

MASS BADGE, ZION CHURCH, DEMARIA PROVIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER



The Connolly Center was filled with people looking to get an early start on their Thanksgiving celebrations during the 10th annual community Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Mass Badge. See Pages 7 and 8 for more photos.

Missing councilors delay ordinances

By Stephen Quigley

Lack of attendance by four members of the City Council caused a postponement of action on several ordinances including the new ordinance on a plastic bag ban at Monday night’s meeting.

Other orders that needed to be delayed included an order to raise and appropriate \$2,815 for ECTV and an order to raise and appropriate \$686.015 for the general fund. A vital Zoning Ordinance change for the lower Broadway district also was caught up in the delay.

The issue of holding councillors accountable for missed meetings was discussed in an order proposed by Councillor Stephanie Martins.

However, Ward 5 Councillor Rosa DiFlorio opposed the motion.

“I am against this,” said DiFlorio. “We should let voters make the decision.”

Councillors John F. Hanlon and Anthony DiPierro also were also against the motion, with Hanlon saying, “There has never been a need for an ordinance like this in 100 years.” The motion was referred back to the sponsor.

A motion to delete the controversial longevity and bonus pay for the office of mayor also was referred back to the sponsor, Ward 1 Councillor Fred Capone, who has tested positive for COVID 19 and was unable to attend the meeting. Further complicating the motion was that there was no recommendation from the sub-committee.

DiPierro, speaking on the motion, said that the commendation pay “rewards the individual. There are longevity rewards in a city like Revere, for example. We have three and half years to act on this.”

Councilor Jimmy Tri Le said, “We should lay this on the table until (Councilor) Capone comes back.”

On the other hand, Councilor Michael Marchese thought waiting four years to redo the ordinance “is absurd.”

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National Grid was granted permission to lay new gas pipes under the sidewalks on the northeast side of Hancock Street between Highland Avenue and Belmont Street.

DiFlorio voiced a warning that “the sidewalks

should be returned to the City in ‘as is’ condition.” She also said that baiting of the neighborhood for rodents should be part of the condition.

The pipes will be laid out in the coming weeks and then asphalt will be used to make the sidewalks passable until the spring, at which time all of the concrete panels will be replaced in full, according to the spokesperson from National Grid.

In another motion, councillors approved the following equipment as surplus and to be sold off:

That the Everett City Council hereby declares the following DPW vehicles as surplus

2009 Freightliner – 6 Wheel Dump Truck Needs a new engine, wiring harness and has electrical issues. Estimated cost over \$20,000 to fix. Body is rotting.

2005 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck needs new brakes. Has electrical issues and body is rotting. Estimated cost of repairs is \$15,000 or more.

2005. International 6 Wheel Dump Truck needs a new motor, has electrical issues and body is rotting. Estimated cost of repairs is over \$20,000.

2010 Komatsu Backhoe

has fuel issues, hydraulic issues, needs a new motor, and has electrical issues. Does not meet current DOT safety standards and will not pass an inspection.

2009 Ford F-250-4WD pick up needs repairs to turbos, injectors, front end ball joints and U-Joints, Motor currently leaks and needs to be replaced. Damage to the body.

2009 Ford F-250-4WD Pick Up needs a brand new motor, damage to body and a new computer.

2002 Jeep Liberty – needs a new engine. Estimated cost far exceeds value.

2007 Chevy Pickup Truck needs a new rear axle and full transmission rebuild.

2013 Ford Taurus needs a new engine. Estimated cost of repair exceeds value.

2000 Chevy Astro School Vehicle – front end damage, body rust. Age of vehicle and estimated cost of repairs is not feasible.

2005 Ford Explorer needs a new transmission

2002 Chevy Tahoe – multiple issues, including engine and transmission replacement. Rust and body damage. Scrap value.

1999 Chevy Rack Body Truck – Multiple issues including no steering column, engine, rotted out body. Scrap value.

DiDomenico secures \$2 million for early intervention programs

Special to the Independent

Senator DiDomenico is proud to report out the adoption of his amendment, #254, which directs a \$2 Million reserve for vendors of Early Intervention (EI) programs. Early Intervention programs are for children birth to three who have developmental delays or are at risk of a developmental delay. The services provided by such programs are meant to help support families and caregivers and to enhance the development of infants and toddlers through individualized, developmentally appropriate activities within the child’s and family’s everyday life.



Senator DiDomenico.

This targeted investment of \$2M helps EI programs by infusing immediate funding to address the staffing crisis and address unreimbursed costs associated with the workforce shortage. The funding will be distributed

based on the number of children served by each provider, so EI programs serving more children will receive more funding for their workforce needs. In summary, this amendment will provide immediate relief to the 59 Early Intervention programs in Massachusetts by helping providers stabilize and begin rebuilding their workforce to support vital services for children and families across the Commonwealth.

“Early Intervention has been one of my top priorities since I entered the Legislature”, said Senator DiDomenico. “Early Intervention is a critical service the Commonwealth

provides to 40,000 children statewide and over 1,000 families in my district alone. Through the four EI programs in my district, I have seen its effectiveness and the tremendous difference it has made in the lives of the children who need extra help early in their lives. It is my sincere hope this additional \$2M go a long way towards supporting our incredible EI providers and families.”

This amendment was part of \$3.82 billion bill, unanimously passed by the Massachusetts State Senate on November 10th, that directs federal Amer-

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LaMonica wins re-election to SC after maintaining his 3-vote lead in recount

By Cary Shuman

Current Ward 2 Everett School Committee Member Joseph LaMonica retained his three-vote lead over candidate Margaret Cornelio for the final At-Large seat in a recount of the Nov. 2 city election Sunday and will return to the Committee for his seventh term in January.

The recount was held at Everett High School. Poll workers and counters took approximately eight hours to meticulously complete the tabulation of every ballot cast in the city-wide re-election. Director of Elections Danielle Pietrantonio was present and oversaw the recounting effort that was done at several individual tables inside the Everett High cafeteria.

LaMonica had received 2,514 votes in the election while Cornelio had received 2,511 votes. While there were a few ballots that were contested during the recount, LaMonica again emerged by that exact margin of three votes and was officially declared the winner.

Incumbent At-Large

members Cynthia Sarnie (3,016 votes) and Samantha Lambert (2,602) had finished first and second respectively in the six-candidate field to win re-election, with LaMonica and Cornelio finishing just three votes apart, prompting the recount for the third At-Large seat.

LaMonica, 51, said he was “very happy” to be re-elected to the School Committee. He praised the Election Department for its accuracy and professionalism in conducting the election and recount.

“The first thing I said was that I’m glad that the Election Department was right on the mark with its count,” said LaMonica. “People say some negative things about elections and the counting of ballots, but our city proved that elections are being done right and I’m happy with that.”

LaMonica is a long-time and popular youth sports volunteer and former president of the Everett Huskies Pop Warner organization who collaborated with Everett Eagles Pop Warner President Bri-

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The two candidates, Margaret Cornelio and Joseph LaMonica, are pictured at Sunday’s recount at Everett High School.

Crimson Tide face tough test on holiday versus St. John’s

Staff Report

The Everett High School football team will face a major challenge on Thanksgiving morning when it hosts St. John’s of Shrewsbury at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Coach Rob DiLoreto’s Crimson Tide will bring a 9-1 record into the game. Everett has non-league wins over Division 1 playoff teams Xaverian (21-19) and Andover (49-21), in addition to its undefeated march to the Greater

Boston League title.

The visiting Pioneers (5-6) have impressive regular-season wins over BC High (35-0), Division 1 playoff qualifiers Shrewsbury (35-0) and St. John’s Prep of Danvers (35-28), and an opening-round playoff win over Taunton (35-28).

The members of Everett’s talented senior class will be seeking Victory No. 10 in their career finales.

A large crowd is expected for the holiday contest.



Our office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25th and Friday, Nov. 26th

News Briefs

KHADKA INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

Ramila Khadka of Everett was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Khadka was initiated at MCPHS University.

Khadka is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate

development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

EVERETT STUDENTS RECEIVE FIRST QUARTER HONORS

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School recently released its first quarter Honor Roll for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. All in all 353 MVRCS students in grades 7-12 achieved either High Honor Roll or Honor Roll Recognition. Thirty young men and women hailing from Everett were part of the list. To be on the Honor Roll a student needs to finish the quarter with no grade lower than a B-, to be on the High Honor Roll a student needs to finish the quarter with no grade lower than an A-.

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

Honor Roll Students From Everett

High Honor Roll
Grade 12: Darnelle Felisier.

Grade 11: Amira Harda.
Grade 9: Vy Nguyen, Lucas Santos.

Grade 8: Brady Capa, Rihanna Closeil, Mohammed Daoud, Elijah DeTore.

Grade 7: Ursula Adjognon, Wassim Daoud, Nolan Lyons, Kristina Tayag.

Honor Roll
Grade 12: Brandon Paris.

Grade 11: Sofia Blandino.

Grade 10: Niamh Stewart, Eva Truong.

Grade 9: Kevin Capa, Lucas Freitas, Emerson Lyons, Hannah Mulugheita.

Grade 8: Ana Luiza Hunter, Olivia Laidlaw, Allesandro Lau.

Grade 7: Samuel Costa, John Dascoli, Jonathan Pierre-Louis, Michael Salinas, Angelica Toribio, Tyler Zhang.

SENATE APPROVES NERO'S LAW

Senator DiDomenico is proud to co-sponsor and join his colleagues in passing S.2573, An Act allowing humane transportation of K9 partners, also known as Nero's Law. This legislation ensures that law enforcement officers' K-9 partners receive life-saving medical attention and transport if injured in the line of duty. First proposed by Senator Mark Montigny, this bill comes in response to the tragic events that took the life of New Bedford-native and Yarmouth Police K-9 Sergeant Sean Gannon and severely injured his K-9 partner, Nero.

In April 2018, Sergeant Gannon was shot and killed while serving a warrant in the Town of Barnstable. Despite the multiple empty ambulances on site, Nero had to be rushed to the animal hospital in the back of a police cruiser. Current Massachusetts law prohibits emergency medical personnel from treating and transporting animals. Fortunately, Nero survived his injuries, but the inability to transport him showed that reform was needed to honor working dogs who risk their lives every day to serve the Commonwealth.

A dog owner himself, Senator DiDomenico proudly co-sponsored Nero's Law. "Like our law enforcement officers, police dogs are constantly in harm's way. Police K-9s are valuable members of our police forces, so it is essential that they be treated as such and protected. I was proud to support this bill and I am pleased the Senate has taken action on this legislation this session." Nero's situation is not an isolated incident, seeing as other police K-9s throughout the Commonwealth have been injured or killed while on duty.

Nero's Law authorizes emergency medical service personnel to provide emergency treatment and transport of K-9 partners. This includes basic first aid, CPR, and administering life-saving interventions such as naloxone.

Nero's Law now advances to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Meet the team: Lara Wehbe



part about working for the City?

My favorite thing about my job is the opportunity

to work alongside my colleagues and having the opportunity to help others.

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

Before you speak, listen.

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

I enjoy skiing, reading mystery novels and volunteering at my children's school.

Council approves move to establish 18 precincts

By Stephen Quigley

Starting in 2022, there will be 18 precincts for voters in the City of Everett. At a special meeting on November 17, Councilors voted to ordain the motion to allow the additional precincts.

Although the precise

locations of some of the new precincts have yet to be determined, all of the legal work has been accomplished. The ordinance for the additional polling places initially was enrolled at a special meeting of the council on Nov. 4.

According to Assistant

City Clerk Peter Napolitano, the paperwork has been sent to state officials as required by law within the allotted time that required the special meeting dates of the City Council in order to meet their deadlines.

Historic year in FY 2021 saw robust use of SBA traditional lending programs in Massachusetts

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the agency reached \$44.8 billion in funding to small businesses through more than 61,000 traditional loans for fiscal year (FY) 2021, as aid provided via the CARES Act.

Nationally, fiscal year 2021 traditional lending data highlights include:

- \$36.5 billion in 7(a) loans: Nearly 52,000 7(a) loans worth more than \$36.5 billion were provided to small businesses. Lenders reported that minority business owners received nearly \$11 billion in 7(a) loans or 30% of the SBA's total 7(a) portfolio. Data also shows that women-owned businesses received nearly \$5 billion in FY 21, while veteran-owned businesses received \$1.2 billion.

- \$8.2 billion in 504 loans: Working with authorized Certified Development Companies (CDCs), the SBA's 504 program delivered 9,600 loans worth more than \$8.2 billion to small businesses, fully exhausting funding authority for the first time in the program's history. Minority business owners received nearly

- \$1.88 billion in loans -- 23% of the total 504 portfolio. In FY 21, the program also provided over \$712 million in lending to women-owned businesses and increased its support of rural small businesses by nearly 33%.

- \$71.8 million in microloan funding: In fiscal year 2021, \$71.8 million in microloan funding went to nearly 4,400 small businesses. Forty-one percent of those loans went to underserved communities, including Hispanic-owned and Black-owned small businesses.

Unemployment and job estimates for October

The state's October total unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.3 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 25,000 jobs in October. This follows last month's revised gain of 13,500 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Professional, Scientific, and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, and Educational and Health Services. Since December 2020, Massachusetts has gained 186,500 jobs.

From October 2020 to October 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 197,200 jobs. The Largest over the year gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Profes-

sional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Trade, Transportation and Utilities.

The October unemployment rate was 0.7 percentage point above the national rate of 4.6 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 5,600 from 3,720,700 in September, as 1,600 more residents were employed and 4,000 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 3.2 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate -- the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks -- was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 66.0 percent. Compared to October 2020, the labor force participation rate is up 0.7 percentage points.

October 2021 Employment Overview

Professional and Business Services gained 9,700 (+1.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 43,400 (+7.6%) jobs were added.

Leisure and Hospitality gained 4,900 (+1.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 51,100 (+19.7%) jobs were added.

Education and Health Services gained 4,900 jobs (+0.6%) over the month. Over the year, 26,000 (+3.5%) jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 4,600 (+0.8%) over the month.

Over the year, 26,300 (+4.9%) jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 1,100 (0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,400 (+4.1%) jobs were added.

Information gained 700 (+0.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 7,000 (+8.1%) jobs were added.

Construction gained 500 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 11,300 (+7.2%) jobs were added.

Other Services gained 200 (+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,100 (+4.5%) jobs were added.

Financial Activities lost 700 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 1,500 (+0.7%) jobs were added.

Government lost 900 (-0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 16,100 (+3.8%) jobs were added.

For further information on seasonal adjustment methodology, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website <https://www.bls.gov>.

Local area unemployment statistics for October 2021 will be released on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. The preliminary November 2021 and revised October 2021 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, December 17, 2021. See the 2021 Media Advisory annual schedule for a complete list of release dates.

Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi.

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The Brown Jug will once again be doing a
Christmas Toy Drive for Children
in our community. We will be donating the toys
to the Salvation Army of Chelsea. Please consider
participating in this fun and rewarding event.
Please bring an unopened/unwrapped toy for a boy
or girl between Nov. 26th and Dec. 15th
and receive a single topping pizza for \$5⁰⁰.
Thank You so much for your help.

Seasons Greetings
Mike, Cheryl, & Michael Matrisko

Online commuter rail schedules to display typical seat availability for each train

Special to the Independent

The MBTA and Keolis Commuter Services (Keolis), the MBTA’s operating partner for commuter rail, announced that online train schedules at mbta.com/commuterrail will now display ridership information for all trains. In combination with more frequent commuter rail service throughout the day, providing insight into typical seat availability will allow passengers to better plan their travel and make adjustments according to their preferences.

“As we continue to see increased ridership return to commuter rail, this new seat availability data will enable riders to have an understanding of what ridership looks like on their particular train and on alternatives,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “With all-day frequency now in place at regular and predictable intervals across the network for more of a regional rail system, we hope riders will benefit from both flexible service and enhanced transparency around ridership as they plan their travel.”

“By giving passengers more information for planning trips on commuter rail, we hope to provide them with a better sense of what to expect during their journey and an understanding of how ridership is returning on specific trains across all 14 commuter rail lines,” said Keolis Vice President of Service Delivery Richard Dean.

Developed as a joint effort between the MBTA and Keolis, the commuter rail seat availability information is regularly updated to reflect a trip’s typical ridership based on automated and conductor data from the past 14 – 30 days. As shown below, indicators are displayed on the online train schedules to reflect seat availability across all coaches on each train. The levels are constantly updated based on a trip’s median seat availability within a rolling 14-30 day period.

Riders should also be mindful that on a given train, some coaches may be more crowded than others. If a coach appears more crowded than typical, riders can choose to move to another less crowded coach on the train. It is also important to note that the new ridership information is not real-time seat availability and that, due to the nature of public transportation, trains may operate at a lighter or fuller capacity than typical on any given day. The MBTA reminds riders that federal law requires face coverings while using public transit, including at all platforms, stations, and while on-board, and that increased cleaning and sanitation practices are in place across the system. Customers are encouraged to learn more at mbta.com/RideSafer.

This commuter rail seat availability information joins additional ridership information provided by the MBTA at mbta.com/crowding. The MBTA also provides real-time crowding information all day, every day for most MBTA bus routes on mbta.com, E ink screens, and in the Transit app. Recent crowding trends on the Red, Orange, and Blue lines are also available by using the MBTA’s subway crowding tool.

For more information, please visit mbta.com, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, on Facebook /TheMBTA, or on Instagram @theMBTA.

Keolis Commuter Services operates and maintains the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s commuter rail system, the sixth largest commuter rail operation in North America. KCS is a subsidiary of Keolis North America (KNA), both headquartered in Boston, and employs approximately 2,500 people throughout the region. KCS and KNA are part of Keolis Group, an innovative global leader in transit services with more than a century of passenger transportation experience and operations in 16 countries.

As Thanksgiving nears, State Fire Marshal offers several safety tips

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey offered a safety message in advance of the #1 day for residential fires in Massachusetts.

“Over the past five years, there have been more than twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Thanksgiving is a time for coming together with family, but it’s also a time for fire safety. You can start now by making sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger.”

Cooking Safety Tips

There were 711 Thanksgiving Day fires from 2016 to 2020, and 86% of them started with cooking activities. These fires caused seven civilian injuries, eight fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in estimated losses. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to keep their kitchens fire-safe this year:

- Check to make sure your oven is empty before turning it on.
- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Turn pot handles inward over the stove.
- Remember to “stand by your pan” and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying or broiling.
- Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.
- The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to “put a lid on it” and turn off the heat.
- The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.
- If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

Thanksgiving 2020

Firefighters responded to 145 fires across the Commonwealth last Thanksgiving, including one in a New Bedford apartment building that spread to nearby structures.

The fire started with an attempt to cook a turkey in a gas-powered deep fryer. One occupant was severely injured and nearly 30 people were displaced. The combined estimated damages incurred totaled \$1 million.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) strongly discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL. The NFPA states that home use of “turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer.” This risk of an oil spill or the ignition of spilled oil is quite high. They recommend using new “oil-less” turkey fryers.

Gas Ovens: A Source of Carbon Monoxide

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, unless it is used for several hours consecutively like when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period.

Home Heating: #2 Cause of Fires on Thanksgiving

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, lever surfaces where in locations where they won’t be bumped or tripped over. Keep a three-foot “circle of safety” around all heat sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services’ Thanksgiving web page.

Intervention /

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ican Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to assist the Commonwealth’s ongoing recovery, with a particular focus on making equitable investments and ensuring that communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are prioritized. Using this framework, the bill delivers targeted, transformational supports to critical sectors such as health care, mental and behavioral health, housing security, environment, and workforce development.

The Senate version of An Act relative to immediate COVID-19 recovery now needs to be reconciled with a similar version passed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Kenworthy, Joanne C	304 Broadway Everett LLC	304 Broadway	\$1,190,000
Dimigas, Saulius	Kellogg-Payette, Shelly	43 Charlton St #B402	\$650,000
Daliadakis, Nikolaos	Hatfield, Diane M	30 Chelsea St #812	\$440,000
Thapa, Ranjana	Schmitt Elizabeth M	75 Englewood Ave	\$700,000
Maharjan, Raj K	Freeman Avenue RT	58 Freeman Ave	\$560,000
Fazio Investments LLC	Kenworthy, Eric B	33 Glendale Ave #25	\$1,150,000
Banusiewicz, Kelly J	Fulchino, Stephen A	215 Hancock St #2	\$300,000
Morikawa-Zhou, Yan X	Law-Smith, Andrew	50 Harvard St	\$550,000
106-116 Main St Everett	Es Main St LLC	108 Main St	\$3,800,000
106-116 Main St Everett	Es Main St LLC	112 Main St	\$3,800,000
Suwal, Radhika	Manning, Michael C	19 Mckinley St	\$550,000
Dellanno, Angela	Ross, Caitlyn	49 Mckinley St	\$505,000
Pham, Lyna H	Little, Richard	20 Mohan St	\$658,000
Garvey Street RT	Bradford RT	98 Paris St #1	\$400,000
Zubieta-Figueroa, Pedro	Zhuo, Xingjian	9 Sherman St	\$600,000
Parajuli, Basanta	Solis, Henry D	44 Silver Rd	\$675,000
90 Swan Street Dev LLC	Santagate, Joseph J	90 Swan St	850,000
Leng, Witheany S	Pepper, Sophia	2 Tileston St #1	\$332,000
Wu, Yunxin	Kneeland, Edward C	21 Villa Ave	\$405,000
Barbosa, Benvindo F	Wall Street RT	10 Wall St	\$759,000
Dhakal, Murari P	Reedy, William J	28 Walnut St	\$801,101
Contreras, Jose F	27 Wolcott Avenue NT	27 Wolcott St	\$635,000
Carballo, Nelson	Rollins, James L	4 Woodside Ave	\$650,000

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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: 760 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Person Requesting: Matthew J. Dunn
132 North Street
Hingham, MA 02043

REASON FOR REFFERAL TO ZBA

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

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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.

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ONLY HALF THE STORY IN GLOBE ARTICLE

A recent article in the Boston Globe concluded that Mayor Carlo DeMaria was the highest-paid mayor in the state with a base salary of \$191,000 and longevity pay of \$40,000.

The Globe article drew a contrast to the mayoral salaries of several other Massachusetts communities, such as Springfield at \$152,160 and Brockton at \$153,000, to make its point.

There is no denying that the Globe’s figures are correct. But these communities are well out of the Greater Boston area, which has some of the highest living expenses in the nation.

A better comparison are the salaries for the mayor of Medford, which is \$182,000, and the mayor of Somerville, which is \$208,000.

In addition, let’s look at the salaries for the city managers of Chelsea and Cambridge. In Chelsea, the city manager is paid a base salary of almost \$200,000 and in Cambridge, the city manager receives a salary of \$336,000 per year.

In the town of Winthrop, with a population of about 19,000 and which is seeking a new town manager, a discussion by the Town Council suggested the town would have to offer a starting salary in the vicinity of \$220,000 to attract a quality candidate.

In our view, the article in the Globe only told half the story and cherry-picked its comparisons.

In addition, the recent comments on this issue made by City Councillor Michael Marchese are disingenuous. Mr. Marchese was on the council when the longevity pay motion was approved. If he has a problem with it now, why didn’t he have one with it back in 2016?

Councillor John Hanlon is correct when he always is questioning the clarity and use of words in a new city ordinance. Hanlon often makes the point that these ordinances are not good just for tomorrow, but for 10 years or longer.

In our view, the longevity ordinance should be amended with clearer and more concise language and word use. Perhaps if that work had been accomplished in 2016, then this whole brouhaha never would have happened.

For those who might think that these salaries for elected and appointed officials are too high, we would point out the experience of Chelsea in the 1980s to illustrate what happens when a community underpays its public servants.

The office of mayor was paid a pittance (even then), which led to various mayors seeking “outside” sources of income (if you know what we mean) -- and the end result was that four mayors of that city ended up going to jail as Chelsea eventually went into state receivership in the early 1990s.

The issue of longevity pay for the office of mayor provides a defining moment for the Everett City Council to make a good ordinance better.

Hopefully, each member of the council will take the high road, rather than taking a dive into the swamp of politics.

This issue is not about any one person. Everett needs leaders now and in the future who will continue the momentum that residents now enjoy with a salary and compensation that is commensurate with surrounding communities.

Let’s keep the debate to the position, not the person.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back 400 years to the Pilgrims and Indigenous People, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

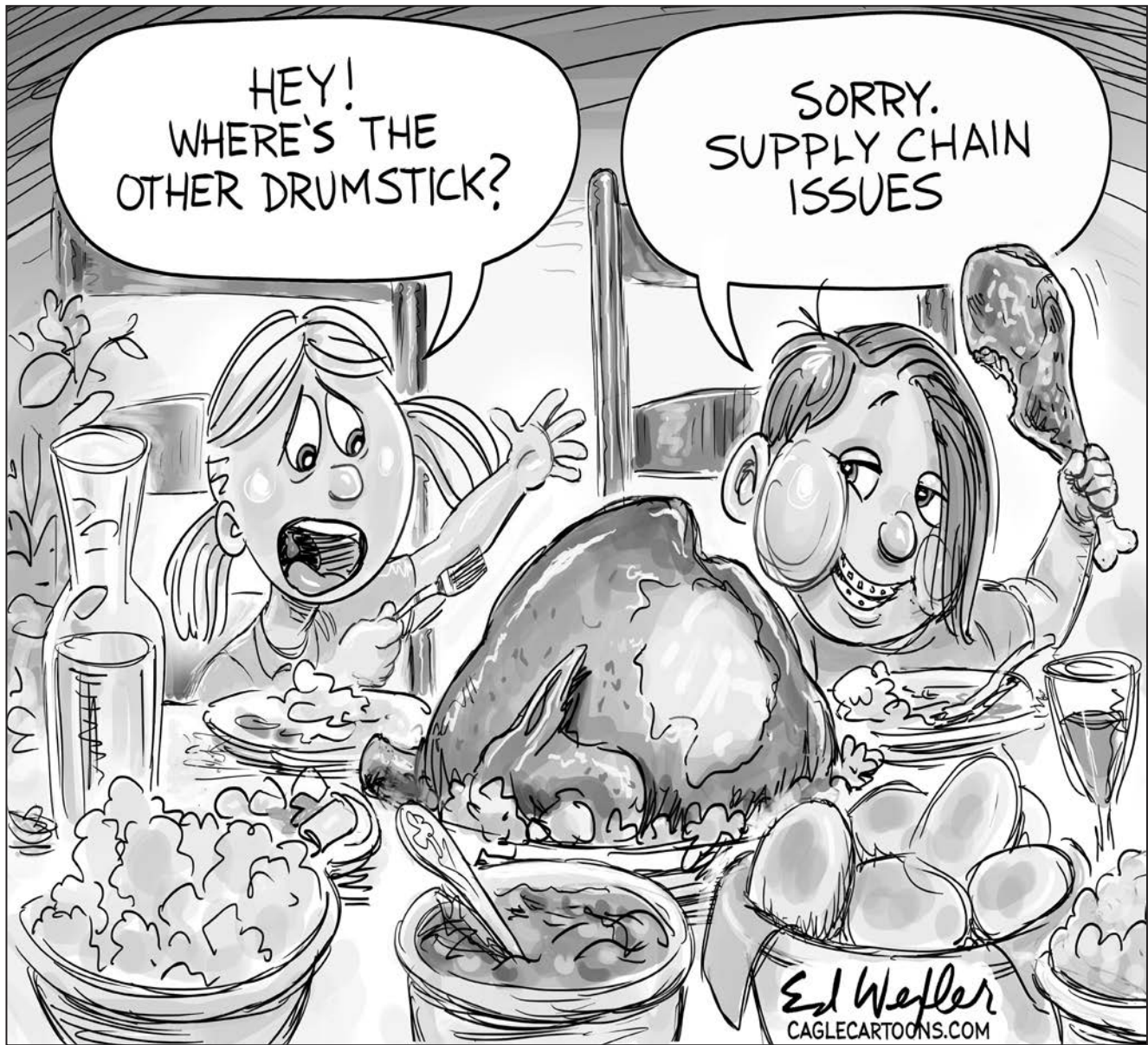
Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Even amidst this time of the ongoing pandemic in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be in a country such as ours.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

Independent Forum



GUEST OP-ED

America needs Thanksgiving

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America has been through a tough time. A national election separated friends and family, divided churches and took over our media. We’ve been intoxicated with poisonous rhetoric and toxic street gatherings that led to more division, injuries and even death.

Americans horrifically viewed the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and said we aren’t going to take that anymore.

Over 762,000 people have died from Covid-19 in America. Over 47 million of us have been sick. Families who have buried loved ones don’t need convincing about the realities of Covid-19. Americans who have spent weeks in hospital intensive care units know they are fortunate to be alive. However, in the midst of America’s pandemic nightmare, Americans have debated with each other over vaccinations, masks, school and business closures. We have watched our businesses suffer. Our government’s finances have been further strained to supply money to hurting unemployed people.

Americans watched

our departure from Afghanistan in horror. We argued among ourselves about how we should have left, the timing of our departure, and whether we should have left at all.

We continue to struggle with racism in America. People who have experienced it know the reality. At all levels of society we must rise above any and all words or actions that denigrate others.

We continue to have other crises impacting our nation. People pouring over our border illegally, an ongoing drug epidemic, homelessness, rising costs of medical treatment and insurance, unaffordable college tuition, unaffordable housing and unaffordable and sometimes unavailable groceries. Americans are now facing the fire of growing inflation. Groceries are becoming even more unaffordable for poor Americans. The cost of living adjustment coming for America’s retirees in January, which is reported to be 5.9 percent, might buy a small bag of groceries, maybe.

America has gone through a tough time, maybe better said, we are going through a tough time. This is why we desperately need Thanksgiv-

ing.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims’ first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony’s Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America’s “first Thanksgiving”—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days.

That first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the Mayflower ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower’s original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe who greeted them in English.

Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and

avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans. (from History.com)

The early settlers who came to America suffered hardships that few Americans can comprehend. In the midst of so much death, sickness and starvation they found a way to stop and express gratitude. The friendship and humanitarian aid given to them by native Americans stand out as to what really makes America great. We all need to learn from the first Thanksgiving. This year maybe we all could take time to be grateful, and do something to help each other.

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.

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MASS BADGE, ZION CHURCH AND DEMARIA PROVIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER

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Mass Badge welcomed Everett residents to the Connolly Center on Nov. 22 for a complimentary Thanksgiving dinner with all the traditional fixings. Volunteers from within the community offered to cook and serve dinner. Hundreds attended the community event.



Brian Isaacs and Edward D'Agostino saved room for pumpkin pie.



Volunteers Ashley and Lily Marra.



Segundo (2nd from left) and Luz Morcho with their daughters Maleen and Naomi who were getting a little sleepy from the turkey.



Everett High School student and Crimson Tide player Donovan Gaskins gets served some food by Rosa DeMaria, Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria's mother.



Isabella Fonseca is served food by Rosa DeMaria.



Theresa Iannaco joins in for some YMCA dancing.



Council General Of Brazil Benedicto Fonseca (right) and wife Solange.



Everett Fire Department Deputy Chief William Hurley, Everett code enforcement officer Mark Mayo, and Police Captain Paul Strong.



Jutiara Ruom and Rita Silva.



Edna DeDeo, Massachusetts State Rep Joe McGonagle, Rouse Thomson, and event organizer Raoul Goncalves.



Everett School Committee member Marcony Barros (2nd from left) with Mass Badge Treasurer Domenic Licata (2nd from right) and his parents Vito and Assunta Licata.



Mo, Connor, Charlotte, and Cecilia Allen.

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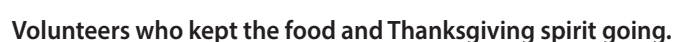
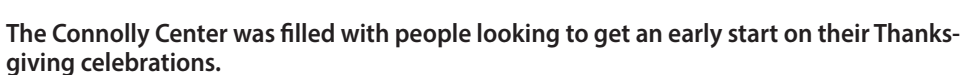
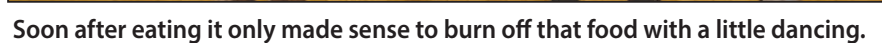
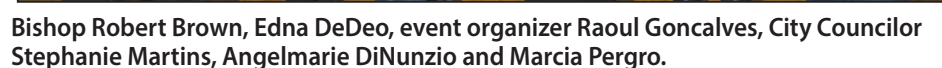
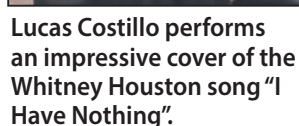
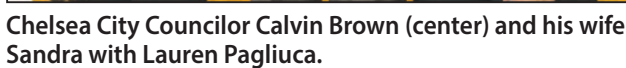
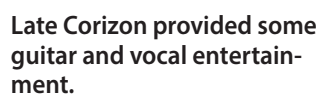
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“Sounds of Christmas” concert returns to Revere

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, in-

cluding 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 concert 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.



The North Shore Philharmonic.

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people from the Federal government sent that information to the City of Revere.”

Novoselsky’s inquiry about the Atlas Auto Body address was raised during a discussion about the reprecincting maps of the city at a City Council meeting Monday.

Reuben Kantor, Revere’s chief innovation officer, said in an interview Tuesday, “The City basically had no role in the collection of the data relating to the parcel in question. The only people who are legally allowed to do the census collection are federal employees. The census workers are U.S. Commerce Department employees. The City does outreach to let communities know that the census workers are coming [to the city].”

Kantor added that the only data that would exist related to the census block parcel would exist at the Federal level.

“We’re not given that information,” explained Kantor. “All we’re given is the number of people in each census block. And then we could give some basic demographics about that.”

Kantor also noted that in the year 2000 in that same census block, “57 people were recorded as living at that location.”

“In the 2010 census, it reduced to 35,” said Kantor. “So this is not the first time that people have been recorded by that block. I would note that there are no people in our voter reg-

istration or City Census databases who are recorded as living or voting from or in any other way from that particular block.

“So whatever problem is going on in that data, it goes back decades and most likely has no specific role in any City work that was done in 2020,” concluded Kantor.

Novoselsky said that Kantor’s response was accurate, and he agreed with his point that that the City of Revere had nothing to do with the counting of those listed as “allegedly living” at the Atlas Auto Body address. He thanked Kantor for his thorough and professional summation of the matter.

“We have asked for an audit to see what people are listed there and who did the listing,” said Novoselsky.

COUNCIL TALKS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, COVID

The Winthrop Town Council met on Nov. 9, where it discussed the new COVID numbers and the public safety building.

Council Pres. Phil Boncore opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of Christopher Zike, a prominent Winthrop community member who was killed by a drunk driver on Oct. 29.

Zike was passionate about trees, and was a newly-appointed member of the town’s Tree Committee. Frank Costantino read from a pre-

pared statement, where he acknowledged Zike’s many contributions to the town, recalling his “quiet reserve and steady presence.”

“His memory will not soon fade,” he said.

COVID

Winthrop reported 63 new positive COVID tests, bringing the town’s percent positive to 3 percent.

The Dept. of Health delivered 500 vaccines in the month preceding the meeting, which included 210 high school students.

Children ages five to 11 are now eligible for a vaccine. A successful pediatric vaccine clinic was held at the Senior Center, and another might be programmed.

Public Safety Building

Council President-Elect James Letterie announced that he has concerns regarding both of the proposed sites for the new public safety building that were laid out at the Fall Forum. He asked for a detailed list of all the sites considered, as well as the approximate square footage needed to accommodate both the police and fire departments.

Councilor Rob DeMarco added that the public had also expressed opposition to the two sites during public comment at a past meeting.

Vocational School

The Council viewed a slideshow presentation for the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical High School. The presentation included MSBA policy and legis-

lative concerns, and the estimated cost to member towns. A detailed overview of the presentation will be available in next week’s Transcript.

Announcements

The Dept. of Health secured a \$40,000 grant that will train Winthrop Police Dept. officers in implicit bias and equitable policing. Mental health clinicians will also work alongside the police to address the town’s addiction crisis.

The Tree Committee has recommended swapping out some of the trees in the town center.

Town Manager Terence Delehanty will be out of the office from Nov. 29 to Dec. 2 to attend a training on the use of force in policing.

Pres. Phil Boncore and President-Elect James Letterie will work with Community Paradigm Associates to search for a permanent Town Manager. The nonprofit has experience scouting talent to fill managerial positions.

Winthrop Rink opened on Nov. 11 for the season. Its schedule can be found on its website at winthroprink.org.

The Winthrop Ferry will cease service for the season on Nov. 19.

The DPW has drafted bid documents for the Clock Tower at the E.B. Newton School & Cultural Center at 45 Pauline St.

Leaf collection will take place on Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 beginning at 7am. Lawn bags must be used, and must contain only leaves, no branches.

OBITUARIES

Maddalena Cammarata

Talented seamstress, avid gardener and most amazing cook

Maddalena(DiFilippo) Cammarata, 84, of Everett passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 23 surrounded by her loving daughters.

Maddalena was the beloved wife of the late Frank Cammarata. She is survived by her adoring children and Rita of Everett, Anna and her husband, Thomas of Middleton; her cherished granddaughters, Emma, Lily and Isabel of Middleton and her loving dogs, Lulu and Luna.

She was the daughter of the late Rocco DiFilippo and Vincenza Botta, sister of the late Antonio DiFilippo and his wife, Antoinetta, the late Rudolfo DiFilippo and his wife, the late Gianina and is survived by her sisters: Anna Frallcardi and her husband, Giovanni and Rita DiFilippo of Siano, Italy. She also leaves behind her dear friend, Vincenza Donarumma and her husband, Guiseppe and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Maddalena was born on December 18, 1936 in Siano, Italy. In 1962 she immigrated to America and shortly after, she married her beloved Frankie and they raised a family in Everett. She was an extremely talented seamstress, avid gardener and the most amazing cook. She enjoyed trips back to Italy where she would spend most of her summers. Her pride and joy was being Nonnie to her precious granddaughters, Emma, Lily and Isabel, who she adored. Her life was her family and she was loved by so many near and far. She will be missed dearly.

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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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.

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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.

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.

Wednesday hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study, via Zoom.

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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 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.

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Two Firefighter recruit classes graduate from Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

Special to the Independent

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Deputy State Fire Marshal Mari-bel Fournier announced the graduation of 35 fire-fighters from the Mas-sachusetts Firefighting Academy. Graduates completed the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program at two cam-puses: Class #296 trained in Stow and Class #BW14 trained in Bridgewater.

“First responders are on the frontlines protect-ing their communities, and these newest firefigh-ers are needed now more than ever,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “The rigorous professional training they’ve received provides them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely.”

Class #296 (Stow): 22 Graduates from 12 Fire Departments

The 22 firefighters of Class #296 represent the fire departments of Billerica, Blackstone, Devens, Everett, Foxborough, Lin-coln, Lowell, Natick, Pla-inville, Upton, Winthrop, and Woburn.

Basic Firefighter Skills Students receive class-room training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire con-ditions. To graduate, stu-dents must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack opera-tions range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structur-al fires. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program all students have met the national standards of National Fire Protec-tion Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the Massachu-setts Fire Training Coun-cil, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Today’s Firefighters Do Far More than Fight Fires

Today’s firefighters do far more than fight fires. They train to respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to



Thirty-five firefighters from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Graduates completed the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program at two campuses: Class #296 trained in Stow and Class #BW14 trained in Bridgewater.

respond to chemical and environmental emergen-cies, ranging from the suspected presence of car-bon monoxide to Fentanyl overdoses or a gas leak. They may be called to res-cue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bath-room. They rescue people

from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle crashes. They test and maintain their equip-ment including self-con-tained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and appara-tus.

At the Massachusetts

Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire be-havior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also re-ceive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitiga-

tion, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program for municipal firefighters involves class-room instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.



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