generate foot traffic and support the local economy.”

Ambrosino said the project is consistent with Chelsea’s affordable housing and economic development objectives, specifically to spur affordable home ownership, enhance the vitality of the Broadway corridor, and provide a range of housing types for residents.

MCDONALD’S OWNER WINS AWARD

LYNN - Her years of dedication to customers and staff is now being celebrated. Claudia Galdamez, the General Man-

ager of McDonald’s in Lynn, Massachusetts, is the proud recipient of a Ray Kroc Award, an accolade that recognizes the top performing McDonald’s Restaurant Managers globally.

Named in honor of the McDonald’s Corporation founder Ray Kroc, the awards were established in 1999 to recognize hard-working restaurant managers across the United States – those who make Ray Kroc’s vision of excellence come to life in restaurants for customers each day.

Galdamez is one of 390 McDonald’s Restaurant Managers around the world, from 60 markets (representing the top 1% of restaurant managers) to receive the honor. She’s been working for McDonald’s for 18 years and will be celebrated by her team and customers on Monday, November 8 at 11 a.m. at McDonald’s, located at 60 Boston Street, Lynn, Massachusetts.

In addition to being passionate about growing the business and satisfying customers, Galdamez is committed to serving the community, reflecting the culture and values of McDonald’s, and reinforcing McDonald’s purpose to feed and foster communities. She provided free meals to her employees and their families, as well as to first responders, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. She held a successful mobile COVID-19 vaccine clinic that was free to the public. She assists local teachers with fundraisers throughout the year, donating 20% of sales to schools in the community during special events at the restaurant.

Lindsay Wallin, owner-operator of the McDonald’s restaurant on Boston Street, said: “Claudia was nominated for her commitment to the McDonald’s franchise, our values and her dedication to her staff and customers. We’re delighted that we are able to recognize Claudia in this way.”

DEMPSEY STILL IN PREMIER HOCKEY FEDERATION

WINTHROP - Jillian Dempsey showed no signs of relinquishing her crown as the most electrifying player in the Premier Hockey Federation or her reigning champion Boston Pride team’s hold on the Isobel Cup.

It was a fantastic opening weekend of the 2021-22 season for Dempsey, the former Harvard University star from Winthrop. The Boston Pride captain scored

her milestone 50th career goal, assisted on line-mate McKenna Brand’s short-handed winning goal in Sunday’s 1-0 victory over the Whitecaps, and joined her teammates in unveiling the 2021 National Women’s Hockey League championship banner. (The NWHL has changed its name to the Premier Hockey Federation).

But of all her glorious individual achievements as the Connor McDavid of women’s hockey, the humble Harvardian seemed to enjoy the presence of her fifth-grade students in the crowd at the Warrior Rink the most. The Cummings School teacher extended a fist-bump through the glass to acknowledge her students before the game, and there was the hero’s reception that she experienced from them after the games as they waited patiently for her to emerge from the Pride locker room.

“I’m here to see Miss Dempsey,” said Cummings School fifth grader Molly Titemore, who attended Sunday’s game with her family. “She’s a really cool teacher. I like her because she’s a hockey player and she can manage two things at once. This is my first time seeing her play hockey, and she’s awesome. I know she went to Harvard, too. I’m going to tell my classmates how much fun we had today.”

Boston Pride Coach Paul Mara, who played 12 seasons in the National Hockey League and who like Winthrop’s Mike Eruzione, has an Olympic gold medal (as an assistant coach of the 2018 U.S. women’s hockey team), appreciates Dempsey’s impactful presence and exceptional leadership.

“Jillian is a special person and a special player,” said Mara. “The way she dedicates herself to this

game is second to none. And her work ethic, her intensity, her leadership – it’s awesome to be around.”

Boston Pride goaltender Katie Burt, who played three seasons for Anthony Martucci’s Winthrop High varsity team beginning in the sixth grade,

said of her teammate, “I love Dempsey. She’s awesome. Jillian’s the hardest worker on the ice and the ultimate professional. She shows up every day ready to work hard and she’s the ultimate leader who brings us all together.”

As her students rushed to take photos with her after the game, Dempsey, who is playing on an All-Beanpot line with McKenna Brand (Northeastern) and Sammy Davis (Boston University), talked about the opening weekend of the new season.

“It’s a great start to the season,” said Dempsey. “I’m proud of today’s effort and obviously it’s great to start the year 2-0.”

As for her career goal-scoring milestone, Dempsey said, “It’s exciting. I’m more focused on the wins and getting us to where we need to be. It’s a great testament to all the linemates and teammates I’ve had.”

Dempsey, whose parents and sister were at the games, said it was nice to see the large crowd back in the rink [after COVID-19 affected attendance last season]. “To have the lively crowd in Boston, to be able to have my students in the crowd, and my family and friends – that’s what makes it worth it. Having my students here really makes me smile. They pound on the glass, and I try to go over and give them a little fist-bump, give them a wave and let them know that I see that they’re here and appreciate all their support.”

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EVERETT REMEMBERS AND HONORS ITS VETERANS

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Everett held a ceremony at the Connolly Center to commemorate Veterans Day. The sacrifices made in defense of our nation were remembered and honored on this holiday which began as Armistice Day, the day the fighting with Germany stopped on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Afterwards a complimentary turkey and ham dinner was offered to all who attended. More photos on Page 12.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico offers remarks.



Everett City Councilor Anthony DiPierro delivers a speech from Mayor Carlo DeMaria who could not attend the ceremony.



Massachusetts State Rep Joe McGonagle offers remarks.



Christine Falzarano with Sammy Cardello.



Everett City Councilor Michael McLaughlin, Veteran Millie Cardello with her grandson Sammy, Everett Chief Of Police Steve Mazzie, and Veteran Richard Mack.



Everett City Councilor President Wayne Matewsky offers remarks.



Former Veterans Services Officer Joe Hickey.



After delivering remarks, retired US Army Command Sgt Major Thomas Ardita salutes as Eleven chimes mark the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.



Councilor at-Large John Hanlon and City Councilor Fred Capone.



Bishop Robert G Brown of Zion Church Ministries, Everett City Councilor Stephanie Martins, and Everett Police Captain Paul Landry who is also a retired Brigadier General.



The Veterans in attendance pose for a photograph.



A complimentary turkey and ham dinner was provided by Dale Palma and the Council On Aging.



Dignitaries from Everett and state officials pose with the Veterans in attendance for a photograph.

Opioid-related overdose death rate up 1 percent in the first nine months of 2021

Opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts rose slightly in the first nine months of 2021 compared to the same time last year, according to preliminary data released today by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH). In the first nine months of the year, there were 1,613 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths, approximately 21 more deaths than in the first nine months of 2020, or a 1 percent increase. Data released earlier this year noted that Black non-Hispanic men made up the largest increase in opioid overdose death rates, a finding reinforced by today’s report, and which underscores the importance of the Commonwealth’s continued investments to address this issue with a focus on equity.

Throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related public health challenges, the Commonwealth has continued to focus on the opioid epidemic, most recently investing over \$45 million in federal dollars to support prevention, treatment, and recovery programs for vulnerable populations. This includes a combined \$19 million for early childhood and youth substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery programs; \$9 million for low-threshold access to treatment for people struggling with opioid use disorder; \$2.8 million for treatment for people experiencing homelessness; and a combined \$11.3 million to support transitional and permanent housing programs for adults, families, and young adults in treatment and recovery from substance abuse disorder.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated substance misuse not only in Massachusetts, but across the country. Our Administration has continued to tackle both the opioid epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic with a focus on equity,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Since 2015, we

have more than doubled spending on substance misuse programs across state government, boosted the number of treatment beds, and signed two landmark laws to respond to this public health crisis. We continue to invest in treatment, support, intervention, and education programs, primarily for residents experiencing the highest burden of this epidemic.”

“We remain committed to increasing resources to battle the opioid crisis amid the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past 20 months, particularly for those struggling with substance use and mental health disorders,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “We will continue to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure residents struggling with addiction have access to necessary supports.”

The Baker-Polito Administration has continued to build on its work and funding to address this crisis, more than doubling investments in this area since 2015. The Fiscal Year 2022 budget includes a total investment of \$408 million across various state agencies to address substance misuse, a 22 percent increase over last fiscal year, and an increase of \$288.8 million (242%) since FY15.

Since the early days of the pandemic, the Administration has continued to expand overdose-targeted initiatives to ensure uninterrupted substance use treatment and support. DPH has distributed more than 124,000 naloxone kits to opioid treatment programs, community health centers, hospital emergency departments, and houses of correction since March 2020. With a blanket exception from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 35 percent of Massachusetts opioid treatment program patients

have been receiving take-home doses of medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) as of September 2021, compared to the pre-pandemic average of 16 percent in December 2019.

Massachusetts is among the states with the smallest increases nationwide in all drug overdose deaths between March 2020 and March 2021, according to the latest preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The data show that while drug overdose deaths surged by 31 percent nationally in that time period, Massachusetts’ increase was in the single digits.

“We have seen the impacts of the intersecting COVID-19 pandemic and opioid epidemic on some of our most vulnerable communities,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. “As the Commonwealth emerges from the pandemic, we must engage with trusted community-based health care providers to provide culturally responsive support and treatment.”

“Prior to the pandemic, opioid-related overdose death rates in Massachusetts had been stable. Unfortunately, the pandemic exacerbated the opioid crisis, particularly in communities of color which have also been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19,” said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margaret Cooke. “Our goal is to reverse this troubling trend by continuing to build on our aggressive, data- and equity-based public health approach to prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery.”

Overall, there were 2,106 opioid-related overdose deaths in 2020, a 5 percent increase over the previous year and just shy of the 2016 peak of 2,110 deaths, according to the latest preliminary data. The 2020 opioid-related overdose death rate of 30.2 per 100,000 people was approximately 1.6 percent lower than in 2016 (30.7 per 100,000), the latest data show.

In 2021, the powerful lethal synthetic opioid fentanyl continues to be the main driver of opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts. In the first half of 2021, fentanyl was present in 92 percent of opioid-related deaths where a toxicology report was available, preliminary data show.

Cocaine is the next most prevalent drug among opioid-related overdose deaths after fentanyl, present in 52 percent of toxicology reports in the first six months of 2021 – a 13 percent increase over 2020. In 2017, cocaine was present in 39 percent of opioid-related overdose deaths.

The rate of heroin or likely heroin present in opioid-related overdose deaths was 9 percent and has been declining since 2014. The presence of benzodiazepines, amphetamines, and prescription opioids in opioid-related overdose deaths remained stable in the first half of the year, toxicology screens show. The percentage of benzodiazepine has been declining since 2018.

In the first half of 2021, males ages 25-34 continued to represent the greatest number of suspected opioid-related incidents treated by Emergency Medical Services (EMS), accounting for 22 percent of opioid-related incidents with a known age and sex.

Among the other findings of the latest opioid report:

- Between 2019 and 2020, the confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate for white non-Hispanic residents decreased slightly: 33.4 per 100,000 in 2019 to 33.1 per 100,000 in 2020. Meanwhile, the rate for all Black non-Hispanic residents increased 63 percent from 22 to 36 per 100,000.
- The confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate for Asian Pacific Islander non-Hispanic residents increased about 27 percent from 2.6 to 3.3 per 100,000 between 2019 and 2020. For Hispanic residents the rate increased over 12 percent from 32 to 36 per 100,000.
- In the same time period, the confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate per 100,000 for Black non-Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander non-Hispanic, and Hispanic men increased, while it decreased for white non-Hispanic men.
- Between 2019 and 2020, the opioid-related overdose death rate among all females increased by 15 percent, from 14 to 16 per 100,000.
- In the same time period, the confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate increased for Black non-Hispanic, Hispanic, and white non-Hispanic women:
- Black non-Hispanic up 32 percent from 12 to 16 per 100,000
- Hispanic up 68 percent from 8 to 14 per 100,000
- White non-Hispanic up 8 percent from 17 to 19 per 100,000
- Males comprise 73 percent of all opioid-related overdose deaths occurring in 2020.
- In 2020, 50 percent of opioid-related deaths occurred in people who were between 25 and 44 years old; 40 percent were between 45 and 64 years old.
- Naloxone was administered in 96 percent of acute opioid overdoses during the first six months of 2021. Of all opioid-related EMS incidents in the first half of 2021, 53.1 percent were categorized as acute opioid overdoses.
- Approximately 469,000 individuals in Massachusetts received prescriptions for Schedule II opioids in the third quarter of 2021, a 44 percent decrease from 841,990 in the first quarter of 2015.

OBITUARIES

Emily Louise Mugford

She will be missed by all who loved her

Emily Louise Mugford, 93, entered eternal rest on Wednesday morning, November 10 at her home in Medford, surrounded by her loving care takers. She was 93 years of age.

Born in Chelsea, the daughter of the late Roland D. and Minnie (Penney) Mugford, Emily was raised in Everett and was a longtime resident before moving into a group home in Medford, where she has been living for the past 10 years.

A late member of the Calvary Christian Church in Lynnfield, she will be greatly missed by all who loved her within her church and group home family.

The sister of the late

Harvey R. Mugford, she was also the aunt of William and Jean Mugford of New Hampshire.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Emily’s visiting hours at the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Thursday, November 18 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Funeral services will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Glenwood Cemetery in Everett.

For the protection of the public health, we kindly ask those not vaccinated to please wear a mask or facial covering. Masks are optional for all those vaccinated.

Gaming Commission releases October 2021 GGR

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported today that the month of October 2021 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$96 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund.

MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Common-

wealth has collected approximately \$921 million in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.



REVENUE REPORT

OCTOBER 2021	GROSS GAMING REVENUE		TAXES
MGM SPRINGFIELD SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	 TABLE	\$4,562,730.75	\$5,360,141.23
	 SLOTS	\$16,877,834.17	
	TOTAL	\$21,440,564.92	
ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	 TABLE	\$30,580,470.32	\$15,699,930.27
	 SLOTS	\$32,219,250.76	
	TOTAL	\$62,799,721.08	
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES	 SLOTS	\$11,741,676.26	\$5,753,421.37
	TOTAL	\$11,741,676.26	
TOTAL TAXES		\$26,813,492.87	

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Baker-Polito administration refiles legislation to improve roadway safety

The Baker-Polito Administration refiled legislation to improve safety on the Commonwealth’s roadways and combat drug-impaired driving. This proposal would update road safety laws by implementing uniform standards and promoting proven strategies to reduce motor vehicle crashes, and will implement recommendations made by the Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving.

The bill, refiled by the Administration as the “Trooper Thomas Clardy Law,” honors Massachusetts State Trooper Thomas L. Clardy. On March 16, 2016, Trooper Clardy was conducting a traffic stop on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Charlton when his parked cruiser was hit by a speeding motorist who swerved across three lanes of traffic. THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, was detected in the motorist’s blood. This preventable crime resulted in the tragic and untimely death of 44-year-old Trooper Clardy, an 11-year member of the state police and a United States Marine Corps veteran. He is survived by his wife and six children. The bill’s re-filing this week coincides with the two-year mark since the conviction of the driver in the case.

“This legislation aims to make the Commonwealth’s roads safer and

save lives, and we are grateful to the Clardy family for offering their family’s name and support for this legislation, which will help us avoid impaired driving incidents in the future,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “This bill will provide law enforcement officers with more rigorous drug detection training and will strengthen the legal process by authorizing the courts to acknowledge that the active ingredient in marijuana can and does impair motorists. The bill draws on thoughtful recommendations from a broad cross-section of stakeholders, and we look forward to working with our legislative colleagues to pass this bill and make our roads safer.”

“Our administration is refileing this legislation as part of our steadfast commitment to safeguarding our roadways and protecting the people of the Commonwealth from preventable crimes,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “With the continued implementation of adult-use marijuana in the Commonwealth, it is vital that we continue to focus on efforts to both combat drugged driving and raise awareness about the dangers of operating while under the influence.”

First filed in 2019, this legislation is based on recommendations issued by a Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving,

which was created as part of the 2017 law legalizing adult-use marijuana, to develop a series of recommendations to mitigate the negative impacts of increased marijuana use in Massachusetts, including the anticipated increase of impaired driving. The Special Commission included a diverse cadre of experts in policing, prosecution, the criminal defense bar, medicine and toxicology, and civil liberties. The Special Commission’s report outlined recommendations that require legislative changes and promote consistency with state law on alcohol use and driving.

“Our family has been profoundly impacted by the tragic loss of my loving husband. Our children lost their hero, a man who had love for his family and an unquenchable love for life,” said Reisa Clardy, widow of Trooper Clardy. “We wholeheartedly support the implementation of these critical measures to improve public safety in the hope of sparing other families from our sorrow and preventing the heartbreak caused by a driver’s decision to get behind the wheel when under the influence of drugs.”

“It’s simple: you can’t drive safely when you are impaired. This legislation will improve community safety and advance good criminal justice policy by ensuring our ability to offer the public the same

protections whether a driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs,” said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy.

“The provisions of this legislation will be important tools to law enforcement officers to enhance interdiction of drugged drivers and reflect a necessary evolution in our criminal laws to recognize and address the significant dangers of drivers who are under the influence of narcotics,” said Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent, Massachusetts State Police.

“It is imperative that police have the training and tools necessary to effectively combat drugged driving,” said Brian Kyes, Chelsea Police Chief and President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs Association. “This legislation will equip law enforcement with drug recognition experts to address the dangers of impaired driving and to improve road safety across Massachusetts.”

“Life can change in the blink of an eye and, because of impaired drivers, it often tragically does. To prevent these tragedies, we must do everything we can to keep impaired drivers off the roads,” said Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. “This legislation is a great step to making our roads safer for all our loved ones who use them.

It will better address the issue of impairment in the courtroom and, ideally, avert a tragedy before it happens.”

“AAA Northeast applauds the Baker-Polito Administration for filing this legislation, which would make the roadways of the Commonwealth much safer. Impaired driving accounts for roughly a third of roadway deaths across the county, and the numbers are climbing. We also welcome the opportunity to honor Trooper Thomas Clardy and his family in the naming of this bill,” said Mary Maguire, Director of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Northeast.

“The work of the Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving started with the basic premise that you don’t, under any circumstances, drive better when you are impaired,” said Shawn Collins, Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Commission and Chair of the Special Commission. “The Baker-Polito Administration’s legislation seeks safer roadways throughout the Commonwealth by implementing the Special Commission’s findings and empowering the public with expanded resources to prevent the risks of driving under the influence of any intoxicating substance.”

The Special Commission’s 2019 report contained a series of recommendations, many of them unanimous among the experts and stakeholders, to improve how Massachusetts combats operating under the influence. The proposed adjustments encompass the entire process leading up to, during and following a motor vehicle stop for suspected driving under the influence. Many of the Special Commission’s 19 recommendations require legislative changes, which are reflected in “An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving” otherwise known as the “Trooper Thomas Clardy Law.”

The proposed legislative changes in this refiled bill include:

- Adopting implied consent laws to suspend the driver’s licenses of arrested motorists who refuse to cooperate in chemical testing for drugs, as existing law has long required for arrested motorists who refuse breath testing for alcohol;
- Adopting a statute authorizing courts to take judicial notice that ingesting THC, the active chemical

in marijuana, can and does impair motorists;

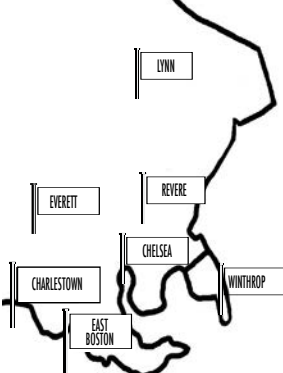
- Directing the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) to expand the training of drug recognition experts, and allowing them to testify as expert witnesses in civil and criminal cases;
- Prohibiting drivers from having loose or unsealed packages of marijuana in the driver’s compartment of a vehicle, under the same provision of the motor vehicle code that has long prohibited driving with open containers of alcohol;

- Recognizing the effectiveness of the horizontal gaze nystagmus test, shown through scientific research to be the single most reliable field sobriety test;
- Empowering police officers to seek electronic search warrants for evidence of chemical intoxication, as is the practice in over thirty other states. Any blood draw would have to be authorized by a neutral magistrate after a showing of probable cause, and would be performed by a doctor, nurse or other appropriate medical staff at a health care facility;
- Developing educational materials and programming on drug impairment to share with trial court judges.

Recent data released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) showed that traffic fatalities have reached a 15-year high in the first six months of 2021. More than 20,000 people have died in motor vehicle crashes so far this year. The NHTSA attributes this alarming trend to an increase in risky behavior, including driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Indeed, NHTSA’s recent review of five trauma centers, including one in Worcester, Massachusetts, found a significant increase in the prevalence of drugs detected in seriously and fatally injured drivers with 56% testing positive for at least one impairing substance, up from 50.8% before the public health emergency.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, THC, marijuana’s principal active ingredient, impairs coordination, judgment and balance – the skills every operator needs to drive safely. A February 2020 survey conducted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving found that 1 in 8 (12%) of adults admitted to driving within two hours of consuming marijuana.

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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 6, 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: 760 Broadway

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Person Requesting: Matthew J. Dunn

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The Building Department has looked at all records pertaining to this property and on three separate occasions notified previous owners of the legal use status of this dwelling. 10/3/2014, 8/28/2017, and finally on 4/23/2018. A copy of the actual Occupancy Permit is included.

MARY GERACE – Chairman

Board of Appeals

Roberta Suppa - Clerk

November 17, 2021

November 24, 2021

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

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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.

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

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News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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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

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Veterans Stan Ruggiero and Richie Martin with School Committee Member Marcony Barros and Everett City Councilors Stephanie Martins and Jimmi TriLee.



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