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In some of Metro Housing’s communities, such as Boston, Braintree, Milton, and Revere, Metro Housing serves or served as an administering agent for community-based housing emergency assistance.

Partnerships with community-based organizations provided another valuable way to assist more families in Metro Housing’s region in FY21. Partnerships with the Action for Boston Community Development, Asian Community Development Corporation, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, The Neighborhood Developers (TND)/CONNECT, WATCH, and Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) provided not only venues for getting the word out about available assistance, but also provided places for people to complete applications and get assistance with language barrier issues.

“The pandemic hit TND’s communities of Chelsea and Revere hard,” says Rafael Mares, Executive Director of TND. “Our close, pre-existing partnership with Metro Housing became the bedrock of our response. With their support, our team took on the responsibility to assist tenants in filling out rental assistance applications, Metro Housing staff trained our team, and jointly we developed systems for working together.”

Key Findings from EHPA in Review FY2020:

- The average housing assistance benefit increased from \$2,832 in FY20 to \$6,167 in FY21.
- Mortgage assistance in FY21 totaled \$2.5 million, a significant increase from the \$61,444 in FY20.
- In FY21, Metro Housing provided \$43.5 million in rental arrear assistance, a 1400 percent increase over FY20.
- Total rental stipend assistance increased to 22 percent of all EHPA assistance, totaling more than \$13 million. In FY20, it represented only 3 percent of assistance.

• Black/African American household participation tripled in the course of one year, to more than 3,400 families. Hispanic household participation increased six-fold to nearly 3,300. And non-Hispanic White participation increased approximately eight-fold to more than 2,400 families.

“COVID-19 has impacted all of us in so many ways, but none as severe as families with low incomes not being able to pay your rent or mortgage while facing eviction or foreclosure,” said Chris Norris, Executive Director of Metro HousingBoston. “Many individuals and families have remained housed during the pandemic not only because of the dedication and flexibility of our staff, but also of DHCD administrators, service providers, advocates, and local municipalities. The data in this report shows the need for a more sustainable solution, from additional rental assistance vouchers and the production of below-market-rate housing, to the critical shortage of affordable housing in the metro Boston area.”

To access the full report, visit bit.ly/EHPAREport

Serving more than 25,000 households annually, Metro HousingBoston is dedicated to mobilizing wide-ranging resources to provide innovative and personalized services that assist families in avoiding homelessness, maintain housing stability, and achieve economic security. With more than 30 years’ experience piloting and implementing housing programs, it has solidified their position as an industry-leading expert on navigating the affordable housing field. Metro HousingBoston is committed to making sure that every person in Greater Boston will always have a place to call home. Visit www.metrohousingboston.org, facebook.com/MetroHousingBoston, or follow on Twitter at @MetroHousingBos.

A GIFT OF WORDS



The Saugus-Everett Elks made a donation of dictionaries to every third grader in the district. This year’s donation was made at the Madeline English School. Juan C. Orozco represented the Elks at the donation.

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of lame-duck politics to some. However, Murray noted that the contract ends in the mid-point of the school year and in further justification of taking up the matter now, Murray said, “COVID messed things up. We need to give her (Tahiliani) a chance to do the work that she was hired to do, not dealing with COVID.”

This rationale led to Tahiliani’s contract being possibly extended to June 2025.

Chairman Frank Parker spoke on the matter, noting that the superintendent’s contract is evaluated on a yearly basis by the full committee and that a subcommittee has been meeting on a regular basis, evaluating the contract.

“This is being voted on tonight not because it is December,” said Parker. “It is not being done now because it is the end of the year. It just happens to be that the timing is now.”

He further added that he has been involved in this discussion for a “number of years.”

The issue of changing the wording from “good cause” to “just cause” also was discussed.

Murray summarized her understanding of the wording by saying, “If we use ‘good cause’ in a case when we need to terminate a teacher, then we would probably lose in the courts, while using the wording ‘just cause’ would probably be upheld in court.

“We do not want to lose money for students because of poor wording in the contract,” Murray added.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria asked that each change be considered separately.

The first change in wording was not approved and lost by a vote of 5-3. Reconsideration of the motion also failed.

The second change

dealing with a superintendent leaving was approved on a 6-2 vote.

At-Large member Millie Cardiello asked that action on the third change, calling for the contract to be extended from February 28, 2024, to June 30, 2025, be postponed until the Dec. 20 meeting, but not later, since that matter must be taken up before the new year. The postponement was approved.

COVID UPTICK

School Committee members heard that the Everett public school system, similar to many other school districts in the state, is seeing an uptick in COVID-19 cases.

Tahiliani reported that in November, there were a total of 58 confirmed COVID cases among school staff and students and in October, that number was 52 confirmed cases. In December, new cases hit a new, one-day high on December 3 with

seven cases, but that was surpassed on December 6 with nine confirmed cases.

Tahiliani further noted that Everett students ages 5-11 are behind the state average for children in that age cohort being vaccinated. She also pointed out that all students who need to be vaccinated or tested are able to use the services of the Cambridge Health Alliance staff in the schools.

COLLEGE FAIR

A large number of students took advantage of the first College Fair that was held at Everett High School. More than 35 colleges and universities attended the event that was geared to students in grades 9-12. Tahiliani noted that the representatives from the institutions were highly-impressed with the Everett students who attended the event.



The Everett School Committee received an award from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) for its exemplary efforts in making the work of the Everett Schools more transparent and for involving the entire community. Stacey Rizzo, a School Committee member in Revere and the incoming president of the state association, praised the Everett School Committee for getting the community and students involved and for making the school governance process transparent, citing the search for a new superintendent as one example. “This is a well-deserved honor,” Rizzo said. Shown from left: Mayor Carlo DeMaria, School Committee Millie Cardello, newly elected Ward 2 School Committee Member Joseph LaMonica, School Committee Member Tom Abruzzese, School Committee Chairman Frank Parker, School Committee Member Samantha Lambert, student representative Dyna Louis, School Committee Member Dana Murray, incoming President of the MASC Stacey Rizzo and School Committee Member-At-Large Cynthia Sarnie.

State November revenue collections total \$2.416 billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder today announced that preliminary revenue collections for November 2021 totaled \$2.416 billion, which is \$289 million or 13.6% more than actual collections in November 2020, and \$192 million or 8.7% more than benchmark.

FY2022 year-to-date collections totaled approx-

imately \$13.612 billion, which is \$2.145 billion or 18.7% more than collections in the same period of FY2021, and \$914 million or 7.2% more than year-to-date benchmark.

“November 2021 revenue collections increased in most of the major tax types in comparison to November 2020 collections, including withholding, sales and use tax, and ‘all other’ tax,” said Commissioner Snyder.

“The increase in withholding is likely related to improvements in labor market conditions. The sales and use tax increase in part reflects continued strength in retail sales and the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. The increase in “all other” tax is primarily attributable to estate tax, a category that tends to fluctuate, as well as room occupancy excise.”

In general, November is among the smaller months

for revenue collection because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. Historically, roughly 6.5% of annual revenue, on average, has been received during November.

Given the brief period covered in the report, November and year-to-date results should not be used as predictors for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

FREE PARKING

In an effort to increase patronage in local businesses, all parking meters in the City of Everett will be free for the month of December! All other parking violations will be enforced as normal.

AUDUBON APPLAUDS AGREEMENT TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN NATURE AND CLIMATE WITH ARPA PLAN

As the major \$4 billion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending bill moves toward final passage and Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker’s desk for approval, Mass Audubon leaders, who have been lobbying vigorously for investments in climate change mitigation and nature, praised the legislative conference committee for coming to an agreement this week.

“This is a significant moment for Massachusetts to ensure that nature-based climate solutions are put into place in every corner of our state, across rural and suburban settings, and especially in urban communities where residents have been disproportionately impacted by COVID,” said Mass Audubon President David O’Neill.

“Not only will these funds reduce the risks of climate impacts and greenhouse gas emissions and restore critical water infrastructure, they also support investments that expand providing equitable access to nature when so many are seeking respite in the natural resources and amenities that we are so fortunate to have here. For too many years, these investments have been underfunded. This is a critical, once-in-a-generation opportunity to make progress, and we are so pleased to see state lawmakers leading us there.”

Both the House and Senate approved plans over the past few weeks to spend more than \$3.82 billion in ARPA federal pandemic relief funds and state surplus money. The bill was accepted by the House on Thursday and is expected to be passed in the Senate on Friday, moving it onto Gov. Baker’s desk. Just shy of \$2.5 billion of ARPA funds remain for the state legislature to debate next year.

“We are especially grateful to the members of the conference committee for their hard work over the last two weeks, and for

the leadership shown by members in both branches who made a point of prioritizing nature and climate,” O’Neill said. “This is a down payment on our future. We will continue to need to commit sustained funding over time. This is an essential first step.”

“I’m deeply grateful as well for State Rep. Daniel M. Donahue (D-Worcester); State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli (D-Pittsfield); State Rep. Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D-Lowell); and State Sen. Adam Hinds (D-Berkshire County),” O’Neill continued. “They championed specific earmarks for Mass Audubon projects that are both shovel-ready and shovel-worthy.” Those projects include repairs to storm-damaged trails and forests at the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox; wetland restoration at Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center & Wildlife Sanctuary in Worcester; and an open space and parks initiative in Lowell, future site of a nature center at Rollie’s Farm.

Mass Audubon Director of Legislative and Government Affairs Sam Anderson said the final law contains about \$377.6 million in investments in climate and nature, including \$15 million in parks and open space; \$100 million for environmental infrastructure, including local resiliency measures; \$100 million for clean drinking water and sewer infrastructure; \$25 million for tree planting, particularly in Gateway cities; and \$7.5 million for green job workforce development.

OMICRON VARIANT DETECTED IN MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that genetic sequencing has identified the COVID-19 Omicron variant for the first time in a case in Massachusetts. The individual is a female in her 20s and a resident of Middlesex County who traveled out of state. She is fully vaccinated, has experienced mild disease, and did not require hospitalization. The variant was identified through sequencing performed at New England Biolabs.

While Omicron is classified by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization as a Variant of Concern, scientists are still working to determine how it may compare with the predominant Delta variant

in terms of transmissibility and disease severity. There is some limited evidence that Omicron could be more transmissible than other COVID-19 virus variants, including Delta. This variant is being monitored closely by public health authorities around the world, and more information about what we know about Omicron is available on the CDC website.

All three COVID-19 vaccines in use in the U.S have been shown to be highly protective against severe disease resulting in hospitalization or death due to known COVID-19 variants and remain the single best way for people to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community from COVID-19. There are over 1,000 locations across the Commonwealth to get vaccinated or receive a booster. The vaccine is free, and no ID or insurance is required for vaccination. Visit vaxfinder.mass.gov for a list of vaccination locations.

Other public health prevention measures that help stop the spread of COVID-19 variants include: getting tested and staying home if you are sick, frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer, following masking requirements, and telling your close contacts if you test positive for COVID-19 so they can take appropriate steps. To learn more about protecting yourself from COVID-19, visit www.mass.gov/covidvaccine.

Residents are also urged to enable MassNotify on their smartphone. The service can be accessed through both Android and iPhone settings; it is NOT an application that can be obtained through an app store. This private and anonymous service notifies users of a potential exposure to COVID-19 so they may take the appropriate precautions. For more information and instructions on enabling MassNotify on your smartphone, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-more-about-massnotify>.

The State Public Health Laboratory, the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, and several hospital and academic laboratories have all contributed to sequencing efforts in Massachusetts during the pandemic. This sequencing data contributes to the tracking of clusters and patterns of disease spread. This in-state laboratory capacity to sequence variants allows Massachusetts to not have to rely on out-of-state laboratories.

DiDomenico, colleagues pass Mental Health Act

On November 17, Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in Massachusetts Senate passed the Mental Health ABC Act 2.0: Addressing Barriers to Care (ABC), comprehensive legislation to continue the process of reforming the way mental health care is delivered in Massachusetts. This legislation comes at a time when the Massachusetts State Senate is making landmark investments in mental and behavioral health, including \$400 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to transform the behavioral health sector, with \$122 million dedicated to recruiting and retaining nearly 2,000 behavioral professionals.

The Mental Health ABC Act 2.0 is driven by the recognition that mental health is as important as physical health for every resident of the Commonwealth and should be treated as such. The bill proposes a wide variety of reforms to ensure equitable access to mental health care and remove barriers to care by supporting the behavioral health workforce.

“For too long, mental health has been overlooked within our health care system, leaving many Massachusetts residents without access to the critical services and treatment that they need,” said Assistant Majority Leader DiDomenico. “As we know, the COVID-19 pandemic has only increased the need for critical mental health resources, which are just as important as

those for physical health.” “I am proud of the steps my colleagues in the Senate, and I have taken to remove barriers and increase parity in mental health care.”

Amendments to the bill included provisions focused on suicide prevention and mental health care for people who are incarcerated, among other things. Sen. DiDomenico also filed an amendment which was adopted to the final bill. His amendment would include the Department of Youth Services as a collaborator in developing the annual plan for promotion of behavioral health with the newly developed office of behavioral health promotion, which would bring an experienced voice in violence prevention and trauma-specific intervention and rehabilitation. Additionally, the Office of Behavioral Health Promotion would be tasked with identifying and disseminating evidence-based practices to prevent violence through trauma-specific intervention and rehabilitation.

“The fact of the matter is that a lot of behavioral health cannot be addressed without also the influences of community violence and its surrounding trauma. This has touched all of our districts, including mine” said Sen. DiDomenico. “As we all know, the work surrounding violence prevention, at-risk youth, and trauma-informed treatments is far from over. But I am excited to have this amendment provide progress

and to continue our work with our often-overlooked communities”.

The final bill establishes a suicide postvention task force dedicated to addressing the after-effects of a confirmed suicide and requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to collect data on the physical location of suicides and the number of known attempts made by any person at the same location. It also directs the state 911 department to integrate training on identification of and response to callers experiencing behavioral health crises into the certification standards for 911 workers, and, in anticipation of the establishment of a new national ‘988’ hotline in July, designates one or more ‘988’ crisis hotline centers to provide crisis intervention services and crisis care coordination to individuals accessing the suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The final bill also allows people who are incarcerated experiencing acute mental health distress to petition to seek proper care in a Department Mental Health (DMH) facility as opposed to being subjected to in-prison ‘mental health watch,’ establishes a special commission to review and make recommendations to remedy administrative burdens to accessing mental health care and behavioral health care services, and requires the Office of Behavioral Health Promotion to ascertain the mental health needs of veterans.

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CHARLIE BAKER WILL BE MISSED

There has been a lot of speculation by the pundits as to the reasons behind Governor Charlie Baker’s decision not to run for re-election in 2022, but we think it comes down simply to this: Gov. Baker is burned-out, similar to so many of his fellow Baby Boomers (including the older members of Generation X) who are retiring from both the public and private sectors amidst what is being called the Great Resignation.

In our mind’s eye, we still think of Gov. Baker as the youthful man from the campaign trail in 2013, but the reality is that Gov. Baker just turned 65 years old.

He ain’t a kid anymore.

And as so many other Baby Boomers are coming to realize, there is a lot more to life than work, especially when work no longer is fun.

We think it is telling that Lieut. Governor Karyn Polito -- who at 55 is a Gen Xer -- also announced that she has no plans to run for governor, which was actually more surprising than Gov. Baker’s announcement. The Lieut. Gov., who is part of the Baker team that consistently has been among the most-popular governorships in the country, would have been a strong candidate to make history as the first female governor in state history.

But after eight years as an highly-active Lieut. Gov., it is clear that Polito has no desire to occupy the corner office at the State House.

But regardless of Gov. Baker’s reasons for not seeking re-election, there is no disputing that Charlie Baker has been a great governor who has accomplished great things for our state, even amidst an unprecedented pandemic.

His ability to work with Democrats in the Mass. legislature, amidst an era of unprecedented political rancor at the national level, will be regarded as a shining example for future governors, regardless of party, to follow.

THROW THE BOOK AT THEM

Another news cycle -- and yet another mass shooting incident in America.

The horrific murder last week of at least four students at Oxford High School in suburban Detroit and the wounding of several others by 15-year-old fellow student Ethan Crumbley once again has brought unspeakable tragedy to a community in our country.

However, there is an additional twist to this story, which we will compartmentalize as follows, based on the facts as we know them:

-- The semi-automatic handgun used by Ethan Crumbley was brought for him as a Christmas present by his parents a few days before the shooting;

-- When a teacher became aware that Ethan Crumbley was drawing photos depicting violence by gunfire during class, Crumbley was taken to the office of a guidance counselor;

-- The guidance counselor called Crumbley’s parents, who came to the school, because of his disturbing images;

-- The parents never informed any school authority that they had bought their son a handgun as a “Christmas gift”;

-- The parents insisted that Ethan remain at school that day.

The parents have been charged with four counts each of involuntary manslaughter for their alleged role in the murders. The local district attorney has conceded that the prosecution of the parents presents novel questions of law.

If it is true that the parents did not divulge to the school authorities that they had bought their son a handgun, the question will be whether that omission makes them criminally liable for what transpired shortly after they left the school without their son.

No right-thinking person would deny that the parents are morally-culpable for not disclosing to school personnel that they had bought their son a gun, even if they believed that the gun was in a locked box at home.

We also believe that if they had made that fact known, the student’s backpack and locker would have been searched immediately by school personnel and the tragedy could have been avoided. But does this make the parents criminally-liable?

Whether Michigan law encompasses a charge for involuntary manslaughter given the facts of this case ultimately will be decided by that state’s highest court, but we support the decision by the district attorney to bring the charges.

If nothing else, hopefully it will deter like-minded parents from buying guns for their children. And if the courts determine that the parents are not criminally-liable, perhaps legislatures will pass laws that do so in circumstances such as these.

Your opinions, please

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Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

What about the other Ethan Crumbleys?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We are unfortunately informed once again of another horrific, senseless school shooting. They don’t stop. When will the next one be? Who will be the next shooter and who will be the next unsuspecting victims?

Once again, American kids go to school to pursue education and American life but are murdered by a classmate while walking the hallway or sitting in a class. This has to stop. Will it ever?

According to news reports, on November 30, 2021, Ethan Crumbley, a fifteen-year-old, took the lives of four schoolmates and injured seven others at Oxford High School, a Detroit, Michigan suburb.

Crumbley has once again reminded us of the horrific outcomes of mental illness and the importance of parents, teachers, churches and communities working together to protect each other.

According to news reports, the Oxford school was alerted to Crumbley’s disturbing social media posts, drawings depicting violence, and other ac-

tions that had called for his parents to come to the school for a serious talk about their child. Reports of the parents buying a semi-automatic weapon for their son’s Christmas present and taking him to a shooting range for practice is revealing their denial of, as well their failure to address, their son’s problems.

My dad gave me some shotgun lessons when I was growing up. I was turned loose in the hills of Appalachia to hunt for squirrels at the age of 12 with a hunting license. Parents teaching their children to shoot a weapon and hunt are as old as our nation. However, parents should never provide their children access to guns when there are obvious warnings of mental illness.

Past school shooters have talked about being bullied by classmates or not fitting into any of the school social groups. Rejection, being bullied, failure to make the school team or feeling outright mistreated makes anyone feel bad, dejected and disappointed. Such feelings should be a push to any

of us to look at ourselves to see how we either must adjust, change, work harder, problem solve as to what is happening or even find a different school or community in which to live. Hurting others never resolves anything and only increases our pain, darkness and sentences the rest of our lives to prison or regret of how we handled our feelings.

School can be a difficult life learning ground. What we face in the local school often is only preparing us for what we may face at the office, the factory, the workplace and the neighborhood. Throughout life we know everyone is not going to like us, accept us, applaud us or even try to get along with us. There are always people who don’t like us. However, there are people who will affirm, support, and befriend us. Sometimes it just takes a while to find those communities, houses of faith, social groups, and others with whom we can emotionally connect.

The Ethan Crumbleys of the world are sad, scary and wreak destruction. They need help now. His life and many other lives

are forever destroyed. Apparently, his parents were living in some sort of disconnected denial of what their son was really about to do to himself, them and many others.

Schools and work places must have all authority to protect themselves quickly. Oxford school officials were alarmed by some of his actions. They were trying to work with the parents. Looking back, he should have been escorted out of the school and barred from its grounds until a professional counselor had given written permission for his return. I know, hindsight is always 20/20.

Sadly, for those who are now dead, it’s too late. Maybe the other Ethan Crumbleys can be stopped today, right now, before it’s too late.

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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Thank you to all, stay safe and well,

James A. “Tank” Agnetta, Jr. Treasurer E Club of Everett

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN DIBIASO

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Everett’s John DiBiao in winning the Division 2 high school super bowl as coach at Catholic Memorial. This was coach D.B’s 14th super bowl victory – 12 at Everett, 1

at Weston and this year’s win at Catholic Memorial High School. He has won high school super bowls in 3 different divisions, quite an accomplishment.

Congratulations to Everett’s high school football coach Rob DiLoreto. He has begun his career at Everett with tremendous success. His team finished this season with a 10-1 record and has won the GBL in his first two seasons. Very impressive!

Continued success to both coaches , Everett is proud of you.

Sincerely,

Bob Sansone, EHS, ‘56

U.S. Postal Service introduces Pen Pal Project

The U.S. Postal Service is working with WeAreTeachers to introduce The USPS Pen Pal Project, a free educational program for students in grades three to five, this 2021-2022 school year.

The USPS Pen Pal Project will provide 25,000 classrooms across the country the opportunity to partner with matched classes to write 1 million letters with the goal of building friendships and understanding diverse perspectives.

Each participating classroom will receive

a USPS Pen Pal Project kit with a teaching poster, cards, and envelopes. By participating in the program, students will improve their writing, communication, and collaboration skills.

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Meet the team: Caitlin Norden

Caitlin Norden is an employee of the Department of Health and has worked for the City of Everett for 5 years.

What do you do in the City?

Administrative assistant in the Health Department, I work on tobacco, dumpster and tattoo permits for businesses in Everett and help with the COVIO and Flu clinics amongst other administrative duties.

What is your favorite



part about working for the City?

Connecting with local business owners and witnessing the continuous

growth of the economy in Everett despite the hardships caused by the pandemic.

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Winthrop Police Department shares package theft prevention tips during holiday season

Winthrop Police De- With the holiday season fast approaching and more people shopping for gifts, Chief Terence M. Delehanty and the Winthrop Police Department would like to provide tips to prevent theft for residents expecting package deliveries in the coming weeks.

According to the National Neighborhood Watch, nearly one in four adults in the United States has reported having a package stolen at least once.

The Winthrop Police Department wishes to share the following tips from the National Neighborhood Watch to help prevent package theft:

- Consider getting a P.O. box at your local post office or having packages delivered to your office
- Set up notifications to track your packages
- Install a security camera in the area(s) outside your home where packages may be delivered
- Require a signature upon delivery to ensure packages are never left unattended
- Reschedule delivery or ask for a package hold when on vacation
- Research potential home security technology and locking device options to protect and monitor packages
- Ask your neighbors to grab your packages for safekeeping until you return home
- Sign up for the USPS “Informed Delivery” service, where you can get a daily email with a picture/scan of the mail you will

receive that day. To sign up, click here.

If you believe you have fallen victim to package theft, you should do the following:

- Confirm with your delivery company that your package was actually delivered
- Identify which package was stolen and what the contents of that package were
- Contact the police immediately and report your package as stolen
- If you have a security camera on your home, give a copy of the video to police
- Report the package theft to the applicable carrier:
 - USPS
 - UPS
 - FedEx
 - Amazon

Should you happen to witness package theft, do not approach the suspect. Instead, pay attention to what their vehicle looks like and its license plate number. If possible, get a physical description of the suspect to share with the police.

Residents should note that around the holidays mail carriers such as Amazon and FedEx contract independent carriers to help deliver items during the peak season. These independent carriers typically drive their own vehicles that have no affili-

ation markers. Residents should be mindful of these individuals who are oftentimes mistaken as thieves when dropping off packages on behalf of carriers or delivery companies. As always, though, if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood report it to the police immediately.

Chief Delehanty would also like to offer tips to holiday shoppers on how to avoid any incidents or theft while shopping in stores and online:

- As more people are on the road during the holiday season, be sure to drive carefully. Be patient when looking for a parking space. Do not speed up in a parking lot to catch an empty spot. Look for other cars or people when backing out of a parking space, and back out slowly.
- Keep shopping bags out of plain sight in your vehicle, preferably in your trunk.
- Keep your purse close to your body or your wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
- Save your receipts and monitor your credit card activity.
- When shopping online, stick to retailers you know or have shopped with before.
- Do not use public Wi-Fi to make purchases in order to prevent hackers from intercepting your information.

Lyric Stage Company presents premiere of ‘Mr. Parent’ by Melinda Lopez

The Lyric Stage Company of Boston presents the World Premiere production of “Mr. Parent” by Melinda Lopez with Maurice Emmanuel Parent and co-conceived and directed by Megan Sandberg-Zakian°. Performances begin Friday, January 7 and run through Sunday, February 6. Press Performance is Sunday, January 9 at 3pm. “Lyric for All” Affordable Price Options

In an effort to integrate live theater into the lives of all residents of Greater Boston, Lyric Stage offers multiple options including \$30 Under 35, advanced Student Tickets, Senior Tickets, and partnerships with MassWIC and EBT Cardholders that allow audiences to visit as often as they like. More information at: <https://www.lyricstage.com/tickets/lyric-for-all/>

Five Dollar Fridays-On Friday January 7, Lyric Stage officially launches Five Dollar Fridays which makes tickets affordable for all for \$5 each. There will be a limited number of \$5 tickets available for sale with code PARENT-FIVE.

Covid-19 Policies and

FAQ

The City of Boston requires that our guests wear masks in the theater for the duration of the performance. Lyric Stage is requiring all its guests to show proof of vaccination: either a physical vaccination card or a legible photo of the vaccination card. When the City of Boston no longer meets the CDC’s definition of a community at high risk of transmission, the requirement to show proof of vaccination will be lifted. All ticket holders will be notified of any policy changes within 48 hours of their ticketed performance.

Please visit <https://www.lyricstage.com/>

[tickets/subscriptions/47th-season-faq/](#) which will be updated regularly with the most current information.

History of the Lyric Stage Company of Boston

Founded in 1974 and in residence at 140 Clarendon Street since 1991, the Lyric Stage Company is Boston’s oldest resident theatre company. Its mission is to produce and present live theatre in Greater Boston with an intimate approach that promotes inclusivity and connection. The Lyric Stage leads an effort to integrate live theater and theater education into the lives of all residents of greater Boston.



A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway, Everett, Massachusetts 02149
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 20, 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: 4 Baker Road
Map/Lot: L0-04-000220

Person Requesting: Mr. Luis Lemus
4 Baker Road, Everett Ma 02149

The applicant seeks a permit to remove the existing porch (5' x 15') and construct a new porch 8'-0" x 25'-0".

Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
As the existing building is non-conforming in that the total side yard 9' total does not comply with the requirements of the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 4 Dwelling Districts line 6 Side Yards: a. Four (4) feet minimum with a total of sixteen (16) feet.

Zoning Ordinance Sections
So, per Section 3 General Requirements paragraph “C” which, states the following:
Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. (Ord. of 4-29-91).

Mary Gerace – Chairman

Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 19-21 Cedar St.
Map/Lot: B0-01-000073

Person Requesting: Mr. Charanjit Singh
17 Rock Valley Ave., Everett, MA 02149

The owner wishes to convert the existing two (2) family dwelling into a three (3) family dwelling. The plot plan submitted indicates that six (6) parking spaces are proposed.

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

Violations:

- The Floor Area Ratio is above the allowable (.5) the FAR on this project is at 1.3 or .8 above the allowed FAR.
- The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be required to be moved in order for the other vehicles to enter and leave the parking areas.
- The required setback for this Zoning District (DWELLING) is a twenty (20) foot set back.
- The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be parked closer than eight (8) feet from a habitable window.
- The parking plan provided indicates that it will be necessary for vehicles to back into the street.

Zoning Ordinance Sections

1. Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses:

A. Uses. Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, or 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)

2. Section 4 Dwelling Districts A Uses 17. Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003

3. Section 17 (A): Off-street parking facilities shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as outlined below. Where the Term “gross square feet” is used, it shall mean the total occupiable floor area measured within the exterior walls of the building. (Original Ord. Of 2-26-1965, 6-29-87) (2) Multi-family dwellings 2 spaces per dwelling unit.

4. Section 17 Off Street Parking (J): “Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle.”

5. Section 17 Off Street Parking (I): “Each required car space shall be not less than 9 feet in width and 18 feet in length exclusive of drives and maneuvering space, and the total area of any parking facility for more than five (5) cars shall average two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet per car. No driveways or curb cuts shall exceed thirty (30) feet in width.” (Ord. 01-046/2001)

6. Section 17 Off Street Parking (K): “Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located.”

7. Section 17 Off Street Parking (M): “No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building.”

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

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

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Sports

John DiBiaso, Catholic Memorial are state champions

Legendary Everett coach leads Knights to title

By Cary Shuman

When all was said and done, John DiBiaso and the Catholic Memorial High School football team were No. 1 in 2021.

Coach DiBiaso's Knights finished off a perfect season with a 42-18 victory over King Phillip Regional in the Division 2 Super Bowl Dec. 2 at Gillette Stadium. Catholic Memorial held the state's No. 1 ranking all season and its performance against a very good King Phillip contingent showcased the Knights' excellence in all phases of the game.

It was Catholic Memorial's first state title in football since 1978 when such superstars as King

Gaskins, Joe O'Brien, Michael Vicens, and Ronnie Perry Jr. helped make CM a powerhouse in all sports throughout the 1970s.

Many observers felt the key play in the Super Bowl occurred when DiBiaso and staff called for a double pass on the first play following a King Phillip touchdown that had closed the gap to 21-10. Quarterback JC Petrongolo, running back Drew Delucia, and wide receiver Jaedn Skeete executed the play to perfection for a 66-yard touchdown.

For John DiBiaso, it was his 13th Super Bowl title in an illustrious career that has had successful stints at St. Patrick's of Watertown, Weston, and

ultimately in his hometown of Everett where he re-established the Crimson Tide as the preeminent high school football program in Massachusetts.

"I'm just excited for the players, the coaches, the parents and everyone at the school who got to experience the thrill of winning a state championship," said DiBiaso humbly.

DiBiaso said he still follows the Crimson Tide football program that is under the direction of head coach Rob DiLoreto.

"I still root for Everett every game," said DiBiaso. "I'm very happy for Everett. Coach DiLoreto has done a great job. They had a wonderful season."



(PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHOLIC MEMORIAL)

Catholic Memorial head coach John DiBiaso and CM players, including Jack Sokol, Kyle King, Sean O'Connor, and Devon Marshall, receive the Division 2 state championship trophy following their victory in the Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium.



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EHS Roundup

BOYS, GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS READY TO OPEN 2022 SEASON

The Everett High boys and girls and basketball teams will open their 2022 season this coming week.

Boys head coach Stanley Chamblain and his squad will undertake an ambitious, 22-game schedule starting with their season-opener at Cambridge this Friday evening.

The Crimson Tide then will host Greater Boston League (GBL) foe Revere in their home opener next Tuesday (December 14) with a 7:00 tip-off.

In addition to playing each of their seven GBL foes (Revere, Chelsea, Lynn Classical, Lynn English, Medford, Malden, and Somerville) twice each, the Everett boys will take on eight non-league opponents -- Cambridge, No. Quincy, Tech Boston, Brockton, and two opponents in two holiday tournaments.

On the girls' side, coach Riley Dunn, who led the Lady Patriots to a Greater Boston League playoff title in the abbreviated 2021 spring season in her first season at the helm of the girls program, will take her squad to Revere for the season-opener on Tuesday.

The EHS girls also will play their seven GBL foes twice each and will meet non-league opponents Arlington, Dracut, and Malden Catholic twice each to complete their 20-game schedule.

VACCINE FACTS

Like many parents of young children, you may be concerned about keeping your kids safe from COVID-19.

Good news: The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for kids ages 5 and up. Experts agree it's the best way to protect against COVID-19 and prevent kids from getting seriously ill.

It's natural to have questions about the vaccine for your child. Here are some facts:

- The COVID-19 vaccine was thoroughly tested.
- The clinical trials included thousands of kids ages 5-11.
- The vaccine has been proven safe for kids ages 5 and up.
- It was also proven to be 91% effective at preventing COVID-19 in kids.



Want to know more?

Talk to your child's doctor about the COVID-19 vaccine.
mass.gov/CovidVaccineKids

Project // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ized Lower Broadway District and a new future for Everett.”

The site for the proposed development is located on land purchased by Wynn Development along the east side of Broadway between Dexter and Mystic Streets and will be in the Lower Broadway Economic Development District. The project will contribute to transforming the district from an industrial area into a mixed-use neighborhood that supports access to the waterfront. In addition, a generously landscaped sidewalk protected by street trees will both improve the pedestrian experience and accommodate changes for the future implementation of Broadway Complete Streets.

About Wynn Resorts
Wynn Resorts, Limited is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the ticker symbol WYNN and is part of the S&P 500 Index. Wynn Resorts owns and operates Wynn Las Vegas (wynnlasvegas.com), Encore Boston Harbor (encorebostonharbor.com), Wynn Macau (wynnmacau.com), and Wynn Palace, Cotai (wynnpalace.com).

Wynn and Encore Las Vegas feature two luxury hotel towers with a total of 4,748 spacious hotel rooms, suites and villas,

approximately 194,000 square feet of casino space, 22 dining experiences featuring signature chefs and 11 bars, two award-winning spas, approximately 560,000 rentable square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 160,000 square feet of retail space as well as two showrooms, two nightclubs, a beach club and recreation and leisure facilities. Wynn Las Vegas recently unveiled the new Wynn Golf Club and 18-hole, 129-acre championship golf course, and in February 2020 debuted a 430,000-square-foot meeting and convention space expansion powered by 100 percent renewable energy.

Encore Boston Harbor is a luxury resort destination featuring a 210,000 square foot casino, 671 hotel rooms, an ultra-premium spa, specialty retail, 16 dining and lounge venues, and approximately 71,000 square feet of state-of-the-art ballroom and meeting spaces. Situated on the waterfront along the Mystic River in Everett, Massachusetts, the resort has created a six-acre public park and Harborwalk along the shoreline. It is the largest private, single-phase development in the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Wynn Macau is a luxury hotel and casino resort located in the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China with two luxury hotel towers with a total of 1,010 spacious rooms and suites, approximately 252,000 square feet of casino space, 12 food and beverage outlets, approximately 31,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 59,000 square feet of retail space, and recreation and leisure facilities including two opulent spas, a salon



Artist rendering of an aerial view of the bridge and complex.

and a rotunda show.

Wynn Palace is a luxury integrated resort in Macau. Designed as a floral-themed destination, it boasts 1,706 exquisite rooms, suites and villas, approximately 424,000 square feet of casino space, 14 food and beverage outlets, approximately 37,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 106,000 square feet of designer retail, SkyCabs that traverse an eight-acre Performance Lake, an extensive collection of rare art, a lush spa, salon and recreation and leisure facilities.

TRAFFIC STUDY FOR EAST BROADWAY DEVELOPMENT IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY ALONG LOWER BROADWAY

Wynn Development is proposing to build a 425-foot long, 50-foot high, enclosed, climate controlled pedestrian bridge that would be accessible to the public 24-hours from the sidewalks on

either side of Broadway. This ADA accessible bridge would cross Lower Broadway between Mystic and Dexter Streets.

Currently, pedestrians must use a crosswalk to walk across this section of Broadway, which is a major thoroughfare serving Everett and through-traffic in the region. The proposed addition of the pedestrian bridge will allow people with a diversity of abilities to cross this wide street above the road safely, calmly, and at their leisure rather than having to cross the wide stretch of Lower Broadway at street-level.

The proposed bridge would meet the needs of pedestrians by being open 24-hours and having elevator access, moving walkways (like those in airports), and being enclosed with heating and cooling. The bridge would be monitored for safety, maintained, and decorated by Wynn Development.

Enhancing Traffic Flow on Broadway and Adjacent Roads

The proposed pedestrian bridge will significantly enhance the traffic flow on Broadway by re-

moving the need for the long-cycle crosswalk and light signals and the time waiting for pedestrians to cross that can cause backups.

The AECOM traffic study commissioned by Wynn Development shows that the proposed pedestrian bridge will not only mitigate any increased traffic generated in the future by the proposed entertainment venue and restaurant, it will also improve the current rate of traffic flow and reduce traffic in adjacent intersections by increasing their car capacity ability by 29%.

The proposed bridge and elimination of the crosswalk signal and people crossing would mitigate traffic flow issues created by the entertainment venue and restaurants. The AECOM traffic study projects the following changes to Broadway traffic during commute times:

- o Morning commute 7-9 am: range from 15 -22 additional cars
- o Evening commute 5-6 pm 120 additional cars
- o Additionally, Wynn Development is propos-

ing adding new turning lanes on Broadway and on Dexter Street that would serve the proposed parking garage, which would move cars generated by the restaurant or entertainment venue out of the traffic flowing on Broadway.

Enriching the Streetscape of Lower Broadway

The proposed pedestrian bridge, designed by Elkus Manfredi, will be a beautiful and highly functional part of the streetscape of Lower Broadway with its access points being welcoming and attractive parts of the sidewalks and contribute to the City of Everett’s current efforts to making the city more pedestrian-friendly.

Wynn Development is proposing generous landscaping and attractive hardscaping at the development site that will make Lower Broadway a more inviting, exciting, and beautiful public space for residents of Everett and visitors.

Wynn Development is also proposing the widening of Dexter Street (off Broadway) which will improve both the appearance and traffic flow on that street.

THE EVERETT CITY COUNCIL



On December 6th President Wayne Matewsky and Mayor DeMaria joined current and new members of the Everett City Council for a training session regarding the rules, regulations, and procedures of the Council. Pictured (left to right) City Councillor John Hanlon, City Councillor Anthony DiPierro, City Councillor Elect Stephanie Smith, City Councillor Elect Irene Cardillo, City Council President Wayne Matewsky, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, City Councillor Elect Vivian Nguyen, City Councillor Elect Alfred Lattanzi, Assistant City Clerk Peter Napolitano, and Legislative Aide Michael Mangan.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

MASK MANDATE ISSUED IN CHELSEA

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Board of Health has implemented an Indoor Mask Mandate for all Indoor Public Spaces. This emergency order is part of a continued effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the Chelsea community.

Masks and face coverings are one of the most effective ways to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This order applies to all public spaces within private businesses as well as to public spaces located within public buildings. A mask mandate had already been in place at Chelsea City Hall, the Chelsea Public Library, the Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea Public Schools.

The indoor mask mandate is another layer of protection for Chelsea residents as public health officials continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19. Vaccinations continue to be available to Chelsea residents for free at the Chelsea Senior Center. The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine (ages 5-11) and COVID-19 booster shots (ages 18+) are all available. Any resident can receive the vaccine for free, regardless of immigration status.

In the community, La Colaborativa hosts a mobile vaccination clinic every Tuesday at its 318 Broadway location from 4:00-7:00pm. The mobile clinic will be open until Tuesday, Dec. 14. Chelsea Public Schools will have a Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1:00-5:00pm at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex.

COVID-19 testing also remains available for free for Chelsea residents at Saint Rose School on 580 Broadway. The indoors testing center is open Monday-Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm. The indoors testing center is open Monday-Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm.

Read more at <https://www.chelseama.gov/home/news/board-health-implements-mask-mandate-all-indoor-public-spaces>

MADARO SUPPORTS BILL PROTECTING COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

EAST BOSTON - House Speaker Ron Mariano’s bill aimed at protecting community hospitals like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) that was supported by Rep. Adrian Madaro passed in the House by a 158-1 vote. The bill is now in the Senate.

The legislation, said Madaro, would put more eyes on major hospitals and health care providers that have been expanding into areas already served by community health centers like EBNHC. The bill would give the Health Policy Commission (HPC) the authority to investigate the market impact of major hospital expansions that require an additional license if they plan to establish new satellite campuses in places like Eastie, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop--communities already served by EBNHC.

The problem, explained Madaro, is healthcare pro-

viders like Massachusetts General Brigham have been rapidly expanding into low-income communities as well as suburban locations. This pits larger healthcare providers against smaller providers like EBNHC as they compete for privately insured patients. These patients command higher rates, leaving hospitals like EBNHC with a greater share of patients on Medicare and Medicaid. Studies have shown that when a larger provider moves into an area already serviced by community hospitals like EBNHC they receive significantly higher rates of reimbursement for their services than the community hospital--in some cases more than 30 percent.

Community hospitals like EBNHC already operate on very thin margins with the constant possibility of closure. Madaro said the bill passed by the House would limit unchecked growth of hospital chains, better suiting community hospitals to survive and ensuring continued competition in the health care market.

“Our community providers are the backbone of our local healthcare system, ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare to those who need it most,” said Madaro. “This legislation protects local providers, like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, guaranteeing that residents across our community can continue to access low-cost, quality healthcare services”.

The legislation creates a more rigorous review to ensure that when large hospital systems expand, they are not infringing on

community hospital markets and raising health care costs for patients. It also requires the ongoing upkeep of a health resource inventory, which will give regulators a better understanding of the Commonwealth’s existing health care resources to inform these review processes and future reform efforts.

A key highlight of the bill would protect EBNHC’s market and gives the Health Center another tool to halt Determination of Need (DoN) proceedings should a proposed larger healthcare provider encroach on their primary service area. Under the bill the Department of Public Health will determine the need for the expansion of a larger healthcare provider into an area already served by a smaller community health center. Part of the expansion application would require the larger healthcare provider to include a letter of support from the CEO or board chair of an existing independent community hospital like EBNHC if the two entities are providing service in the same area.

“The House took a major step in working to guarantee that every Massachusetts resident has access to quality, affordable health care by passing legislation that will protect community hospitals,” said Speaker Mariano (D-Quincy). “Community hospitals offer high-quality care to the most vulnerable patient populations at affordable rates. Our efforts to control health care cost growth depends on their continued existence.”

ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER HOSTED BY MASS BADGE



Parks Director Mike Hinojosa with Patrick Keefe with his kitchen crew, that worked very hard to bring the Mass Badge Thanksgiving Community Feast to a new level.

LIQUOR LICENSING INFORMATIONAL FORUM AT NSLBA

LYNN - Lynn Police Chief Chris Reddy, Lt. Tom Reddy, and Officers Jose Almonte and Hector Orellana appeared at a North Shore Latino Business Association-sponsored liquor license informational forum Monday

at North Shore Latino Business Association (NSLBA) headquarters on Sutton Street.

NSLBA Executive Director Frances Martinez had reached out to the Lynn Police Department on behalf of members who were seeking up-to-date information about the liquor licensing process.

Lt. Reddy, who serves as the LPD’s liaison to the Licensing Commission, led 25 Latino and minori-

ty business owners and managers through a comprehensive, one-hour presentation about all phases of the liquor licensing application process and the LPD’s enforcement of the Commission’s rules and regulations. Chief Reddy and Officers Almonte and Orellana sat at the head table in the large room, taking part in the presentation and making

See REGION Page 10

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 385 Broadway
Map/Lot: K0-08-000147

Person Requesting: Christopher Buono
456 W 4th Street #201, South Boston, Ma 02127

Reason for Denial:

To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant seeks to convert the existing Single-family residence into a Three family residence. The property exists in the Business District and is a corner lot at the intersections of Main Street and Second Street

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

Violations:

- The existing building is located in the City of Everett Business District and the use is only allowed by Special Permit.
- The existing building does not have the required side yards as the building is over 30 feet in height there must be a minimum seven (7) foot side yard and per the plot plan submitted the left side has a proposed setback of four (4) inches, 6'-8" short of the required.
- The rear yard setback is a required ten (10) foot setback the applicant is proposing 3'-5" setback in the rear, the plan is 6'-7" short of the required setback.
- The front setback is a required 10 foot minimum, the proposed set back is 8'-5", the plan is 1'-7" short of the required setback.
- Proposed parking is deficient by four vehicles, two are required per unit the plan shows two spaces.
- Parking is shown to be stacked whereas you will need to move vehicle #1 to be able to access vehicle #2
- Vehicles will be required to back out onto Broadway from this corner lot.

Zoning Ordinance Sections

Section 3 General Requirements paragraph P which states the following:

Up to three (3) dwelling units shall be prohibited except by the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning board of Appeals in the Business, Business Limited, Industrial and Industrial Limited Districts. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 6 Business Districts b) Dimensional Requirements Line 5 Side Yards which states the following:

None required unless a lot line adjoins lot used for one or two family or three family dwelling use, in which case the side yard shall be not less than four (4) feet in width for a building proposed to be not more than thirty (30) feet in height; and seven (7) feet for buildings proposed to be more than thirty (30) feet in height. Where a side lot line serves as a boundary between dwelling and apartment districts, the side yard shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet in width. There shall be no projections allowed within the required side yards. (Ord. of 6-29-87)

Section B Dimensional Requirements 4. Front Yard: None required, except when used for residential purposes there shall be a ten (10) foot minimum of which no less than five (5) feet shall be used for landscaping. (Ord. of 6-29-87)

Section (6) B.2 - Lot Area: a. Residential ---1.5 to 1 maximum floor area ratio.

Section 17 (A) 2 Off-Street Parking: Requires two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit. Parking requirements are for a total of thirty-six (6) spaces where fifteen two (2) are being provided. A parking variance for four (4) spaces must be requested.

Section 17 (C) 4. Off Street Parking Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway
Section 17 (J) Off Street Parking: Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 20, 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: 366 Broadway
Map/Lot: E0-03-000112

Person Requesting: RD 366 Broadway LLC
366 Realty Trust, 345 Boylston Street Suite #300, Newton, MA 02459

PROPOSAL:

The 8,202 sq. ft. lot is located within the Business Zoning district. The applicant seeks to increase the existing structure at 366 Broadway and add one (1) new story to the existing two (2) story building for a total of three (3) stories. The new building will consist of twenty (24) units. Nine (9) parking spaces are provided for proposed building.

Reason for Denial:

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

1. Appendix A Section (6) B (2) (a) – Lot area 1.5 to 1 Maximum floor area ratio, the FAR for this project is at 2.15
2. Off Street Parking: TDM, to be completed at Planning Board Review.
3. The front yard requires relief in the form of a variance for the ten-foot requirement.
4. The side setbacks (left and right) will require a variance of seven feet.

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themselves available to the assemblage during the question-and-answer period and the informal meet-and-greet session that followed Lt. Reddy’s remarks.

“There are all different levels of the liquor licensing process, the package store, beer and wine, and malt levels, for example, but there is a lot of rules and regulations and paperwork in the process, and I know that Frances [Martinez] works with groups to get that done,” said Reddy. “But we can also help you do that. Mainly it is a function of City Hall, but we can steer you in the right direction to the resources that can help you,” continued Reddy.

The executive officer of the LPD Criminal Investigation Division, Reddy noted that it is the Lynn Police Department that is called upon to look at violations or problems that arise with the liquor licenses. “That’s when the Police Department becomes involved. Basically, we would be the ones looking to see if there was a complaint or a violation. The people that make the decision about what happens with your license, if there is a violation or a problem, is the Lynn Licensing Commission that has three members and meets twice monthly,” said Reddy. “I sit in on those meetings as an advisor, to speak on the Police Department’s point of view.

“I can tell you the Licensing Commission, as well as the Mayor and the City Council, the Chief of Police, and the Police Department want to see Lynn thrive and Lynn businesses thrive. They work very hard to make that happen. You can see during the last two years with the pandemic the leeway that the Licensing Commission is trying to give as long as you do it the right way – to put in outdoor seating, allow extra room, to allow businesses to stay open and not have to close,”

said Reddy. “We want to see Lynn prosper and that starts with having great people running these bars and restaurants. Our concern is that the businesses have to be run in a safe and diligent manner.” Martinez pleased by turnout

Martinez was pleased with the high turnout, notably so on a Monday night following the long Thanksgiving weekend. The spirit of cooperation between the business community and the Lynn Police was evident in the room. All participants wore face coverings throughout the program.

Martinez, whose organization has become the “go-to” resource for Latino and minority-owned businesses in the city, said her inspiration for the meeting was “to make sure everyone is on the same page.”

“As Lieutenant Reddy and Chief Reddy mentioned, we want to have businesses stay in business,” added Martinez. “We want to make sure the business owners understand the regulations and be able to have a good practice to run the business. It’s important for them to hear directly from our police department to understand that the goal for everyone is to have a successful business. Of course, there are regulations that everyone has to follow and that’s the meaning of this meeting.”

The meeting was not unprecedented, but it was historic in the sense that it was NSBLA’s first forum of this nature following the COVID-19 pandemic that severely impacted Lynn businesses.

“We had a similar meeting with the Lynn Police two years ago, but after the pandemic, this is the first one,” related Martinez. “We are excited by the great turnout. It is part of the work that the Association is doing, making sure that people get the information that is important to them. We look forward

ward to future meetings with the Lynn Police, who are our friends.”

Encarnacion lauds Lynn Police Department

The Lynn Police Department received praise from business owners for their participation in the forum.

“This was very informative for the business owners, especially those who have a liquor license in the city,” said Basilio Encarnacion, owner of Rincon Macorisano Restaurant, which is in the process of moving to Lewis Street. “Most of us don’t know 100 percent how to do this, so it’s great to have a good relationship with the Police in the community. That’s one way we can have a better community.”

COMMITTEE HEARS ABOUT DEMOGRAPHICS

REVERE - During a presentation by Revere Public Schools (RPS) Executive Director of Data and Accountability Jamie Flint to the Revere School Committee it was not surprising to see that 59 percent of Revere High School’s population is Latino while only 30 percent is White.

However, what may be surprising to some is the Latino enrollment in high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses does not reflect the demographics of the student population and RPS is hoping to change that.

According to Flint’s presentation at the November 16 meeting, Latino enrollment in Science and Technology AP courses is relatively equal with enrollment of White students with 39 percent being Latino and 38.1 percent being White.

However, the numbers seem to become more lopsided with only 37.9 percent being enrolled in English Language Arts AP courses, 36 percent enrolled in Math AP courses,

and only 35.5 percent being enrolled in AP Social Science courses at the High School. The one area where Latino students far outnumber White students in AP course enrollment is Foreign Language where 63.3 percent enrolled are Latino.

“The demographic breakdown really hasn’t changed dramatically over the last few years,” said Flint. “This is the current makeup of students enrolled in Revere High (AP courses). We continue to work on addressing the need for placement participation and (RHS) is very excited to partner with MathInsight-the same partner that we have in our equity audit.”

Flint said with this partnership RHS and MassInsight are looking at student participation and success in AP courses since last March.

“With MassInsight as a partner we will have an opportunity to work with other school districts to strategize on improving preparation and exam success, focusing on low income students in AP courses,” said Flint.

With input from other school districts, MassInsight and RHS are meeting bi-weekly and recently created a leadership group that works to help analyze student data around AP enrollment successes.

“They are very excited and report that by next year we’re going to start to see a more dramatic change in these AP course demographics because they’ve been working very hard at increasing their communication with families over AP coursework, as well as engaging teachers,” said Flint.

At the meeting Revere Superintendent Dr. Diane Kelly said RPS has been taking measures to get more Latino students enrolled in AP courses with the goal of having more Latino students taking advantage of honors-type courses.

“You’ll see that our stu-

dent population is 30% White and 59%, Hispanic or Latino,” said Kelly. “What we want to do is get to a space where our AP enrollment is reflective of our overall student enrollment and what Jaime has shown us is that that is not the case. Our goal is to have AP classes that are reflective of our overall student body. We also hope to tear down the kinds of barriers that prevent equitable access to rigorous curriculum so that all students can access this kind of work. One of the ways that we do that is by taking away the kind of rules that say things like, “You have to have been in honors classes in order to take AP courses”, and by taking away other kinds of rules and structures that we have historically created in our educational systems.”

TOWN’S WASTE WATER PREDICTS SPIKE IN COVID

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met on Nov. 23, where it learned about a recent spike in coronavirus cases.

COVID-19 Winthrop’s positive test cases had been declining in October, but more than doubled in the week leading up to the meeting. DPH Director Meredith Hurley said that analyses of the town’s wastewater foretold the increase. The percent positive rate sits at 2.3, but Hurley expects it to climb above 3 percent.

In Winthrop, 92 percent of adults aged 30 to 49 have received their first vaccine dose, and 84 percent fully are vaccinated. Seventy-six percent of adults aged 50 to 64 have received a first dose, and 70 percent are fully vaccinated. Eighty-seven percent of those in the 75 and older age bracket are partially vaccinated and 77 percent are fully vaccinated.

Seventy-three percent of children aged 12 to 15

and 79 percent of individuals aged 16 to 19 have received their first dose of the vaccination. There is currently no data on the vaccination rates of children ages 5 to 11.

Booster shots are now available for any fully vaccinated adult. The Town may be able to host local booster clinics depending on staff availability.

“There’s a plethora of supply out there for folks to get vaccinated,” said Dir. Hurley.

The Town will host a second pediatric vaccination clinic on Dec. 4 for children ages five to 11 at the Senior Center.

Councilor Rob DeMarco expressed hesitation to vaccinate his children, ages 8 and 11, because the long-term effects are as yet unknown. He suggested that other parents may have the same concerns. Dir. Hurley encouraged Councilor DeMarco and any concerned parents to “speak to a trusted healthcare professional.”

“Pediatricians should be making the time to have that conversation,” she said.

As of the date of the meeting, there had been no in-school spread of COVID.

Fire Department The Council promoted firefighter Eric Cusack to lieutenant, and Lt. David Higginbotham to fire captain. It swore in Cpt. Stephen Calandra as a fire prevention officer, and Devon Racow as a probationary firefighter. The men posed for photographs with their families and council members.

“I want to thank you all for your service,” Council Pres. Phil Boncore told the men. “It’s an outstanding job that you do.”

General Updates Early voting in the Dec. 14 senate special election is currently underway.

The council voted to allow National Grid to move existing poles and wires to enable construction to be completed in the marina.

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

**Mystic Side
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422 Main Street
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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-

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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

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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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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.

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North Shore Philharmonic makes a musical return to Revere

Hundreds of concert-goers poured into St. Anthony's Church Sunday for the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert, bringing with them two truckloads of food for the associated Food Drive and resuming a 45-year tradition that was wiped out last year because of the pandemic.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra and featured soprano Jean Danton kindled everyone's holiday spirits with a wonderful performance of classical holiday-themed music, topped off by the popular "Sing-along" of well-known Christmas carols.

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo delivered a stirring "Holiday Message" in which he commented about the gratitude and optimism reflected in the community as it emerges from the pandemic. His remarks expressed sentiments of those in need, and those who have helped out, and those who have perished during the excruciating months since the pandemic took hold in March of 2020.

Speaking "...in the voice of those who are gone..." the Mayor said: "Our optimism is that those we have left behind will fathom deep in their souls that life is too fragile, too tender, too valuable to squander with anger, envy, or hostility. Our optimism is that those we have left behind will look around them, grateful for their blessings, their health, and their chance to revel in the spirit and delights of the holiday season, now, every day hereafter."

Twenty-six members of the Revere High football team, who completed a successful 8-2 season on Thanksgiving Day, pitched in to help collect, box, load, and deliver some two tons of food to



Revere Mayor Brian M. Arrigo delivered a Holiday Message.

the Revere Food Pantry. Concert sponsor and co-chair Dom Bocchino, president of Bocchino Insurance Agency, remarked that the player's spirit and energy was a welcome sight both for concert goers and volunteers who were relieved of the task of carrying boxes upon boxes of food from the church into a truck. "The players were fantastic," said Bocchino. "They were walking out into the parking lot as people arrived and carrying the bags of food for them. They were filling boxes, loading the truck... they were just fantastic. They did in an hour what would have taken us two days!"

The concert audience, screened upon entrance for vaccination proof or negative covid test and required to wear masks throughout, was nonetheless enthusiastic and rose in standing ovation as Ms. Danton and the Orchestra, under conductor Robert Lehmann, played a rousing "Let There Be Peace On Earth" in the concert's traditional conclusion.

"The Orchestra and I enjoy this concert immensely," said Lehmann. "We are so thrilled to be back in Revere, where we always enjoy such a welcoming and excited reception."

Concert co-chair Robert Marra Jr. expressed gratitude to the concert sponsors Bocchino Insurance,

Arbella Insurance Foundation, Comcast, RCN, Global Partners, and Action Emergency Services, emphasizing the role of Action's Mike Zaccaria. "Not only did Michael contribute as a sponsor, but he provided the trucks to transport the food from the Church to the Food Pantry. That kind of community engagement is what makes this so special in so many ways."

"So many are involved in making this concert happen," he said, citing members of the St. Anthony's Church Confirmation Class who helped convert the Church's altar area to a concert stage; members of the St. Anthony's Holy Name Society who helped collect food, and volunteers who had the unenjoyable task of checking



Brass players in the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra are in the spirit during an encore performance of "Sleigh Ride."

vaccination cards and covid test results. "I think the overall circumstances could have been an obstacle, but I think everyone cooperated and were determined to have a great time. After missing out last year, this was special."

The Sounds of Christmas concert began in 1976 when the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra played a holiday concert at Revere High to mark the end of the nation's Bicentennial year. In 1977 the concert was relocated to St. Anthony's, where it

has been performed annually except for a three-year gap in the late 1980s and in 2020. The associated Food Drive began in 1991. In 2002, the concert was renamed in memory of violinist Robert A. Marra, lifelong Revere resident, Revere High teacher, and a founding member of the Orchestra who died in 2002. "It occurred to me that this year's concert marked 20 years since Dad played his last 'Sounds of Christmas' concert, and that made it all the more meaningful," said Marra.



Soprano Jean Danton entertains the audience.



Twenty-six members of the Revere High football team showed up to assist in packing the food donated to the concert and then delivering it to the Revere Food Pantry this winter.



North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra harpist Yvonne Cox during a selection from The Nutcracker.

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