





# Exelon Generation donates winter coats and gift cards to public school students

In renewing an annual tradition that supports our students, Exelon Generation has made a significant donation to the Everett Public Schools in time for winter and in advance of the holiday season.

Through its partnership with Operation Warm, Exelon Donation has purchased dozens of brand-new winter coats for the Webster School students. The coats will be equally distributed to EPS schools and given to students by principals. In addition, Exelon has made a \$20,000 donation to the district, which will be used to purchase Target gift cards for in-need students and families in time for the holidays.

“We are proud of our long tradition of helping

the students and families of the Everett Public Schools,” said Archie Gleason, General Manager, Northeast Region, Exelon Generation. “Whether it is by helping students dress warmly for our cold New England winters or providing assistance over the holidays, we cherish the chance to support the EPS.”

“On behalf of the EPS, my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Gleason and the employees of Exelon Generation for this thoughtful and timely donation,” said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani. “Support such as this is vital to our district’s efforts to help our students and families, particularly at this time of year.”



Some of the coats donated by Exelon Generation.



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

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With fewer people using the street crosswalks, it is estimated that this will add 28% more auto-traffic capacity to the lower Broadway area.

“When the project is completed, there will be better traffic mitigation,” Gordon added.

The event center will be largely a glass facade and clad in brick. The garage will be enclosed with metal panels.

The project in its entirety will include 26 percent green space with a num-

ber of trees and plantings surrounding the complex, not only on Mystic St., but also on other neighborhood streets such as Dexter St.

After the presentation, Planning Board Member Leo Pizzano had a series of questions for the Wynn team. Pizzano’s primary concern centered on making sure that the new complex would not have a detrimental impact upon the neighborhood.

The question of dumpsters being picked-up and

dropped -off on Dexter St. was raised, as well as the congestion that will be created by customers exiting the garage all at one time.

Officials pointed out that police details should be requested to help mitigate any potential traffic bottleneck

Pizzano also noted that unlike the current garage that does not have numbered spaces, it would be helpful to number the spaces.

Whether parking in the

garage will be free is still to be determined.

Gordon noted that several variances will be needed pertaining to restaurants, entertainment, and garage height and these will be discussed at future meetings.

The Planning Board voted unanimously for a continuance and will discuss the matter further at its meeting on January 3. Public comments also will be welcome.

## Longevity Pay / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Capone who introduced the motion. “This is my obligation as a city councillor to address residents’ concerns.”

Ward 6 Councillor Michael McLaughlin said, “This will have a lasting effect.” McLaughlin said

he agreed that the matter needs to be addressed, but felt that it should be taken up by the new City Council in 2022.

“The election is over. Let’s take politics out of this,” said Ward 3 Councillor Anthony DiPierro. “The mayor is entering his sixth term and he is the longest-serving mayor in Everett history. Let’s amend the language.”

Councilor Rosa DiFlorio echoed her colleagues, saying, “This should be left up to the new board. There is a lot of hate in this city and I would not take the position for \$1 million dollars.”

“I am not comfortable with repeal,” Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins said, “I am in favor of amending the language. There should be no cloudiness.”

“This is outrageous,” said Councillor-at-Large Michael Marchese. “This ordinance should be repealed.”

Councilor John Hanlon pointed out that former mayors, such as David Ragucci and John McCarthy, who served in the 1990s, received a salary of \$85,000 per year.

“Longevity is causing the problem. We should hire an outside law firm to review the ordinance,”

Hanlon said.

Councilor Jimmy Tri Le asked that both City Solicitor Coleen Mejia and Chief Financial Officer Eric Demaris appear before the council and asked Mejia to read the ordinance.

Le then asked if any laws were being broken and was he (DeMaria) entitled to the pay. Mejia noted that DeMaria has completed four terms and is entitled to the pay according to the formula as it appears in the ordinance.

In the end, Le shook his head at the longevity amount of \$40,000.

“This has to be resolved,” Councilor Richard Dell Isola said. “I agree with Councilor Capone, and we should look at it again.”

Council President Wayne Matewsky agreed. “This is confusing and has to be fixed,” he said.

In the vote that followed, a motion to revert the matter back to sponsor failed on a 5-5 vote. The motion to repeal the ordinance failed, 6-4, and the motion to reconsider also failed 6-4.

The councilors also looked at another motion by Capone to have DeMaria reimburse the taxpayers and the City of Everett \$180,000 for an alleged erroneous interpretation of the longevity bonus. The councilors voted to send this order to the mayor’s office for his response and further action unanimously was postponed until the next meeting to await the mayor’s response.

Presently, the base pay

without longevity bonuses for the Office of Mayor is \$191,000.

In other action, councilors approved the following appointments:

C0393-21 Appointment/s/Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, As President: That the Everett City Council hereby approves the appointment of Sioux Gerow to the Cultural Council for a term of three years, expiring December 13, 2024;

C0409-21 Appointment/s/Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, As President: That the Everett City Council hereby approves the appointment of Rejane DeMusis to the Cultural Council for a term of three years, expiring December 13, 2024;

C0410-21 Appointment/s/Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, As President: That the Everett City Council hereby approves the appointment of Karen McCune-Barca to the Cultural Council for a term of three years, expiring December 13, 2024

C0416-21 Appointment/s/Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, As President: That the Everett City Council hereby approves the appointment of Oscar O. Cortes to the Food Policy Council for a term of three years, expiring December 13, 2024;

C0417-21 Appointment/s/Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, As President: That the Everett City Council hereby approves the appointment of Lenka McNally to the Food Policy Council for a term of three years, expiring December 13, 2024;

C0418-21 Appointment/s/Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, As President: That the Everett City Council hereby approves the appointment of Clinton Ngamme to the Food Policy Council for a term of three years, expiring December 13, 2024; and

C0419-21 Appointment/s/Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, As President: That the Everett City Council hereby approves the appointment of Kristina Nies to the Food Policy Council for a term of three years, expiring December 13, 2024.

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14 Autumn LLC	Scibelli, Alfred	14 Autumn St	\$900,000
Tillu, Noorulain A	Cioffi-Mario, Dana	11 Bailey St #11	\$300,000
Aguilar, Jose M	Nogueira, Jose C	75 Belmont St	\$800,000
Okhihan, O	Kalfopoulos, Michael	93 Belmont St	\$770,000
Mengesha-Desta, Yiheyis	784 Broadway NT	784 Broadway	\$525,000
Bosques, Carlos	Garfield, Eric	43 Charlton St #B204	\$472,800
Dexter Street RT	Siv LLC	163 Ferry St	\$750,000
1-3 Godwin LLC	Philbin Middlesex RT	1 Godwin Pl	\$1,375,000
1-3 Godwin LLC	Philbin Middlesex RT	2 Godwin Pl	\$1,375,000
1-3 Godwin LLC	Philbin Middlesex RT	3 Godwin Pl	\$1,375,000
Deoliveira, Jose R	Whitney, Anna W	2 Hadley Ct	\$450,000
Kyab, Kirti	Zappitelli FT	28 Locust St	\$685,000
Bold Vision RE Soln LLC	Tibblanc, Fritznier	1 Magnolia Ct	\$350,000
Silva, Etienne	Mary L Tobin FT	24 Morris St	\$740,000
Williams&Norman LLC	2-12 Norman Everett LLC	2-16 Norman St	\$4,150,000
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Figaro, Lunemise	PPE Ventures LLC	6 Russell St	\$560,000

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# Boston Logan Airport officials celebrate opening of new Terminal C Canopy and Upper Deck

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), airline partners, and other stakeholders celebrated the completion of the new Terminal C Canopy and Upper Deck at Boston Logan International Airport. The two-year project increased the efficiency of the space by adding travel lanes and curb space at the terminal’s entrance for easier passenger pickups and drop-offs and created a modern canopy that provides more weather protection and natural light. This project plays a significant role in the overall roadway project that will reduce congestion between Logan’s two busiest terminals, B and C.

“We’re delighted to unveil the new Terminal C Canopy. This is just one of our key initiatives in a long-term plan to improve the customer experience, reduce congestion and air emissions, and build a more sustainable airport to support the region’s

economy,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we strategically advanced several key initiatives, like this one, to prepare the airport for the rebound in air travel and economic activity.”

Built in 1967, Terminal C is Logan Airport’s busiest terminal, and home to JetBlue Airways, Cape Air, Aer Lingus and TAP Air Portugal departures. The terminal served over 13.4 million passengers in 2019.

- Added four travel lanes and two curbs to the Departure level, and added two travel lanes and one curb to the Arrival level to reduce bottlenecks at the passenger drop-off and pickup areas;
- Replaced the old canopy with a bigger, sustainable structure that provides more natural lighting by using a skylight material, called Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene, or ETFE, that is more aesthetic, offers

more weather protection and natural light, and uses a much lighter material than a traditional glass canopy;

- Installed 10,000 square feet of new rooftop solar panels, estimated to generate enough electricity to power 12 homes per year; and
- Added three high-efficiency elevators at the terminal to improve pedestrian flow to and from Central Parking.

“This project is more than just putting a new roof over the terminal entrance. This is about ensuring Logan Airport provides a safe, modern and world-class facility while maintaining our commitment to sustainability,” said Massport Director of Capital Programs & Environmental Affairs Luciana Burdi. “Thanks to the collaboration of our airline partners and other stakeholders, our construction projects enhance the airport experience

for all travelers, from the roadway to the terminal gate. We appreciate the patience of our passengers throughout the process.”

A new plaque marking the completion of the Terminal C and Upper Deck project, in partnership with Gensler as the Lead Designer and Skanska as the Construction Manager, was also unveiled following the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The plaque will be permanently placed in the terminal’s entrance.

At Logan Airport, Massport is investing to support economic growth, facilitate connections, increase efficiency, and improve the customer experience. A number of other construction projects to improve the passenger experience at Logan are ongoing, including the Terminal B-C Connector project. This new course will connect Terminals B and C post-security with renovated hold room space public art and



Before



After

exhibits and renovated aircraft gates. The Connector is expected to be completed next summer.

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International

Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field and Worcester Regional Airport. For more information, please visit [massport.com](http://massport.com).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CITY OF EVERETT EARNS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City

of Everett for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

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Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

### MVES OFFERS VIRTUAL HEALTHY AGING WORKSHOP ON HEALTH EATING

### BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Mystic Valley Elder Services will present a FREE Virtual Healthy Aging workshop series called My Life; My Health: Healthy Eating for Successful Living, offered on Mondays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm from January 24 to March 7, 2022 (no class February 21). Throughout the series, you’ll learn more about how nutrition, physical activity and life-

style changes can promote better health. This virtual workshop series focuses on heart- and bone-healthy nutrition strategies to help maintain or improve wellness and prevent chronic disease development or progression in older adults. Healthy Eating uses the USDA’s MyPlate as a framework.

Mystic Valley Elder Services works with our neighbors in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford,

Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield, and Winthrop.

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### - LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



**BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**484 Broadway**  
**Everett, Massachusetts 02149**

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:00 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: 41 Wolcott Street**  
**Map/Lot: K0-01-000041**  
**Person Requesting: Mr. Hector Angel Trustee**  
**Wolcott St. Realty Trust**  
**45 High Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**PROPOSAL:**  
The owner wishes to convert the existing three (3) family dwelling into a six (6) family dwelling, the proposed construction will require enclosing in an existing three-story porch to create interior living space. This project exists in the Apartment District with a pre-existing nonconforming three family dwelling.

**Reason for Denial:**

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

- This is an existing non-conforming structure; the lot area 6913 square feet is below the required amount of 7000 square feet required to support the existing three family dwelling, therefore a special permit will be required to extend this nonconformity to create three additional units that would require a total of 10,000 square feet.
- The Frontage is only 50 feet, this is an existing nonconformity as 55 feet was required for the existing three-unit dwelling, 75 feet of frontage is now required, a special permit is needed to extend the existing nonconformity and to determine if this will be no more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing condition.
- The front yard is 12 feet+/- where it is required to be 20 feet.
- The existing building is non-conforming in that the side yard/s do not meet the required dimensions for minimum and total dimensions with 5.2' on the right side, where 10 feet is required.
- The vehicle parked at parking spot #1 appears to be unable to turn around nor is a method suggested on how this vehicle might be turned around, it may have to be backed out to the roadway.

**Zoning Ordinance Sections**

- 1). Section 3 paragraph C. Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a 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)
- 2). Section 5 B. Dimensional Requirements Line 1 a. Frontage Forty (40) feet plus five (5) feet per unit up to seventy (70) feet maximum required.
- 3). Section 5 B. Dimensional Requirements Line 1 b. Four thousand (4,000) square feet plus one thousand (1,000) square feet per unit up to a total of ten (10) units, then five hundred (500) square feet per unit for all units in excess of ten (10) units. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
- 5) Section 5 B Dimensional Requirements line 5 Front Yard a. Twenty (20 feet minimum of which ten (10) feet shall be used for landscaping?
- 6). Section 5-Dimensional Requirements line 6 Side Yard a. Ten (10) feet minimum up to and including three (3) stories and forty-five (45) feet in height.
- 7). 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"

MARY GERACE – Chairman  
Roberta Suppa - Clerk  
Board of Appeals

December 15, 2021  
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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**

**PROPOSAL:**

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 Broadway and Second Street

**Reason for Denial:**

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

- 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.
- The FAR proposed for this building will be 1.91, this will require relief in the form of .41.
- The new plan shows seven (7) windows within eight feet of where the proposed parking will be.

**Zoning:**

Section (3) General Requirements: (P): 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: (5) Side 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): Dimensional Requirements: (2) - Lot Area: a. Residential --1.5 to 1 maximum floor area ratio. (Ord. of

Section 6: (B): Dimensional Requirements: (6) Rear Yard: Twenty-five (25) feet minimum unless the lot extends from one (1) street to another street, in which case no rear yard is required, except for any residential use which shall require a ten-foot minimum.

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.

MARY GERACE – Chairman  
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## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING -- AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN MORE URGENT

*“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.”*  
-- Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that “perfect” gift for our family members and loved ones. Despite the pandemic that has ravaged our nation in so many ways, most Americans actually are doing okay, if not extremely well. Sure, the pandemic has made life inconvenient and not as enjoyable as usual for everybody, but most of us are getting along just fine. Those who are able to work from home have not suffered a loss of income. And for those among us who have any sort of investments, from real estate to the stock market to certain types of small businesses, the pandemic has been a boon.

However, the good economic news for the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable minority of our fellow citizens, the effects of the pandemic represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially.

To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to the pandemic.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what has existed in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called “warm glow” effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for donations to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity to do so in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate -- and there is no excuse for failing to do so.

## GOP’S OPPOSITION TO RACHAEL ROLLINS

The unprecedented opposition, accompanied by unprecedented vitriol, by the Republican members of the U.S. Senate to the nomination of Suffolk County District Atty. Rachael Rollins for the position of U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district has laid bare their driven agenda.

Here is what Tom Cotton, the odious Arkansas Senator, said during a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposing Ms. Rollins’s nomination:

“Miss Rollins appears to measure success as a prosecutor not by how many victims and innocent people she protects, but rather by how many criminals she keeps from facing consequences. If she’s confirmed as the US attorney, the cartels and the gangs that are fueling violence and death in our communities will be gleeful. Rachael Rollins wants to destroy the criminal justice system from within. That’s not hyperbole.”

Cotton’s last line -- “That’s not hyperbole” -- ordinarily would be laughable, but unfortunately it is illustrative of the way that leading GOP politicians are gas-lighting the country these days to appeal to the basest of their base.

Senator Cotton’s sham statement also has put on full display the propensity among leading GOP politicians to bully women, and that is doubly so for women of color. We recall the vote by Mitch McConnell and the GOP-controlled Senate in 2017 that silenced Senator Elizabeth Warren during the confirmation hearing for Jeff Sessions as U.S. Attorney General when she read a letter (which already was part of the Congressional Record) by Coretta Scott King in 1986 about Sessions. Later, a male senator read the same letter -- but without a peep from McConnell.

These GOP politicians are like the “tough” guys who have no hesitancy to engage in road-rage behavior when the other driver is a woman, but they shrink from honking, gesticulating, etc. if the other driver is a male.

Rachael Rollins had the full support of both of our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Ms. Warren, as well as the endorsement of many others, including former governor William Weld (who served as the U.S. Attorney in Mass. in the 1980s), Wayne Budd (another former U.S. Attorney here), Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty, and Revere Police Chief David Callahan (both of whom work directly with the Suffolk D.A.’s office on a daily basis).

Despite the roadblocks thrown up by the GOP senators, the nomination of Rachael Rollins finally was approved, though only because of a tie-breaking vote by vice-president Kamala Harris.

We wish to congratulate Ms. Rollins upon her confirmation and we look forward to her tenure as our U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district.

# Independent Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Somehow, some way, may this be a Christmas worth remembering

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We had difficulties when we were growing up in Martin county, Kentucky but overall, we thought we were doing okay. President Lyndon Johnson came to Inez, Kentucky in 1964 to let us know we weren’t doing very well. He began his campaign in our community and we became the poster child for American poverty. We hadn’t really thought of ourselves as poor until we started hearing about ourselves in the news.

I had numerous friends who didn’t get much for Christmas. Often it was one or two small gifts or nothing at all.

Several classmates at my elementary school in Tomahawk, Kentucky were fortunate if they had a coat to wear in the winter. Ragged looking shoes on a kid’s feet during the winter was a common sight.

Several classmates came to school to wash their faces and hands in the boys’ bathroom. The school lunch was the only decent meal some of the kids ate during the week.

It was a while before

President Johnson’s 1964 promises started helping our area. Even with the roll out of government assistance many families subsisted until the coal boom of the seventies which has almost died. Today our county is reinventing itself with agriculture, a service center to aid bitcoin mining, tourism and small businesses.

I don’t remember every Christmas, but I remember one. My dad broke his back falling off a barn when I was a child. He was out of work for several months and in those days, we didn’t have government safety nets to see us through tough financial times. Christmas came as usual and we did put up a tree. Our family gathered on Christmas Eve and we had food, fellowship and laughter. We always raised a garden and my parents stored food so it came in handy during tough times.

I expected nothing for Christmas that year because the heaviness of family financial pressure was obvious even as a child. Surprisingly, my mother handed me a small wrapped box that Christ-

mas Eve and said Merry Christmas. I was shocked because I expected nothing that year. Opening the box, I found a watch that had numbers that glowed in the dark. It may have cost \$5 but it was priceless to me. I was thrilled and wore it every night to just look at the glowing numbers.

Dad was recuperating that Christmas. His temporary disability and our financial stress made life gloomy for us that year. Yet, here I am remembering that Christmas as one of the best of all. It was during that Christmas that I remember the presence of family. Mom and dad were alive. We had food to eat. We had a roof over our heads and our family had each other.

This may not be your best Christmas, but maybe, just maybe you can still have Christmas.

The empty chair is painful. Depression is real. Financial or other personal difficulties may have disabled you. Millions have died from Covid-19. Thousands are suffering from horrific tornadoes and loss of life. Hurricanes have pounded us in the East and fires

have incinerated our West. In the midst of all this inflation eats away at America’s paychecks like an unchecked malignancy.

The message of Christmas is the story of peasant parents, enduring difficult travel, taxes to be paid and no place to sleep but a barn and a cow’s trough for their newborn baby. Somehow, they found strength in each other and in God who brought them and their baby through a very difficult time. We never forget their story and their plight, it’s truly a Christmas worth remembering.

We are going to remember this Christmas, no doubt. Somehow, somehow, with God’s help and each other, may this be a Christmas worth remembering.

*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.*

## Justice Department awards over \$17.5 million to support local project safe neighborhoods

The Department of Justice has awarded \$314,273 to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EO-PSS) to administer Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant funds in the District of Massachusetts. Since the program began in 2001, nearly \$7 million in federal grant funds have been allocated to the District of Massachusetts’s violent crime reduction efforts.

PSN is a Department of Justice nationwide violent-crime reduction initiative coordinated by the U.S. Attorney’s Offices. PSN brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address those issues. While the initiative was first launched in 2001, the Department strengthened the program in May 2021 by implementing a new strategy focused on reducing violent crime in the places we call home, not solely increasing the number of arrests or prosecutions.

Each U.S. Attorney’s Office across the United States is responsible for creating a comprehensive strategy for reducing violent crime. The District of Massachusetts established an extensive network of law enforcement and community partners who have been fundamental to this strategy’s success in six target cities: Boston, Brockton, Lawrence, New Bedford, Springfield and Worcester.

The distribution of grant funds to target cities across the state has enabled communities and organizations to implement programming focused on after-school activities, education, employment, re-entry for returning citizens, law enforcement/community collaboration, and public service outreach projects, among others.

In Massachusetts, PSN projects include:

- Developing and sustaining community/law enforcement partnerships and strengthening their capabilities in targeted communities across the state by maximizing federal resources;
- Collaborating with state and local law en-

forcement on violent crime and illegal firearm prosecutions;

- Providing training for nearly 4,500 law enforcement personnel and community members on topics such as advancements in technology, empowering neighborhoods on addressing gang prevention; updates on new innovative community programs and partnerships; and officer safety training;
- Supporting community partners and outreach programs to address re-entry barriers for returning citizens and empower youth to resist gang recruitment;
- Formulating tools to measure the performance of projects funded with PSN and other federal grants.

“Shootings and other violent crimes cause dev-

astating injuries and death for victims, of course, but they also destabilize the communities in which they occur. That is why this Office continues to prioritize violent crime reduction efforts through the PSN initiative,” said Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell. “This funding, in addition to the continued collaboration with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners, will enable us to develop tailored strategies that target the most violent criminals and make our communities safer.”

PSN programs are led by U.S. Attorneys’ Offices in collaboration with local public safety agencies, community stakeholders and other agencies and organizations that work to reduce violent crime.

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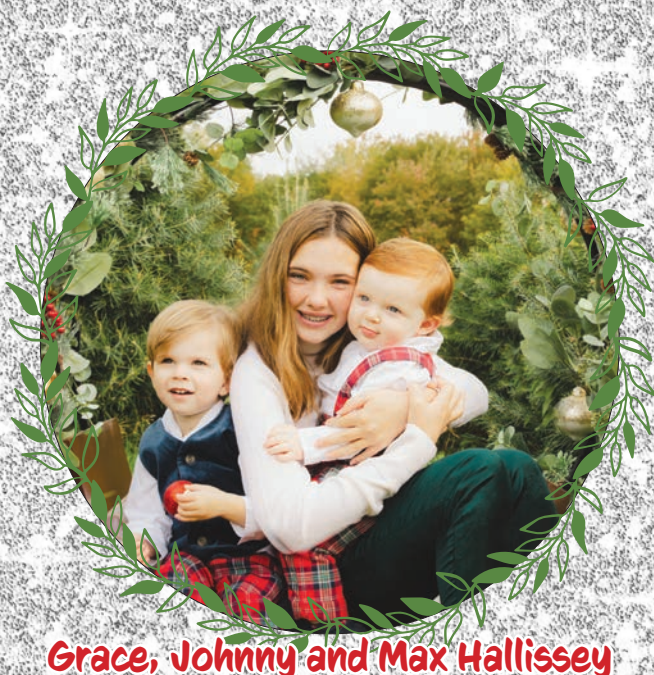
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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

Mystic Side  
Congregational Church  
422 Main Street  
Everett, MA

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](http://zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto:office@zionchurchministries.com)

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

NA Meetings – Mon.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 2 services on Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese Dinka

Come all and let us walk together in this sea-

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CITY OF EVERETT’S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The City of Everett celebrated its annual tree lighting ceremony in Everett Square on Friday night, Dec. 10.

Families enjoyed holiday festivities, such as face painting, hot cocoa, and pictures with Santa, while waiting for the big event.



Zaleia Figueroa may have gotten the Grinch face paint but was still wary about meeting The Grinch in person.



Elena O’Connor dances to “Rudolph The Red Noise Reindeer.”



Sophia Osborne with her grandfather Jim Dennis added a Fourth of July element to their Christmas holiday fun.



John Pelligrini, musical director at Immaculate Conception Church sings “Please Come Home For Christmas” by The Eagles.



Bishop Brown of Zion Church offers the opening prayer and sings “The Christmas Song”.



Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria (second from left) with his wife Stacy, their daughters Alexandra and Caroline, and son Carlo, with the lit tree.



Fabio and Wieland Elias share some holiday joy.



Caleb Olenik visits with Santa and Mrs Claus in the Everett Library.



Everett City Councilor John Hanlon gets a selfie with fellow Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico (second from left) and his wife Tricia with Everett Mayor Carlo De-Maria and his wife Stacy.



Hafsa and Abderrahim Mhellioui with Mickey and Minnie Mouse.



Jessica and Davi Sampaio with Mickey and Minnie Mouse.



Gina DeFreitas aka Peppermint Patty rises above the crowd to bring magical joy to the kids in Everett.



Amelia Le gives The Grinch a high-five.



Rosie Moscone keeps a watchful eye on The Grinch as her mom Krista and brother Anthony are confident he won’t try to steal Christmas again.



The United Girl Scout Troops Of Everett sing “Winter Wonderland.”



A long line of visitors wait to meet with Santa at the Everett Library.



# CITY OF EVERETT'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Santa and Mrs Claus take the stage with some other famous characters the audience would recognize.



City Councilor Mike McLaughlin, Carlo DeMaria (father of Everett's Mayor), Mike Mangan, Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico with his wife Tricia, Everett High School Senior Class President Shawn Shiea (2nd from right), Deputy Fire Chief William Hurley 3rd (far right) and his son William 4th, and Everett Public Schools Music Director Gene O'Brien (in front).



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