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EVERETT IN THE SNOW



The signs says Welcome to Everett, it wasn't meant for the snow last Friday. See page 8 for more snow photos.



Not many bike rentals last Friday.



Shoveling snow is a ritual in New England, everyone can do without.



The monument of Lt. Joseph Wehner WWI U.S. Army watches over Everett as the snow falls last Friday morning.



Everett residents clearing their vehicles off early on Friday to begin the day.

Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian joins Executive Board of Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration

Special to the Independent

Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration (LEL) has announced that Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian – a founding member – has joined the group’s executive board.

LEL was established in 2015 with a goal of identifying and implementing solutions to reduce both crime and incarceration through a focus on four primary areas including increasing alternatives to arrest and prosecution (especially for mental health and drug treatment); strengthening community-law enforcement ties; reforming mandatory minimums; and restoring balance to criminal laws.

LEL is comprised of over 200 current and former police chiefs, sheriffs, federal and state prosecutors, attorneys general and correctional officials from



Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian.

all 50 states.

“At the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office, we work side-by-side with community leaders and local organizations as well as our state and federal partners to enhance public safety through innovative and cutting-edge data-driven initiatives,” said Sheriff Koutoujian. “I am honored to join Law Enforcement Leaders as an executive board member. I look forward to highlighting not only the work we are doing at the MSO, but

lifting up the efforts of our colleagues across the nation to enhance public safety, strengthen police-community relations and improve outcomes for justice-involved individuals and their families.”

Sheriff Koutoujian, retired Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best and current Ramsey County (MN) Attorney John J. Choi join current executive board members including former Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O’Toole to form the new board.

“Law Enforcement Leaders is thrilled to welcome three new members— Sheriff Peter Koutoujian,

Chief Carmen Best (Ret.), and Ramsey County Attorney John J. Choi—to the Executive Board,” said Executive Director Ronal Serpas. “Each member brings a unique law enforcement perspective and will draw from decades of experience and leadership in their respective fields. Together, they will strengthen the Board and spearhead LEL as it seeks to fulfill its mission to reduce crime and mass incarceration.”

To learn more about Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration, its goals and members, please visit lawenforcementleaders.org.

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Everett City Council addresses homeless encampment

By Stephen Quigley

The recently-inaugurated City Council was ready to start its business for the New Year with all councilors present at the January 10 meeting.

The problem of the growing number of tents and homeless encampments near Santilli Circle had the councilors more than a little concerned.

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, one of the sponsors of a motion asking representatives from the city’s Inspectional Services Dept. (ISD) and from the Police Dept. to come to the council to discuss the issue, cautioned his fellow members that this encampment was near a school and “it could get worse.”

Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky echoed this concern, recalling the fire last year at the encampment area and noting that the encampment is just down the street from the \$3 billion dollar casino.

“We cannot just throw them out, but we have to do something,” said Councilor at Large Richard Dell Isola, adding that he and his son have brought down supplies for those living there. “They are on state property, but this is our city.”

The council then voted to refer the motion to the Public Safety Committee and requested representatives from the ISD and the Police Dept. to appear.

The controversial mat-

ter of compensation and longevity pay for the office of the mayor once again was discussed by the council.

Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins sponsored a motion that the issue be discussed at a special meeting of the council, which is formally known as a Committee of the Whole.

“We should put politics aside and talk about the compensation of the office of mayor now and in the future,” said Martins, who added that at this meeting all compensation should be discussed, as well as taking into consideration the compensations of mayors and city managers in other communities.

“I have no problem with the salary of the mayor, but with the longevity section,” said Councilor at Large Michael Marchese, who voiced the view that the issue does not need a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole, but should be discussed right now.

However, Martins countered by stating that a special meeting would be beneficial and will provide an opportunity for the council to go into depth on the question since there will be no other matters before the councilors.

“This issue has been kicked around,” said Matewsky, who also noted that whatever the council does, the new regulations will not take effect for

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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast is canceled due to COVID

Staff Report

Bishop Robert Brown, Senior Pastor of Zion Church Ministries’ 17th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, has been canceled due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 cases in the area.

The breakfast in honor of the Rev. Dr. King, the outstanding civil rights leader and orator, had been planned for Monday morning at the Edward G. Connelly Center.

“We decided to cancel the breakfast because of the COVID situation,” Bishop Brown said Tuesday. “The COVID cases just kept going up and

people were getting nervous, and I can understand that. We are going to try to do an event virtually, likely on the following Sunday [Jan. 23].

Bishop Brown said the MLK Breakfast was canceled for the second year in a row due to COVID. The last Zion Ministries’ MLK Breakfast was held in January, 2020.

TRASH DELAY

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January 17, 2022,

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The council voted to refer the motion to the mayor with a response expected by the council's first meeting in February.

Practice home heating safety during cold snap

With bitter cold temperatures heading our way, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding residents to “Keep Warm, Keep Safe” and avoid fire and carbon monoxide hazards while heating their homes this week.

“Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are your first line of defense,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “They should be installed on every floor of the residence and tested monthly to be sure they’re working properly. If an alarm is ‘chirping’ due to low batteries, replace the batteries right away – don’t disable the alarm. If the alarm is more than 10 years old, it’s time to replace it.”

Space Heaters

“It’s important to keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power strip, and remember that they’re for temporary use. Always turn a space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.”

When purchasing a space heater, select one that’s been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). New-

er space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Unvented kerosene space heaters are illegal for sale and use in Massachusetts, officials said: the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning that they pose is too great.

Fireplaces, Woodstoves, and Pellet Stoves

Fireplaces, woodstoves, and pellet stoves should also be used safely. Open the dampener before lighting a fire; use only dry, seasoned wood; don’t use flammable liquids to start the fire; and keep a three-foot “circle of safety” around the fireplace or stove free of anything that can burn. Shovel ashes from the stove or fireplace into a metal bucket with a metal lid and place it outside on the ground away from the building. Officials recommend having the chimney inspected and flue cleaned at the beginning of the heating season: most chimney fires occur because of a build-up of creosote, a tarry byproduct of burning wood.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner with a pilot light, keep the three-foot “circle of safety” clear of anything that could catch fire, and don’t store gasoline, painting

supplies, or other flammable solvents in the home: their vapors can be ignited by a pilot light. These heating systems should be checked each year, as well. If you smell gas, don’t use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Reminder

“Carbon monoxide is the #1 cause of fatal poisonings, and home heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide in the home,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide, but CO alarms can alert you to the danger. If your CO alarm activates, leave the residence and call 9-1-1.

Create and Practice a Home Escape Plan

Everyone should have a home escape plan that accounts for two ways out of every room, and everyone should be able to open the doors and windows along the way. Remember that children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need extra assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the “Keep Warm, Keep Safe” tool kit for local fire departments and care providers, on the DFS web site.

NEWS BRIEFS

EVERETT CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett is actively seeking applicants to join the Everett Cultural Council. This opportunity may interest individuals who support and take interest in the oriented-arts, humanities, and recreation programs throughout the City. The Cultural Council creates opportunities for funding that allow residents to host events pertaining to the above subjects. Members will be appointed by the Mayor and will serve for a 3-year term. Members are allowed a maximum of 2 consecutive terms as Cultural Council volunteer (total of 6 years) and may serve again after a 1-year break.

“As Mayor, it has always been important for me to make sure that my administration offers a variety of cultural programs, events, and opportunities for our residents. Funding from these grants will allow the City to continue to build upon its cultural needs,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. Culture and arts are an important part of our community and the grants allow us to host events such as exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, as well as performances in schools, lectures and workshops. Mayor DeMaria continues to integrate arts and culture into the community and the Everett Cultural Council will help with this task immensely. Those seeking to apply can contact Deanna Deveney at Deanna.deveney@ci.everett.ma.us. For more information on the Cultural Council visit www.MassCulturalCouncil.org and click on “Local Cultural Council Program.”

CHA RENAMES OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY CENTERS

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) Women’s Health Centers have a new name. All three centers in Cambridge, Somerville and Revere are now called CHA Obstetrics and Gynecology Centers.

CHA Obstetrics and Gynecology Centers focus on providing safe and equitable gynecological, reproductive health as well as prenatal and postnatal care. “We care about all of our patients, every day,” said Kate Harney, MD, CHA’s chief of obstetrics and gynecology.

In 2021, CHA’s Labor, Delivery and Postpartum services were named among the top 100 in the country by Newsweek magazine. This recognition, along with a Leapfrog A grade and distinguished awards from the Lown Institute for Value of Care, Health Equity, Cost Efficiency, Inclusivity and more, demonstrate the high quality Obstetrics & Gynecology care patients receive at CHA.

“One of the important reasons we were added to the list of best maternity services in the country is our commitment to equity,” said Dr. Harney. “The department prioritizes removing barriers to care and by changing our name, we’re making our

centers more inclusive, especially for transgender and gender diverse patients.”

MVES OFFERS VIRTUAL HEALTHY AGING WORKSHOP

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) 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 lifestyle 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.

Learn how to connect virtually thru a Zoom platform and take the classes from the comfort of your home. Class size is limited so reserve your spot today. To register, or if you have any questions about the program, contact Donna Covelle at dcovelle@mv.es.org or call 781-388-4867.

About Mystic Valley Elder Services

Celebrating 45 Years of helping older adults keep their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY: CHECK CO ALARMS AND KEEP VENTS CLEAR OF SNOW

With the season’s first significant snow, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey reminded residents to test their carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and keep dryer, furnace, and other exhaust vents clear of snow.

“Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of fatal poisoning, and home heating equipment is the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “As part of your storm planning, check your CO alarms to be sure they’re working properly, and if an alarm is more than five to seven years old, replace it.”

Residents should also be sure to keep outside vents clear of falling, drifting, or shoveled snow. In January 2005, 7-year-old Nicole Garofalo died

when a heating vent was blocked by snow drifts outside, allowing carbon monoxide to accumulate inside her Plymouth home. This tragedy led to Nicole’s Law, which requires CO alarms on every habitable level of a Massachusetts residence.

“Fuel-fired heating appliances like dryers, furnaces, boilers, and fireplaces are all sources of carbon monoxide,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “If the vent or flue is blocked, this poisonous gas can reach deadly levels inside the home. Know where the vents on your home are, be sure to clear them when shoveling, and be careful not to blow snow onto them if using a snowblower.”

Massachusetts fire departments reported nearly 18,000 CO incidents in 2020, officials said, and 92% were in residential settings. The poison gas can cause headache, fatigue, dizziness, and/or nausea at lower concentrations and death at higher concentrations. Exposure while asleep is particularly dangerous.

“We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide, but we can detect it with working CO alarms,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “If your alarm sounds, get outside and call 9-1-1.”

For more information on carbon monoxide and CO alarms, visit the DFS website.

SHOVELING TODAY? REMEMBER THE MAILBOX

It takes more than a few flakes to deter letter carriers from making their appointed rounds throughout New England. “But, if they cannot reach your mailbox, they cannot deliver your mail,” said David Guiney, Postmaster of Boston.

“The Postal Service treats safety and service with equal priority,” Guiney said, “That’s why we remind you to include that mailbox in your snow removal routine.”

Letter carriers are on the front line of severe weather conditions. Doorstep deliveries, painted porches and steps quickly grow hazardous. “While salting and rubber-backed mats help, we rely on you to clear the snow,” Guiney said. “If there’s a warm spell, and the melting snow puddles, a quick freeze can make a sidewalk slick again.”

Residents who receive delivery to roadside mailboxes also must keep the approach to, and exit from, the mailbox clear of snow or any other obstacles, like trash cans and other vehicles. “The carrier needs to get in, and then out, without leaving the vehicle or backing up,” said Guiney. “The area near the mailbox should be cleared in a half-moon shape to give the carrier full visibility.”

“Please watch for slow-moving postal vehicles, carriers on foot, and children that play near mailboxes or snow banks,” he said. “And don’t zip by neighbors who are clearing mailboxes or collecting their mail. Let’s all stay safe.”

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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WE MUST NEVER FORGET THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

As we were watching the recent coverage by the media of the events of a year ago on January 6, we were struck by the contrast between the Trump Mob’s violent storming of the Capitol and the many peaceful marches on Washington that have occurred during our lifetime.

Perhaps the most-famous of the non-violent protests occurred on a steamy summer day in August, 1963, when more than 250,000 Americans from all across the country gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to demand “jobs and freedom,” an event that was climaxed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s immortal “I Have a Dream” speech.

The March on Washington was famous not only for Dr. King’s iconic words, but also because the unprecedented mass gathering of Americans was completely calm. Pundits and others had predicted rioting, but there were no arrests, no incidents, no violence -- a stark contrast to the events perpetrated by Trump’s Mob.

The March on Washington and Dr. King’s many other peaceful protests of that era galvanized support for the goals of “jobs and freedom,” eventually resulting in laws such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act that ended segregation in the South and discrimination in the North.

Even though the best efforts of a revered figure such as Dr. King could not stem the tide of violent rioting that marked the 1960s, most notably Watts in 1965, Detroit in 1967, and Chicago in 1968, it is Dr. King’s legacy of peaceful protest that endures today.

For those of us old enough to remember the 1960s, it’s hard to believe that it has been almost 54 years since Dr. King was assassinated while he was standing on a balcony in a motel room in Memphis, where Dr. King was marching to show his solidarity with that city’s striking trash collection workers.

Every school child for the past generation knows well the story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. But an elementary school textbook cannot truly convey the extent to which he brought about real change in our country. To anyone under the age of 50, Dr. King is just another historical figure.

But for those of us who can recall the 1960s, a time when racial segregation was lawful throughout half of our country and a stealthy racism prevailed throughout the other half, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stands out as one of the great leaders in American history, a man whose stirring words and dedication to his cause changed forever the historical trajectory of race relations in America, a subject that some historians refer to as the Original Sin of the American experience.

However, as much as things have changed for the better since 1968 in terms of racial equality in our society, the events of the past year -- from the January 6 riot to the countless voter-restriction laws aimed at minority communities in Southern states -- also have made it clear that we still have a long way to go before it can be said, as Dr. King put it in his speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

“What would Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. do if he were alive today?” we often ask ourselves. We can’t say for sure, but we do know that although Dr. King accomplished much in his lifetime, he would be the first to understand that the work for which he gave his life still is far from done.

Dr. King advocated for non-violent protest and he practiced what he preached. That’s a lesson that must be re-learned by each succeeding generation. We can only hope that his courage and perseverance will continue to inspire present and future Americans to bring about a world in which all persons are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

The way to combat the horror of Jan. 6, is to abolish the filibuster

By Assistant Speaker
Katherine Clark (MA-5)

In 1787, upon exiting the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin was approached by a group of people who asked him what kind of government the delegates had created. His answer: “A republic, if you can keep it.”

On January 6, 2021, we almost lost it.

As I approached the Capitol one year ago today, rioters waving white supremacist flags were at the top of the Capitol steps. The smell of tear gas and an angry roar filled the air. For seven years, I had been coming to my Capitol Hill office, prepping for hearings, writing remarks, preparing for votes and meeting with constituents. But that day, my home away from home, our nation’s democratic heart, was on fire.

I spent the next six hours alone in my office checking in on colleagues and staff. I was in disbelief that this was happening in our country and praying no one would be harmed.

Even now, I can’t comprehend the violence, destruction, and mayhem of that afternoon.

But finally, in the late hours of January 6, with broken glass and blood on the floors, we certified the election of Joe Biden. A few weeks later, I at-

tended President Biden’s inauguration on the very platform the rioters had scaled. As I listened to the familiar question of the national anthem—“does that star-spangled banner yet wave?”—it took on a new poignancy and answer: for now.

The Capitol building has been repaired. But the threats we face are as real now as they were a year ago. Despite a seditious coup attempt meant to overthrow the election, not a single piece of federal voting protection legislation has been signed into law.

In fact, Republicans continue to lead a coordinated effort to push misinformation and erode voting rights. Encouraged by Republican party leaders and lawmakers, 68 percent of Republican voters believe the November 2020 election was fraudulent—even though there is zero evidence to support this false claim. In 2021 alone, 33 voter suppression laws have been passed in 19 states across America, and more than 425 bills with provisions that restrict voting have been introduced.

Democracy cannot survive voter suppression laws that substitute the will of the people for the will of a few.

In response, House Democrats passed H.R. 1, the For the People Act,

in March, a package of pro-democracy and anti-corruption reforms that will reduce the influence of money in politics, strengthen ethics laws, ensure accurate elections, and protect voting rights. In July, we passed H.R. 4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, to restore key protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, modernize it, and protect voters from discrimination. And in December, we passed the Protecting Our Democracy Act to strengthen America’s democratic institutions and protect them against future presidents who seek to abuse the power of their office.

But as of this writing, they are all languishing in the Senate.

The vast majority of Republicans in the House and Senate simply won’t put democracy ahead of their own desperate pursuit of power. Every day, they attack our democracy by promoting the Big Lie, refusing to participate in the January 6 investigation, and supporting voter suppression laws. They have proven time and again that their political goal is undermining our democracy instead of standing up for its survival.

So, we must go it alone. And to do that, we must abolish the filibuster.

In the past year, it has

become clear that the Senate filibuster has been weaponized against voting rights. The filibuster was designed to give the minority party in the Senate a counter to simple majority rule. In practice, a Senator could speak on the floor to stall a vote and attempt to sway their colleagues to join them in opposition by prolonging debate. In the decades since, the filibuster rule has been modified four times, changing from a rare practice that required standing on the Senate floor for hours at a time into its current form: a routine, 60-vote supermajority requirement for almost every piece of legislation.

Our country’s future depends on our ability to be honest about the prospects of bipartisanship, the state of the Republican Party, and what we all witnessed on January 6. President Biden, too, has acknowledged that we can’t allow the filibuster to stand in the way of passing voting rights legislation.

We must abolish the current filibuster to protect the vote and fair elections. The future of the republic depends on it.

Katherine Marlea Clark is a United States representative for Massachusetts’s 5th congressional district, and as the assistant House Democratic leader.

LETTER to the Editor

OUTSTANDING WORK ON SAVING A LIFE

To the Editor:
On January 9, Everett 911 received an emergency call at 11:39PM reporting a 15-day old child with difficulty breathing. Within 2 minutes, Everett Fire and Everett Police arrived. They witnessed the infant

in serious condition with shallow respirations and a faint pulse. While in the ambulance, Cataldo Paramedics and EMTs recognized the infant’s condition to be declining and immediately began life saving measures.

The actions and team work of all individuals partnered with the team at CHA Everett on created a

successful outcome, saving this young life. The infant was stabilized at CHA before being transferred to Boston Children’s Hospital for further care.

“I’d like to recognize the outstanding work of Everett Firefighters Paul Covelle and Ian Tweedale, Everett Police Department members Sgt. Cristiano, Officer Wall, and Officer

Flores as well as Cataldo Paramedics and EMTs Todd Hodgkiss, Adam Riley, Devin Morrison, and Rob Czujuk. While incidents similar to this happen frequently, our first responders consistently deliver professionalism, excellent care, and outstanding service.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria

McGonagle, DA Ryan testify on RMV fines and licensure

Representative Joe McGonagle, along with Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan testified before the Joint Committee on Transportation concerning Rep. McGonagle’s bill H.3535, An Act allowing for partial payment of fines relating to driver’s license suspension or revocation. The bill is accompanied by the Senate version, S.2307 sponsored by Senator Sal DiDomenico.

The bill allows those who licenses have been suspended or revoked but have completed all other requirements to re-

gain their license except payment of their fines to enter into a repayment plan. Currently, the RMV cannot accept partial payments, so residents in these situations must either pay in full or not at all. According to Ryan during yesterday’s testimony, this causes more people to drive on suspended or revoked licenses, leading to further penalties.

During his testimony, Rep. McGonagle spoke from personal experience, having former employees who faced continuous roadblocks of not having their licenses due to their

owed fees. He says the breaking point came a few years ago when a constituent approached him about his issue and reached out to DA Ryan to see what could be done.

“This bill just makes sense,” said McGonagle. “You can only qualify for this repayment plan if you’ve met all the other requirements for license reinstatement, but this just lessens the burden of having to pay a sizable amount all at once. Instead paying \$2000 out of pocket, you can pay a little as \$25 a month and start driving again, which is critical for

many in their daily lives. The bill also safeguards against defaulters, that if you miss a payment, your license is suspended again. We are trying to give our residents the help and support they deserve. I am grateful to DA Ryan and her office for their support and also to my colleague Senator DiDomenico and his staff.”

The bill is before the Joint Committee on Transportation, led by House Chair William Straus and Senate Chair John Keenan.

Archdiocese of Boston extends mask requirements for Masses

In the light of the continued growth in the numbers of new COVID cases, Cardinal Seán is extending the current mask mandate.

It is mandated that that throughout the Archdiocese of Boston all people attending public Masses, includ-

ing weddings and funerals, wear masks. This is an extension of the mandate currently in effect, and expires on Thursday, March 3, 2022, which is the day after Ash Wednesday.

Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers,

choir members, and instrumentalists, must all wear masks except when they are speaking.

Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.

In addition, all churches must continue to provide a designated area in which social distancing is respected for those who want to use it.

Parishes should have masks available for people inasmuch as possible.

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WINTER PARKING 2022

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Lewis Cine named Defensive MVP as Georgia beats Alabama for national title

By Cary Shuman

Former Everett High football star Lewis Cine helped the University of

Georgia claim the college football championship in a 33-18 victory over Alabama Monday at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Cine, who was an All-Scholastic defensive back at Everett High under head coach John DiB-

iaso, had seven tackles and a key breakup of a pass in the red zone in the game that was televised nationally on ESPN. A 6-foot-1-inch, 200-pound defensive back, Cine led the Georgia defense as it limited Alabama and its Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, Bryce Young, to one touchdown in the game.

Cine was selected as the Defensive Player of the Game. He was interviewed by ESPN's Reece Davis following the game. Davis said the Georgia defense "has been talked about as being one of the best in the modern era of college football."

"After this performance tonight and a national championship, where does this defense rank – how should it be evaluated?"



PHOTO TAKEN DURING ESPN BROADCAST

Reece Davis of ESPN interviews Defensive Player of the Game Lewis Cine of the Georgia football team after the game.

Reece asked Cine. "I think our defense is definitely in the history books for what we've done all year round," replied Cine. "Credit to the coaches, credit to the players, all the guys that we did this with – so we definitely made the history books."

Cine played three years in the Everett High football program, helping the Tide win back-to-back Division 1 Super Bowls in the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

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THE EHS CRIMSON TIDE FOOTBALL TEAM PRESENTED SWEATSHIRTS FROM THE 2021 SEASON

Last Monday afternoon, Head Coach Rob DiLoreto and his staff presented the team their new sweatshirts as gifts from the school. DiLoreto added his apologies about no pizza, but also added there is room for a later date. Coach Rob also commented on how proud he is of the leadership on the team and expressed his gratitude to the 32 seniors leaving EHS and moving on to their new future.

On a sad note, Jacob Ward lost his dad last week and Coach DiLoreto asked for a moment of silence for respect of their teammate. Coach DiLoreto also named four captains for the 2022 season and added, prove yourself as a leader on and off the field and there is room for more. Congratulations to Jacob Ward, Nick Raymond, Karmarri Ellerbe and Jaiden Coriano.



Asst. Coach Miller presents JJ Costa his new Crimson Tide Sweatshirt.



Asst. Tide Coaches, Chris Miller and Carol Manuel sort out the sizes for the players.

EHS Roundup

EHS SPORTS TEAMS SWING BACK INTO ACTION

The Everett High winter sports teams will resume their 2022 season this week after the one-week layoff that was imposed upon all Greater Boston League (GBL) athletic programs by the unanimous decision of the GBL schools because of the widespread Omicron variant of COVID-19 in area communities. Coach Stanley Chamblain and his EHS boys basketball team, who stand at 3-0 in the GBL and 4-2 overall, were scheduled to host Lynn English last night (Tuesday) and will trek to Somerville tomorrow (Thursday) evening. They will take on non-league foe No. Quincy on Monday at Cathedral High School and will make the short trip down the

Parkway to Revere next Wednesday. Coach Riley Dunn and her Lady Crimson Tide hoop squad, who have dropped a pair of heartbreaking two-point games thus far this season, were looking for their first win of the 2022 campaign at Lynn English last night (Tuesday). They will entertain Somerville tomorrow (Thursday), non-league rival Dracut on Friday, and Revere next Tuesday. Coach Jehu Cimea and his EHS boys and girls indoor track teams return to action today (Wednesday) vs. Lynn Classical and next Tuesday vs. Lynn English. The Everett/Malden/Revere co-op hockey team is scheduled to meet Somerville today (Wednesday) and will trek to Saugus next Wednesday.



The new 2022 EHS Crimson Tide Captains, Karmarri Ellerbe, Jaiden Coriano and Nick Raymond, Captain Jacob Ward is away from the team on family leave.




Head Coach Rob DiLoreto (right) believes his players are a family, Coach DiLoreto is shown with Asst. Coach Doug Soule.



Asst. Coach Chris Miller with Darrion Green.



Head Coach Rob DiLoreto, of EHS Crimson Tide Football Team addresses his players in the EHS Cafeteria last Monday afternoon. DiLoreto also named 4 captains for the 2022 season.



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Joe Murillo, Nick Raymond, Richard Malloy and Fabien Fabert with their new EHS Crimson Tide Sweatshirts they received on Monday afternoon.



Members of the Crimson Tide have a moment of silence for their teammate, Jacob Ward who lost his dad earlier in the week.

SNOW DAY IN EVERETT

Everett schools were closed for a snow day on Friday and many residents enjoyed their time outside working and playing in the snow.



The Ariellano family from Mexico, Valerie, Sofia, Bero, and Lues got their first glimpse of snow with resident Victor Hart.



Haisal Gomez enjoyed playing in the snow with his family.



Scott Judd used his snowblower to clear the front of his home on Cottage Street.



Isabel enjoyed playing in the snow along Swan Street.



Alex Bobcea slid down Swan Street Park.



Luis Rodrigues and Gian Franco Lorenzo enjoyed an afternoon sledding.



Jonathan Lalluri cruised through the snow at Swan Street



Ryan Lewis enjoyed sledding on a wooden sled at Swan Street Park.



Ryan Lewis and Jonathan Lalluri enjoyed playing in the snow at Swan Street Park.



Isabel and Miguel Alves enjoyed playing amidst the holiday decorations on Elm Street.



Swan Street Park was a popular place for sledding during the snow day on Friday.



Visiting from Mexico, Bero Ariellano enjoyed snow for the first time.

CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

book page, "Zion Church Ministries." For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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.

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

NA Meetings – Mon.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Wednesday hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study, via Zoom. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters," Colossians 3:23 "In Pursuit of Spiritual Excellence" Righteousness, Godli-

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.for-

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 to request any additional help.

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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Baker-Polito administration launches tool for residents to access COVID-19 digital vaccine card

The Baker-Polito Administration has announced a tool that gives residents a new way to access their COVID-19 digital vaccine card and vaccination history. The new tool, called My Vax Records, allows people who received their vaccination in Massachusetts to access their own vaccination history and generate a COVID-19 digital vaccine card, which would contain similar vaccination information to a paper CDC card. The COVID-19 digital vaccine cards produced by the system utilize the SMART Health Card platform and generate a QR code that can be used to verify vaccination. The Administration is not requiring residents to show proof of vaccination to enter any venue, but this tool will help residents who would like to access and produce a digital copy of their record.

Access the new tool at MyVaxRecords.Mass.gov.

Gov. How It Works: The new tool is easy to use: a person enters their name, date of birth, and mobile phone number or email associated with their vaccine record. After creating a 4-digit PIN, the user receives a link to their vaccine record that will open upon re-entry of the PIN. The electronic record shows the same information as a paper CDC vaccine card: name, date of birth, date of vaccinations, and vaccine manufacturer. It also includes a QR code that makes these same details readable by a QR scanner, including smartphone apps. Once the SMART Health Card is received, users are able to save the QR code to their phone, such as the Apple Wallet, screenshot the information and save it to their phone's photos, or print out a copy for a paper record. The system follows national standards for security and privacy.

This system provides an optional way that residents can access their vaccination information and a COVID-19 digital vaccine card. This will provide residents with another tool to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination, should it be requested by businesses, local governments, or other entities. The system leverages the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS), the official database used by health care providers across the state to record vaccination information. The system relies on hundreds of providers inputting demographic and health information. Some users may not be able to immediately find their record, or may find an incomplete record. Residents whose record cannot be found or is incomplete can either contact their health care provider or contact the

MIIS team to update their records. Learn more about the tool and view frequently-asked-questions at www.mass.gov/myvax-record. Massachusetts has worked with VCI,™ a voluntary coalition of public and private organizations which developed the open-source SMART Health Card Framework in use by other states. The VCI coalition is dedicated to improving privacy and security of patient information, making medical records portable and reducing healthcare fraud. My Vax Records is just one way residents can obtain their COVID vaccination record. Pharmacies that administered the COVID vaccine and many health care providers also are making SMART Health Cards available, or are providing additional options. Learn more.

USPS; 13.2 Billion mailpieces and packages this holiday season

The United States Postal Service reported preliminary performance metrics for the 2021 holiday season showing the organization saw volume increase when compared to the same time last year. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, it took on average 2.7 days to deliver a mailpiece or package across the Postal Service network. During the same timeframe, the network accepted more than 13.2 billion letters, cards, flats and packages for delivery, exceeding 12.7 billion accepted for delivery during the same timeframe in 2020. "Our mission to deliver for America is an enormous responsibility, especially during the holidays," said Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. "I am humbled by the hard work and dedication of each and every one of our 650,000 employees who, despite the challenges of the pandemic, helped bring joy and commerce to people across the nation." The Postal Service began preparing for the

2021 peak holiday season at the start of last year. Those preparations, which not only corresponded to challenges faced last year but aligned to the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America plan, helped mitigate delays even as mail and package volume surged to its highest peak-season level: 2.8 billion mailpieces and packages the week after Thanksgiving (Saturday, Nov. 27 to Friday, Dec. 3). "Under our 10-year plan, we made major operational improvements and strategic investments across the organization throughout 2021. It has made a significant difference and contributed to our success this holiday season, but our work isn't done. Every day is an opportunity to fulfill our commitment of service excellence to the American people—and on that, we intend to deliver," continued DeJoy. The Postal Service's peak season preparations included:

- Expanded Facility Footprint to Resolve Bottlenecks and Improve the Flow of Mail and Packages: The leasing of 13 million square feet of additional space across more than 100 locations to accommodate mail and packages, including over 50 annexes with multiyear leases to address year-round space constraints due to parcel growth.
- New Package Sorting Equipment to Expedite Handling and Sortation of Increased Package Volumes: The installation of 112 new package sorting machines and more than 50 package systems capable of sorting large packages. As a result of an organization-wide focus on improving operations

and strategic investments, the Postal Service boosted daily processing capacity by 13 million packages. Package sortation capacity enables efficient movement of mail over the integrated USPS delivery network as mail and packages travel together. These machines also reduce the physical toll on our workforce.

- Diversified, Reliable Transportation Options: The leasing of nearly 3,300 trailers just for peak season and the diversification of volume traveling across the air network among additional air carriers. The Postal Service also expanded the surface transfer center network by adding 1.6 million additional square feet and over 300 dock doors to, among other things, increase long-haul transportation utilization and mitigate driver shortage issues.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

OBITUARIES

Peter Anthony Ward Former Construction Supervisor for Laborer's Union Local 22

Peter Anthony Ward, 54, of Everett, entered into eternal rest unexpectedly on Monday, January 3 at home.

Born in Revere, Peter lived in Everett for most of his life. He graduated from Everett High School and worked as a construction supervisor for the Laborer's Union, Local 22 before becoming disabled. He was the husband of Kelli Hamilton Ward, beloved son of Josephine L. (Giacobbe) and the late Peter W. Ward of Everett, dear and devoted father of Peter A. Ward and Giacobbe H. Ward of Everett; loving brother of Lisa Green and her husband, James of Middleton, Ryan Ward, Patrick Ward, Paul Ward and Michael Ward, all of Orange; dear uncle of Kasey Green and Amanda and John Dobrosielski. Peter is also



survived by his cousins: Joseph Coughlin, Dina Poirier, Kevin Poirier and his dear friend, Paula Raymond.

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incurable condition for giving him the focus
that made him so passionate in his research.
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up, and remember to give back. If
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

MALTEZ NAMED TOWN MANAGER OF READING

CHELSEA - Fidel Maltez, who has served commendably as Chelsea's commissioner of public works since 2019, has accepted a position as the new town manager of Reading.

Maltez, who was previously Chelsea's assistant DPW director, will begin in his new leadership role Feb. 14. He will leave his position in Chelsea Feb. 11.

Maltez, 38, signed his contract in Reading Monday, with his wife, Maria Belen Power, and their two daughters, Maya and Ana Victoria, proudly viewing the ceremony in the presence of the Reading Select Board.

Maltez said he was excited about his new position.

"It's a great opportunity for my family and my professional career," said Maltez. "It's a very prestigious position and Reading is a very, well-managed town. It's a town that's known for having great finances and great staff. It's definitely a good position to step into. It's a little different from Chelsea, but what I've learned in Chelsea will definitely help me succeed in that position – which is to be resident-oriented, to be out in the community, to not lead from a desk but lead from the residents, and really try to do right by the residents."

He made a huge impact in Chelsea

Maltez is universally respected in Chelsea for being a brilliant administrator who brought daily passion and energy to his position as the head of the Department of Public Works. Working in coordination with City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Maltez led large infrastructure projects on Essex Street, Maverick Street, and upper Broadway.

The well-maintained streets and parks in Chelsea, from Voke Park to Quigley Park, are a credit to the diligence and hard work of Maltez and his department.

During his tenure in Chelsea, Maltez has also overseen the development of the city's annual capital improvement plan. Last year, Maltez became involved in the overall city overall budget process.

"I've been going above and beyond my normal duties in public works and really learning from Tom [Ambrosino] on what it takes to go to the next step," said Maltez. "Tom is the reason why I was able to get this new position. Tom is a great mentor. He's been in the public service sector for 30 years, and he knows everything about municipal management, and there is not one question that I've asked Tom where he doesn't know the answer. He's seen it all. He's also a very supportive boss."

"I'm very thankful to everyone in Chelsea for all the support I've gotten over the years," he concluded.

A success story begins in Nicaragua

Fidel Maltez grew up in Managua, Nicaragua, where he met his future wife, Maria Belen Power, while they were students in the same high school.

Fidel attended Lafayette College (Penn.) where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. He also holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Tufts University and was recently accepted as a Senior Fellow at the

Harvard University Kennedy School of Executive Education.

Following his graduation from Lafayette, Maltez joined Cintas Corporation and worked there for 13 years. "I absolutely loved the experience," said Maltez. "Maria and I were able to live in China for three years through Cintas."

Fidel Maltez and Maria Belen Power were married in 2011 and live in Chelsea with their two children. Maria is the associate executive director of GreenRoots and an appointee to President Joseph Biden's Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

Praise from city officials
Town Manager Tom Ambrosino and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson praised Maltez for his outstanding work in the city and wished him well in his new endeavor.

"Fidel is a fabulous employee, a great manager, and I'm going to miss him a great deal here," said Ambrosino. "But I also think this is a tremendous opportunity for him. I'm really excited for him, and I think he's going to make a great town manager in Reading."

"This is an excellent opportunity for Fidel," said Robinson. "We in the city of Chelsea hate to lose good people, but I wish him nothing but the best. Fidel did a great job in Chelsea. We will miss the energy that he brings to City Hall."

PATRON NAMED WU'S PRESS SECRETARY

EAST BOSTON - East Boston resident and City Councilor Lydia Edward's Chief of Staff Ricardo Patron has been appointed by Mayor Michelle Wu to serve as press secretary. Patron will take over duties as Wu's press secretary on Monday.

Patron first joined Councilor Edwards' staff shortly after her inauguration in 2018 as her Eastie community liaison and took over as Director of Communications in 2020.

Patron then replaced Gabriella Coletta as chief of staff after Coletta left Edward's office to work for the New England Aquarium last summer.

"Working for Lydia Edwards the last four years has been a life changing experience," said Patron Tuesday. "I can't thank her and the rest of the team enough for everything they've taught me. I've loved being a part of this team that worked so hard to represent the residents of East Boston, Charlestown, and the North End and helped bring so much change to Boston. I'm incredibly excited and humbled by this opportunity to join Mayor Michelle Wu's administration and can't wait to get started."

Edwards had nothing but praise for her chief of staff and wished him well in his new endeavor.

"Congratulations to my dear friend Ricardo Patron," said Edwards. "I am filled with joy and amazement at his growth, intelligence and immense potential. He started as a part time liaison then became Chief of Staff and now he is the voice for the Mayor of Boston. Along with being bilingual, he is loyal, an advocate, professional and kind. Naturally he is suited to be the voice of our Mayor. He knows so much about being new to our country and city and exemplifies the dreams and experience of so many immigrants. Ricardo really

makes us all proud. Speak now, for the Mayor, to all of us. We are listening and so excited that you made history. It's rare that you bond so much with staff that they become friends. It's even more rare that they are like family. Ricardo, on behalf of District 1, job well done."

In addition to his job on Edwards' staff, Patrón serves on the board of directors of the East Boston YMCA, Maverick Landing Community Services, the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH), and the North Suffolk Mental Health Association. He lives in East Boston with his wife Kathleen and their dog Mau.

NICHOLSON TAKES OATH AS NEW MAYOR

LYNN - Looking confident and ready to lead one of the largest cities in Massachusetts to new heights, Jared Nicholson delivered an inspiring inaugural address as he took office as the new mayor of the City of Lynn Monday at the Lynn Auditorium inside Lynn City Hall.

"It is my distinct honor and privilege to take office tonight as the 59th mayor of the City of Lynn," said Nicholson.

A proud graduate of Princeton University, where he was a Division I college wrestler, and Harvard Law School, Nicholson thanked outgoing Mayor Thomas McGee "for your leadership over the last four years and over a lifetime of service to the City."

Nicholson also thanked his wife, Katherine Rushfirth, his son, Henry, his father, Stephen Nicholson, and mother, Lindsay Nicholson, "for being here with me tonight and being there for me every step of the way."

Following is the text of Mayor Jared Nicholson's speech:

Ladies and Gentlemen, School Committee Members and City Councilors, Guests and Officials, thank you all for being here.

Gracias a todos por estar aquí.

Thank you to all our wonderful performers and participants for making this night so special.

Thank you to Katherine, Henry, my parents, and my entire family for being here with me tonight and being there for me every step of the way.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to take office tonight as the 59th Mayor of the City of Lynn.

Thank you to our outgoing Mayor Tom McGee for your leadership over the last four years and over a lifetime of service to this City.

To my colleagues on the School Committee and City Council, congratulations on your inauguration.

To those of you here on the stage with me and to everyone working for the City of Lynn, I look forward to working with you.

To the residents of Lynn, we recognize we have much work to do.

We're committed to working together to build an administration that leads for all of us.

Estamos comprometidos a trabajar juntos para construir una administración que brinde liderazgo para todos nosotros.

I want to spend a moment reflecting on what we mean when we say, "all of us."

All means all. It means every single person in the City of Lynn. Not because

of something about them that makes them different, like where they were born or who they know, but because we are all human and here now.

We are all imbued with the basic dignity of humanity, ascribed by many to divine grace.

Todos nosotros estamos infundidos de la dignidad básica de la humanidad, atribuida por muchos a la gracia divina.

And we're all required to recognize that basic humanity in one another. That's what we mean by all.

And then "us." What do we mean by "us"?

What we mean by "us" in the United States has always been heavily contested. But it's a special leap forward in the history of humankind to say that "us," at least in principle, is not fixed based on who's already here, but open to those who want to live with our values, to live among us in democracy. The hypocrisies of who is considered one of "us" in practice due to race, class, origin, and more have been this country's great challenge through this day.

But the "us" in "all of us" is even more meaningful in the City of Lynn. Because for all the places that embrace the idea and the promise of "us" being open in this country, Lynn is one of a diminishing few that can actually deliver on that promise. Where people no matter their background have a real chance at opportunity, whether it's reaching from around the globe or back through generations of poverty.

Even in Lynn, that path to opportunity has gotten narrower. If it closes off here, where can it possibly exist? But, if it stays open for those of us who face the stiffest challenges, it will be that much smoother for every one of us.

We therefore have a special duty to keep the path to opportunity open. Fortunately, I think many of us recognize that we have real potential in this moment for the City to grow, and to grow in a way that includes all of us.

I can think of no nobler work than to practically deliver on those values that we cherish: true openness, true democracy, true opportunity. That work means embracing those values while getting right the basics of local government. Delivering city services effectively and respectfully, upgrading the city's infrastructure with urgency and foresight, building trust through transparency and accountability. That's the plan for our Administration.

As we do that, people should take notice of how hard it is to practically deliver on the promise of equal opportunity. How hard it is to maintain a community where people can succeed no matter where they're from.

Where the price of housing doesn't practically bar huge portions of the population from living there. Where there are genuine pathways to good jobs. Where the schools are not just technically open to all but practically ready to educate children no matter where they start from. Where people feel at peace in their community because it's safe and because they feel accepted and embraced.

As we continue to work on delivering on the promise of a place that's for all of us, we need to share that story. Because in 2022, as the country comes to

PERCHING IN THE PINES



AULD LANG SYNE : A female snowy owl spent New Year's Eve day perched the roof at 229 Rice Avenue, an eye on the Point of Pines neighborhood.

terms with the glaring gap between the promise of equality and the lived reality of so many, we can be a shining example of genuine openness and opportunity.

A place that lifts all of us because we care about the fate of our neighbors and because we recognize that the fate of our neighbors is inextricably linked with that of our own.

We recognize that here in Lynn. Lynn shows up for one another. People here just aren't interested in leaving people behind. I've talked to thousands and thousands of Lynners over the course of the last year and it's one of the first things people mention when they talk about their pride in our community.

Knowing these values are shared doesn't mean the work won't be hard. I don't pretend to come with all the answers. Rather, I come to ask for your help in delivering together on a vision of a better Lynn for all of us.

And, as we do that, to tell that story, to remind the Commonwealth and the country that the promise of a place that's for all of us is meaningless without the ability to deliver. And that the ability to deliver on that promise should be the example we all aspire to in 2022. The modern version of the City on a Hill, where barriers to opportunity are actually overcome in practice, not just on paper.

The glow of that example of lived equality of opportunity is what can shine through the mists that currently surround us: the stigma others project on us, the real barriers of past and present racism and discrimination, and the ongoing crisis of a deadly pandemic.

So many have worked so hard to put us in this position where we have what we need to kindle the glow of our example of a city that's truly for all of us. It's the honor of a lifetime to lead the City in that work.

Muchísimas gracias a todos por su presencia y su apoyo a nuestra ciudad. Thank you so much.

VISCONTI TO LEAD CITY COUNCIL

REVERE - Members of the 2022-23 Revere City Council and Revere School Committee received their oaths of offices at the city's Inauguration Ceremonies Monday night at City Hall.

City Clerk Ashley Melnik administered the oaths to Councilors-at-Large Gerry Visconti, George Rontondo, and Marc Silvestri, and Ward Councillors Joanne McKenna, Anthony Cogliandro, Patrick Keefe, Al Fiore, and Richard Serino. Councillors-at-Large Steven Morabito and Dan

Rizzo and Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoskesky were unable to attend the ceremony.

Also receiving their oaths in the City Council Chambers were School Committee members Carol Tye, Donna Bronsdon-Rizzo, Susan Gravellese, Aisha Milbury Ellis, and John Kingston. School Committee member Michael Ferrante was unable to attend the ceremony. Mayor Brian Arrigo is the ex-officio chair of the School Committee.

Melnik began the ceremony, which had limited attendance due to COVID-19, by introducing the honored guests in attendance, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, State Rep. Jeffrey Turco, and Revere Election Commissioner Paul Fahey.

Melnik, who did a superb job presiding over the brief but elegant ceremony, offered her personal congratulations to the new Council and School Committee at the end of the program that was broadcast live on Revere TV.

Visconti, Serino elected Council leaders for 2022

The Council unanimously elected Gerry Visconti as Council president and Richard Serino as Council vice president during an organizational meeting following the inauguration ceremony.

Both councillors, who are beginning their second terms in office, delivered, brief acceptance speeches.

"I would like to first thank my colleagues on the Council for electing me to this position," said Visconti. "I'm humbled and I'm honored to lead this Council in 2022, and I look forward to working with all of you, along with Mayor Arrigo and his administration to continue to move this city forward. Thank you very much."

"I just want to thank my colleagues for this incredible opportunity to serve as vice president this year," said Serino. "I'm looking forward to serving with Council President Visconti and working with Mayor Arrigo and all of you guys to continue to advance the city forward. So, thank you, and let's get to work, guys."

Bronsdon-Rizzo elected SC vice chair;

Gravellese elected SC secretary

Mayor Arrigo, in his capacity as chair of the School Committee, led an organizational meeting following the inauguration ceremony.

In unanimous votes, Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo was elected vice-chair while Susan Gravellese was elected secretary.

The Committee voted to continue the policy of holding regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

MFA celebrating 20 years, dreaming a future together

On Monday, January 17, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), and Citizens Bank will invite the community to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a free open house. This year’s event marks the 20th anniversary of the MFA’s partnership with Citizens on this annual celebration, which has welcomed more than 120,000 attendees over two decades. The event offers free admission—including access to special exhibitions—to Massachusetts residents, and tickets will be available in person on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon entry, visitors will be asked to validate their Massachusetts zip code to enjoy free admission.

The open house runs from 10 am to 5 pm, welcoming visitors to experience over a dozen exhibitions on view, including Paper Stories, Layered Dreams: The Art of Ekua Holmes. Also sponsored by Citizens, the exhibition features more than 40 vibrant illustrations by the Roxbury native that reflect her commitment to Black imagery and representation. Visitors will also

have their final chance to experience Black Histories, Black Futures, the teen-curated exhibition focusing on works by 20th-century artists of color, which ends its successful run on MLK Day—the same day its opening was celebrated in 2020. Programming offerings connected to both exhibitions will be announced in January.

“Thank you to the MFA for their continued partnership in this effort to honor and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,” said Lisa Murray, Massachusetts State President, Citizens. “This annual event is an opportunity for families and friends to come together and enjoy the incredible artwork on display, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of it this January.”

Effective Monday, January 3, 2022, the Museum will be open for visitors Thursday through Monday and remain closed to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Visitors to the Museum of Fine Arts take a selfie in front of one of the exhibits.

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About the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Founded on February

4, 1870, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), stands on the historic homelands of the Massachusetts people, a site which has long served as a place of meeting and exchange among different nations. The Museum opened its doors to the public on July 4, 1876—the nation’s centennial—at its original location in Copley Square. Over the next several decades, the MFA’s collection and visitation grew exponentially,

and in 1909, the Museum moved to its current home on Huntington Avenue. Today, the MFA houses a global collection encompassing nearly 500,000 works of art, from ancient to contemporary.

The Museum is located at 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. For more information, call 617.267.9300, visit mfa.org or follow the MFA on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Urgent need for kitchen volunteers at community servings

Kitchen volunteers are urgently needed at Community Servings to help the nonprofit’s professional kitchen staff prepare and package 18,000 medically tailored meals that are delivered weekly to critically and chronically ill individuals across the region.

While Community Servings operates one of

Boston’s largest volunteer programs, the current COVID-19 surge has pushed January volunteer numbers to low levels. Demand for the nonprofit’s nutritious, life-saving meals has increased by over 80% since the pandemic began.

“Volunteers have been at the heart of our mission since we began, essen-

tial to ensuring that we can feed our neighbors in need and help maintain their health,” said David B. Waters, CEO of Community Servings. “Given the effects of this pandemic surge, we are making a plea for anyone with a few hours to lend a helping hand in our kitchen.”

Volunteers help peel and chop vegetables; por-

tion soups, stews and salads; and pack weekly meal bags for clients living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes and heart disease, among other illnesses.

For health and safety reasons, all volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated, have their temperature taken, and wear a surgical or KN95 face mask (provided) at Community Servings’ Food Campus in Jamaica Plain, which is on the T’s Orange Line. The kitchen is equipped with hospital-grade air ventilation and filtration systems.

Anyone interested in volunteering can visit www.servings.org/ volunteer to sign up for three-hour shifts Monday through Friday (9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.).

Founded in 1990, Community Servings’ mission is to actively engage the community to provide medically tailored, nutritious, scratch-made meals to chronically and critically ill individuals and their



Volunteers preparing meals that will be delivered to critically and chronically ill individuals across the region.

families. To help clients maintain their health and dignity, we provide culturally appropriate meals, nutrition education and counseling, and other community programs. Our kitchen team, with support from thousands of

volunteers, prepares over 800,000 medically tailored meals that are served to more than 3,200 clients annually. For more information about programs and opportunities to volunteer or donate, please visit www.servings.org.

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