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SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

DIDOMENICO, SWORN IN AS STATE SENATOR

On January 4, Sal DiDomenico was sworn in for his 7th term as Massachusetts State Senator for the Middlesex and Suffolk district. DiDomenico's district now includes all of Charlestown, Chelsea, and Everett, and half of Cambridge.

Sen. DiDomenico has passed a wide range of legislation since being first sworn in over 12 years ago. These laws have provided funding for community organizations, school programs, and public projects in the district, expanded access



Shown at the swearing in ceremony are, Sal DiDomenico (son), Senator Sal DiDomenico, Senate President Karen Spilka, Tricia DiDomenico and Matthew DiDomenico.

to nutritious foods, supported working families by increasing cash benefits, fought back against

the climate crisis, spurred economic development, protected our environment, and so much more.

"It is an incredible honor to be sworn in for another term as a Massachusetts State Senator," said Sen. DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "I want to thank the residents of Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelsea, and Everett for your confidence and trust in me once again. We have accomplished so much to-



Shown are Senator Jamie Eldridge, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Senator Jo Comerford, Senator Julian Cyr, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, and Governor Maura Healey.

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MCGONAGLE, COLLEAGUES SWORN INTO 193RD GENERAL COURT

Rep. Joe McGonagle and his colleagues in the House were sworn into another two-year term as members of the 193rd General Court. Former Governor Baker administered the oath in the House Chamber amid a crowd that included other state government officials, including former Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo as well as friends and family members of the elected.

"Today was incredible for a variety of reasons but first and foremost, that I was able to be back in House Chambers with my colleagues to gear up for another session," said McGonagle. "We haven't been able to do this since COVID so it was great to be back to normal and see all the Reps celebrating with their loved ones. Speaker Mariano gave a great speech and outlined



Gov. Charlie Baker administering the oaths of office. Rep. McGonagle is shown taking the oath.

his plan for the next two years while allowing former Speaker DeLeo to get his proper sendoff. We also got to hear from

Governor Baker one last time and I was able to give him my thanks personally during his Lone Walk. It was a great lead up to Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll's inauguration on Thursday, a changing of the guards but also a demonstration of tremendous partnership. It's days like this that make you proud to serve in the State Legislature and reflect on the change you can make for all of the Commonwealth. I could not be more grateful."

This term begins Rep. McGonagle's fifth term as State Representative. In this past term he was named Chair of the House Committee on Operations, Facilities and Building Security, while also serving on the Education and Public Safety and Homeland Security Committees. New committee assignments have not yet been announced.

JUDITH GARCIA SWORN IN AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Chelsea native Judith Garcia made history this Wednesday, January 4 when she was sworn in as the state representative for Massachusetts' 11th Suffolk District.

A longtime Chelsea City Councilor and advisor to Vice President Kamala Harris, Garcia is no stranger to politics, but this marks her first state position. During her tenure as a city councilor, she helped pass legislation in support of affordable housing, cracked down on wage theft, and promoted green initiatives in the city.

Garcia announced her candidacy for state repre-



Judith Garcia at the State House, with friends, family, and supporters after she was sworn in as the state representative for Massachusetts' 11th Suffolk District.

sentative in early in 2022 and won in a three-way Democratic race in September. She won the general election in November.

"I'm continually in awe

of my community. The people of Chelsea and Everett are bold, vibrant, and resourceful, and I'm so

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Federal funds will help enhance urban forests in Everett

By Adam Swift

The Mystic River Watershed Association recently secured \$400,000 in federal funds to enhance urban forests in Greater Boston's Mystic River Watershed.

This funding will help mitigate the dangers of climate-driven extreme heat in vulnerable environmental justice communities including Everett, Chelsea and East Boston. The program will support the implementation of local urban forestry plans (including the planting of 750 trees), while training youth, reentry citizens and others to perform the horticulture activities needed to establish and maintain urban trees.

The funding is part of nearly \$13 million in federal community project grants for nine resilience projects in the Mystic Wa-

tershed.

"This funding allows us to partner with communities to cool off some of the hottest neighborhoods in our watershed that currently have very few parks, trees, or other cooling," said David Queeley, deputy director for projects at the Mystic River Watershed Association. "These same neighborhoods are where many low-income BIPOC residents live due to past redlining practices and crushingly high housing prices elsewhere. Helping vulnerable residents stay safe lowers hospitalization rates and medical costs. If we can help cool off the hottest streets, or even whole neighborhoods, why wouldn't we?"

When President Biden signed the FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act into law on December

29, 2022, the \$1.7 trillion spending bill included nine grants for Resilient Mystic Collaborative (RMC) cities and towns totaling almost \$13 million.

These earmarks bring the total grant funding for RMC community projects to \$30.4 million since its founding in 2018.

For each of the last two federal budgets, Congresswomen Katherine Clark and Ayanna Pressley and Congressman Seth Moulton were able to secure multiple Community Project Funding for projects with demonstrated local support that fit within specific existing federal grant programs. These grants included four for RMC communities in FY2022, and nine in FY2023.

"We couldn't be more

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MIKE MARCHESE ELECTED NEW CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT



The Everett City Council is pictured at its organizational meeting for the new year. Pictured from left, are City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, City Councilors Darren Costa, John Hanlon, Stephanie Smith, Wayne Matewsky, and Al Lattanzi, City Council President Mike Marchese, City Councilors Irene Cardillo, Vivian Nguyen, Stephanie Martins, and Rich Dell Isola, Clerk of Committees John Burley, and City Council aide, former City Councilor Nick Saia.



Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky, the longest-serving member of the Council, presents a special award to outgoing Council President John Hanlon in appreciation of his outstanding service as the leader of the Council in 2022.



Outgoing Everett City Council President John Hanlon hands the gavel to new Council President Mike Marchese, who was elected to the esteemed position by his colleagues on the Council at the Jan. 3 meeting.

Launch of firefighter-based ambulance service merits further discussion by City Council

By Cary Shuman

Following an informative presentation by Fire Chief Scott Dalrymple about the future launch of a firefighter-based ambulance, the City Council voted unanimously to support Council President Mi-

chael Marchese's motion to seek an update from the Administration about the costs of the service.

Dalrymple said the new ambulance was delivered to the city in the late spring and is being housed at the fire station on Hancock Street.

Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky offered his support of an ambulance staffed by Everett firefighters. Matewsky said he knows firsthand the importance of getting a quick response from emergency

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DIDOMENICO JOINS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT HEALEY/DRISCOLL INAUGURATION

On January 5th Senator Sal DiDomenico, accompanied by family and friends, attended Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll’s inauguration at the State House and celebration at the TD Garden. The momentous Garden celebration included performances by musical groups from throughout Massachusetts including the Everett High School Marching Band.

“I want to congratulate my friends, Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, on their historic inauguration,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “It was great to see so many friends joining the celebration and witnessing the musical talents of Grammy Award winner Brandi Carlile, our very own Everett High School Marching Band, and so many other wonderful performances. I cannot wait to partner with the Healey/Driscoll team to accomplish great things for the residents of the Commonwealth.”



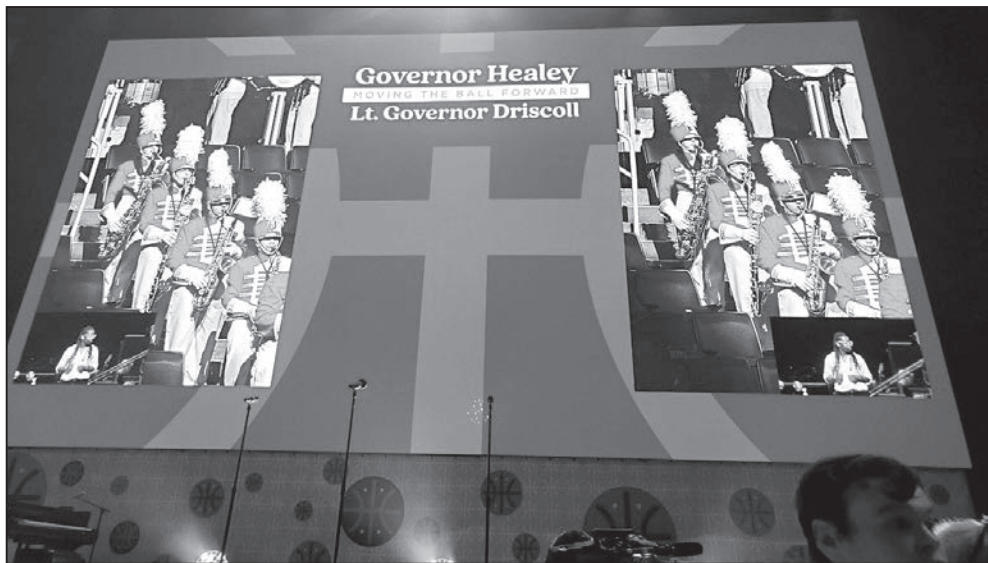
Senator Sal DiDomenico and Governor Maura Healey.



Senator Sal DiDomenico (left) with Representative Judith Garcia and Rep. Garcia’s Aide Manuel Teshe.



Senator Sal DiDomenico (center) with his son, Matthew DiDomenico and wife, Tricia DiDomenico.



The Everett High School Marching Band performed during the event.



Governor Healey (right) and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

BOOK REVIEW

“Undaunted Courage: Merriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West”

BY STEPHEN E. AMBROSE

REVIEWED BY BERNIE KELLY

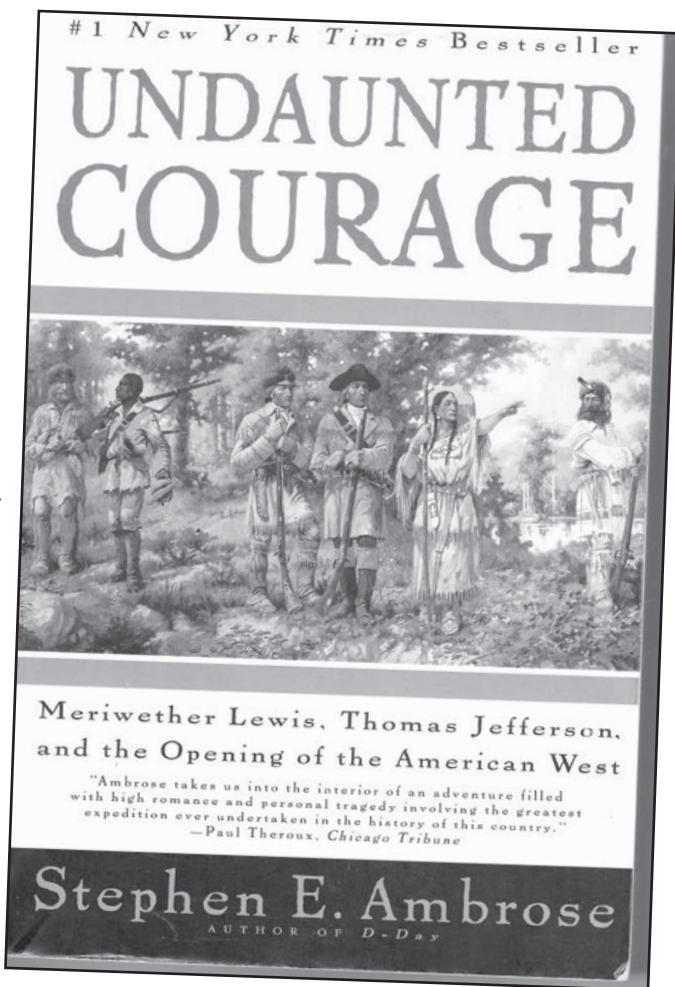
“Undaunted Courage” is a history of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition into the Heartland and West Coast of America. A national bestseller, the book details the travails and trials of the cross-country trek. Merriwether Lewis was a Virginia gentleman who was acquainted with Thomas Jefferson since his early youth; Jefferson took Lewis under his wing, and it was the former president’s tutelage and guidance that provided the impetus for the expedition. Lewis never married, instead he turned to a life of soldiering which caused him to become friends with his cohort on the expedition-William Clark. Together they were

to embark on a journey that had been hashed over for years. Earlier, unsuccessful forays had come up short, but Lewis and Clark, with a heavy compliment of military aides and civilian volunteers had more resources, and hence more success. In addition to this, they were also abetted in this endeavor by friendly Native Americans tribes, to whom they promised the enticement of future barter for food, apparel, guns and ammunition. They made their way across rivers and plains, and they were treated to the sight of herds of buffalo, deer and antelopes. Thomas Jefferson had instructed Lewis in the science of botany, and Lewis was taught to collect

samples of herbs, plants and flowers. He followed Jefferson’s instructions faithfully, and he collected a wide range of flora and fauna. The skilled marksman in the group would venture forth and hunt for the stated animals which provided ample sustenance for the members of the mission. The expedition was a huge success, and Lewis and Clark were hailed as conquering heroes. Unfortunately, though, matters took a turn for the worse for Merriwether Lewis, who had always heavily imbibed. In a lonely inn by the side of the highway leading to Virginia, he tragically ended his life by dint of suicide. Stephen Ambrose, the

author of the book was a prolific artisan. He penned many a book before his death in 2002. Among his works are books on Nixon and Eisenhower (Ambrose was an avid Republican) He also wrote “Duty, Honor and Country: A History of West Point.” He was apparently agog at military history. Ambrose is an inept chronicler of historical events. “Undaunted Courage” is a must read for perusers who want to stay well informed. It is an enthralling piece of work and the reader will be impressed by it. I recommend it heartily!

Bernie Kelly



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CHA opens new community behavioral health center

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston’s metro-north communities, has opened a new Community Behavioral Health Center at CHA Cambridge Hospital (1493 Cambridge Street, Cambridge). CHA is now one of 25 designated Community Behavioral Health Centers that will be operating in Massachusetts.

The Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC) is a new model of behavioral health care designed to expand access to routine, urgent, and crisis treatment for mental health conditions and substance use disorders. At CHA, key CBHC services include a 24-hour Access and Crisis Line (833-222-2030) and a Behavioral Health Urgent Care, open daily. CHA will also provide 24/7 mobile crisis services in individuals’ homes, schools, or other community locations.

With the new services in place, people will be able to get connected to behavioral health treatment more quickly -- with same-day evaluations, referrals, and evidence-based treatments.

Patients will also have access to additional support as needed, including specialty care, case management, recovery coaches, and new peer support group programs.

“CHA is proud to be part of this exciting initiative to help people of all ages,” said Carl Fulwiler, MD, PhD, interim chair and chief of psychiatry at CHA. “We expect these services will make a real difference in the lives of local individuals and families.”

The Cambridge Health Alliance CBHC serves the communities of Cambridge, Everett, Malden, Medford, and Somerville. There are other designated CBHC sites for people in adjacent communities. CHA plans to open a second CBHC site in Malden later this year.

“The Community Behavioral Health Center will be essential in improving the health of our communities,” said CHA CEO Assaad Sayah, MD. “The past few years have been difficult for everyone, leading to extraordinary demand for behavioral health care. By expanding access to evaluation and treatment, we will be able

to decompress hospital emergency departments and provide more timely and more effective care. Most importantly, it gives us the ability to help people who might otherwise slip through the cracks of the healthcare system, allowing greater health equity.”

Cambridge Health Alliance is an academic community health system committed to providing high-quality care in Cambridge, Somerville and Boston’s metro-north communities. CHA has expertise in primary care, specialty care and mental health/substance use services, as well as caring for diverse and complex populations. It includes two hospital campuses, a network of primary care and specialty practices and the Cambridge Public Health Dept. CHA patients have seamless access to advanced care through the system’s affiliation with Beth Israel Lahey Health. CHA is a Harvard Medical School teaching affiliate and is also affiliated with Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine.

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grateful to Congresswomen Katherine Clark and Ayanna Pressley and Congressman Seth Moulton and their staff for securing such robust funding for our communities,” said Patrick Herron, executive director of the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA), which staffs the RMC. “These investments will make our cities and towns safer, more equitable, and more beautiful.”

Since its beginnings, the Resilient Mystic Collaborative has been fo-

cused on projects that make a difference for the people most affected by climate change, according to John Walkey, Director of Waterfront & Climate Justice Initiatives at local non-profit GreenRoots.

“It’s why GreenRoots is so excited to support and partner with the RMC and its members to help secure almost \$14 million in federal grants to fund these projects.”

Each of the municipalities that championed these climate resilient projects is a founding

member of the Resilient Mystic Collaborative, a watershed-wide voluntary partnership focused on regional climate resilience. Convened by MyRWA in September 2018 and led by senior staff from 20 cities and towns and non-governmental partners, the RMC focuses on managing flooding and extreme heat on a regional scale and increasing the resilience of vulnerable residents and workers to extreme weather.

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gether, but there is still a lot of work to do, and I can’t wait to continue fighting for everyone in my district and across our Commonwealth.”

Sen. DiDomenico later joined his colleagues

in unanimously voting to re-elect Karen Spilka as Senate President for the upcoming legislative session. “I was proud to vote for my friend, Karen Spilka, to continue leading the body as our

Senate President. Senate President Spilka has been an incredible leader and I look forward to my continued partnership with her in the upcoming session.”

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honored that they’ve chosen me as their representative,” Garcia said at the Swearing-In ceremony. “I promised the 11th Suf-

folk District that I would fight for our fair share, and that’s exactly what I intend to do.”

Garcia’s state represen-

tative term began on January 4, 2023 and will last until January 8, 2025. She remains in the Chelsea City Council.

NEWS IN BRIEF

DEMARIO ADMINISTRATION AWARDED GFOA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that for the seventh time, the City of Everett has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association’s (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. The GFOA has encouraged and recognized exemplary budgeting practices among governmental entities in the United States and Canada since 1984.

Michele Mark Levine, Director, Technical Services, stated, “We hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.”

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 21,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management.

Looking to the future, Mayor DeMaria and his administration look to continue to be recognized as a leading community in public financial management by practice and policy development. As an administration, it is the Mayor’s goal to enhance and promote quality government management for the benefit of the residents and businesses in the City of Everett.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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Parlin Adults and Teens Bingo! Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesday, January 18th at 1:00 pm. Can’t get enough Bingo? Join us! Prizes awarded. Space is limited to 12 persons. Sign up in person or by calling (617) 394 2300.

Thursday Night Movies! Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, January 19th at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room. This week we’re showing The Lost City, “a fun and wild jungle adventure comedy” with Sandra Bullock and Chan-

ning Tatum.

Parlin Children Drama Class. Parlin Children’s Craft Room. Wednesday, January 18th at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children’s Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. January 20th from 3-5. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Smallfoot with your friends and family.

NFPA ENCOURAGES PROMPT REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

One-third (33 percent) of U.S. home fires involving Christmas trees occur in January. With this post-holiday fire hazard in mind, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) strongly encourages everyone to keep the festive memories and remove the hazards by disposing of Christmas trees promptly after the holiday season.

“As much as we all enjoy the look and feel of Christmas trees in our homes, they’re large combustible items that have the potential to result in serious fires,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at. “The longer Christmas trees remain in homes, the longer they present a risk.”

Carli notes that fresh Christmas trees, which continue to dry out and become more flammable over time, are involved in a much larger share of reported Christmas tree fires than artificial trees.

According to the latest Christmas Tree Fires report from NFPA, 160 home structure fires began with Christmas trees, resulting in two civilian deaths, 11 civilian injuries, and \$12 million in direct property damage, on average each year between 2016 and 2020. Overall, fires that begin with Christmas trees represent a very small but notable part of the U.S. fire problem, considering that they are generally in use for a short time each year.

To safely dispose of a Christmas tree, NFPA recommends using the local community’s recycling program, if possible; trees should not be put in the garage or left outside. NFPA also offers these tips for safely removing lighting and decorations to ensure that they remain in good condition:

- Use the gripping area on the plug when unplugging electrical decorations. Never pull the cord to unplug any device from an electrical outlet, as this

can harm the wire and insulation of the cord, increasing the risk for shock or electrical fire.

- As you pack up light strings, inspect each line for damage, throwing out any sets that have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.

- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags or wrap them around a piece of cardboard.

- Store electrical decorations in a dry place away from children and pets where they will not be damaged by water or dampness.

For more information on home fire safety all winter long, visit “Put a Freeze on Winter Fires,” a winter safety campaign NFPA promotes annually with the U.S. Fire Administration.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research, and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

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

For those of us of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2023 will mark 55 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when he first heard the news of Dr. King’s murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the civil rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. Indeed, he was in Memphis working with striking sanitation workers whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

To be sure, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was not perfect. No person is or ever has been. Dr. King was just like any of us; he had his strengths and he had his weaknesses.

If Dr. King were alive in the present era, there is no doubt that he would have been in the forefront of the Black Lives Matter movement that highlighted the ongoing racism and economic inequality that oppresses Americans of all races today.

By any measure, Dr. Martin Luther King was a great man. His speeches ring as true today as they did two generations ago; indeed, his “I Have A Dream” and “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speeches are among the most powerful not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should realize from the example set by Dr. King that in each of us is the power to change the world. We may not be as gifted as Dr. King was with his oratory, but each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place.

Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead. So as we celebrate Martin Luther King Day, let us recall not only his memory and the many things he accomplished, but the great things that his legacy is continuing to bring about more than two generations after his death.

“THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN HERE....” “OH WAIT -- IT DID!”

For those of us who have been around for a while, the spectacle that unfolded this past weekend in Brazil, where thousands of the fascist followers of former President Jair Bolsonaro stormed that nation’s capitol buildings in a violent attempt to overthrow the government of the recently-elected President, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, was the sort of news that we regularly watched with indifference.

“Well, that’s just one of those countries,” we would think to ourselves self-assuredly, secure in the belief that something like that NEVER could happen in the United States. To be sure, we had Watergate, but that never never approximated the realm of a military junta or some other group forcibly seizing power from a democratically-elected government -- though we should note, the U.S. government often was behind that sort of thing.

But as all of us know all too well, the violence that took place in Brazil was virtually a replay of exactly what happened at our Capitol two years ago on January 6, 2021, when a few thousand of our fellow Americans, urged on by an American president who similarly had just lost an election, stormed our Capitol building in an effort to thwart the counting of the Electoral College and the peaceful transfer of the Office of President.

The political pundits continue to debate whether what happened on 1/6 was an anomaly or whether it will be the new normal. We can only hope that the democratic principles upon which our nation was founded will make it through what promises to be more turbulent days ahead.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Kevin McCarthy, President Joe Biden and Congress must work to solve problems

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Recently, in a Mexican restaurant in Houston, Texas, a patron shot and killed a man who was robbing other patrons. The robber was masked and brandishing what appeared to be a pistol. If the man who shot the robber is charged with murder for protecting himself and others from a potentially lethal threat, then we have a serious problem.

We have another problem. Millions of undocumented people have crossed our border from El Paso to San Diego and in between. America is being invaded. We do not have enough free housing, welfare and food stamps to support all these people.

Biden wants to mobilize 85,000 IRS agents who will find every dollar they can to support the millions of undocumented people roaming our nation. How many more dollars can the IRS squeeze out of your pocket? Do you have property that they can seize and sell for a few dollars? 85,000 agents will need to find something to do and most likely they will be checking up on everyone.

Arizona has been patching holes in their border with containers which has

been working. Biden ordered that the containers be removed. Over one million undocumented people have crossed into America through Arizona during Biden’s Presidency.

Can you imagine being a farmer or just living on the Southern Border? This is 24-hour a day nightmare for these landowners. Do you think anyone wants to buy their property? These same people are coming to your community. They are looking for jobs and housing. They need money and food. Do you have plenty of affordable housing in your community? Do you have big free food banks to feed these people? If you need a reasonably priced apartment, I would suggest you snatch it fast because people are coming who need that apartment and they may have more help from the government than you do to underwrite the costs.

McCarthy, Biden, and Congress must bring back every job we have outsourced to China. We can no longer do business with China. The people who have been living in America the last few years need jobs and millions of new undocumented workers need jobs. By the way, do you remember when the United States Census

was a once every ten-year job? Now, Census workers have to work year-round chasing down people who will not complete U.S. Government Census information. How many full-time census workers will it take to chase down all of these undocumented people?

If Biden, McCarthy, and Congress do not protect Social Security your town will probably have to close up. Over 70 million Americans count on Social Security income. Social Security is all or over half of all this number receives each month. As the buying power of the retired population suffers, each community suffers. The government collects social security taxes from people to subsidize us in our old age. Americans will be back into abject poverty if they don’t keep Social Security strong.

Affordable housing, medical insurance and jobs that pay over \$15 an hour must also be McCarthy and Biden commitments. We must be able to buy health insurance across state lines. State governments need to make it easier for working poor to have health insurance. We need real people to answer the telephones in the state and local gov-

ernments. Websites need to be simple and seamless. Working poor Americans feel like their local states aren’t that interested in helping them.

Making medical care more affordable will solve problems for everyone including the insurance companies. Publicly listing the cost of services and surgeries was a good idea that most medical providers don’t seem to be following. Making pharmacy purchases from Canada easier is imperative for struggling Americans.

We have some problems in America. Biden, McCarthy and Congress have a lot to do. Name calling, and aggressive behavior in the House only makes for a few seconds of television stupidity. America has some problems. We need for McCarthy and Biden and Congress to step up and help us solve them.

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

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Councilor Matewsky wants one parking space per apartment for all future developments

By Cary Shuman

Ward 1 City Councilor Wayne Matewsky is requesting that the Planning Department and the Zoning Board of Appeals adopt a policy that will require at least one parking space per apartment for all future developments in Everett.

Matewsky spoke in detail about his proposal during Monday’s Council meeting. Matewsky offered various developments where he believes more parking spaces are needed for residents.

“I want to see what happens at the 600 Broadway Building where there are 36 spots for 84 units,” said Matewsky. “I want to see how that works out.”

The councillor also spoke about the shortage of parking spaces on Paris Street where he is a resi-

dent. “A man buys a two-family duplex for \$1 million, where Paris Street meets Bailey Street, and he wants to put 20 units there, with six parking spots. The neighborhood can’t accept that,” claimed Matewsky. “Let’s be real here. We have to provide parking. Bike racks are not going to cut it, instead of parking spots, for me.” Council President Michael Marchese asked Matewsky if he would consider adding all councilors in support of his proposal and sending it to the Planning Department and the Board of Appeals. “I’d been honored if my colleagues would support me,” concluded Matewsky. The motion was adopted unanimously by the Council.

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medical personnel after suffering a medical issue himself while visiting Florida.

“I know personally that when someone calls 911 and they’re having a health issue, that minutes count,” said Matewsky. “You have my support [Chief Dalrymple], and the sooner this ambulance is online and servicing this community, I’ll feel a lot better.”

Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins asked the fire chief the question that was likely on the minds of all residents viewing the meeting. Martins wanted to know what the delay was in getting the new ambulance in service in the city.

“I know we don’t want to discuss negotiations, but just so the people at home understand what the real holdup is,” said Martins in posing her question.

Dalrymple responded that though he couldn’t discuss actual negotiations, “we do currently have 55 firefighters out of 100 that are EMTs.” Another nine firefighters have begun EMT classes.

“So, we’re waiting for everyone to be certified before the ambulance can run?” Martins further inquired.

“No, the slight delay was the negotiations, which are being completed,” replied Dalrymple. “That’s why I would think in the next

three to four months, once this agreement is settled, we’ll continue on with the proper training we need – and by then 65 percent of the department will be EMTs.”

Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi asked the fire chief if there were plans to add other firefighter-based ambulances.

“I’d like to see multiple ambulances in the city,” said Dalrymple. “With all your support and the Administration’s support, I’m sure it will happen one day.”

“I support this 100 percent,” said Lattanzi. “I think we need more than one [ambulance], though.”

Dalrymple said a new ambulance costs \$350,00 and it takes 18-24 months for the city to receive the ambulance.

Marchese asked about the payment rate for EMT-certified firefighters. Dalrymple said that all firefighters who have Massachusetts EMT certification get a two percent stipend in their pay.

Dalrymple expects that the new Fire Department-operated ambulance would handle 1,800 calls per year.

The Council will continue discussion on the matter at its next meeting following an update on the costs to the city for firefighter-based ambulance service.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH HOLDS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Following a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, Immaculate Conception Church’s annual Christmas Dinner was held at the church.

Forty guests, including parents and children, enjoyed a dinner in celebration of the holiday.

The Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, spiritual leader of the church, and Dinner Coordinator Holly Garcia welcomed the gathering to the dinner.

Garcia said volunteers brought the leftovers to the local fire station as an expression of gratitude to the firefighters. Garcia thanked the parishioners for their volunteer efforts and generous donations.



Among the volunteers pictured at the Immaculate Conception Church Christmas Dinner are Ann Moore, Rich Shanley, Paul Shanley, Caitlin Shanley, Gail Shanley and Holly Garcia.



Toys donated by Immaculate Conception Church parishioners were distributed to children in Everett.



The Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, spiritual leader of Immaculate Conception Church, and Dinner Coordinator Holly Garcia are pictured at the annual Christmas Dinner.

MICHAEL MANGAN ELECTED CHAIR OF THE EVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE



The Everett School Committee held its first meeting of the new year, electing Michael Mangan as chair and Michael McLaughlin as vice chair of the Committee. Front row, from left, are Vice Chair Michael McLaughlin, Chair Michael Mangan, and Supt. of Everett Schools Priya Tahiliani. Back row, from left, are School Committee Members Marcony Almeida Barros, Jason Marcus, Millie Cardello, Joseph LaMonica, Cynthia Sarnie, Samantha Lambert, and outgoing Chair Jeanne Cristiano.

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EHS GIRLS HOOP IN ACTION AGAINST LYNN CLASSICAL

The EHS Crimson Tide Girls Basketball Team Falls to the Rams of Lynn Classical 46-38 at Home.

The Crimson Tide hosted the Rams of Lynn Classical last Thursday evening, playing a close game with the lead changing hands many times over the 4 quarters, in

the end the Tide came up short by 8 points.

This loss set their record of 3-3 for the season, with a 3-2 record in the GBL placing them 3rd. They will have been at Lynn English on Tuesday, and will be away this Thursday in Somerville, with a 7pm start.



Despite the loss on Thursday evening, Captain Kayley Rossi and her teammates played a tough game, lots of hard battling under the boards, and a fast-paced passing game kept it close until the end. Rossi is shown with one of her many appearances at the foul line.



Emilia Maria-Babcock bring the ball in play.



Captain Kaesta Sandy watches for the rebound to make a play.



EHS photography students getting their homework done and enjoy the game at the same time.



Japhine Pierre adds two ore points to the scoreboard.



Senior Captain Kaesta Sandy hits a jumper for the Tide.



Senior Captain Kaylay Rossi looking to drive to the hoop for another Crimson Tide basket.



Malaica Guillaume, Taisha Alexandre and Japhine Pierre make it very hard for their opponent to make a play.



Head Coach Riley Dunn talks thing over with the team during a timeout.



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EHS BOYS IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST LYNN CLASSICAL

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

The Crimson Tide saw a 10-point halftime lead—(22-12) evaporate to a one-point deficit (36-35) as the fourth quarter beckoned, but the Tide regained their scoring touch and played tenacious defense to escape with a 49-44 at Lynn Classical Thursday, January 5.



NOW WHERE? Aidan Volquez (31) considers his next move as he looks between his defenders arms.



TAKE IT!: Everett's Jomanuel Desruisseaux eyes teammate David DeSouza (2) for an outlet pass after pulling down a defensive rebound.



REACH FOR THE STARS: Everett's Allsin Desruisseaux and a Lynn Classical forward reach for a rebound that eluded both of them.



FULL SPEED AHEAD: Steven Cordero (4) is in high gear as he splits a pair of classical defenders.



HEADS UP PLAY: Just before stepping out of bounds, David DeSouza (2) bounces the ball off the leg of a Classical defender, sending it out of bounds but keeping a key possession for Everett in the fourth quarter.



CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE: Cleeveance Erilus (14) battles a pair of Classical defenders for an offensive rebound.



PUTTING ON THE BRAKES: David DeSouza (2) stops and pivots to escape a Classical defender.



BENDING OVER BACKWARDS: Allsin Desruisseaux (15) leans away from a defender with a fall-away shot to the basket.

EHS Roundup

EHS BOYS TRACK ROLLS PAST CHELSEA

The Everett High boys indoor track and field team improved its record to 2-1 on the season with a 67-19 victory over Chelsea last Wednesday. Coach Jehu Cimea's squad captured first-place in seven of the nine individual events to cruise easily to the triumph. The first-place finishers for the Crimson Tide were: senior captain Shinay Aristhene in the

hurdles in a time of 7.8; junior Jayden Prohete in the 50 dash in a sprint of 5.8; senior captain Omar Marshall in the 300 dash in 40.2; senior Matth Telson in the 1000 in 3:39.6; senior Anthony Cooper in the two-mile in a personal record (PR) time of 12:26.11; junior Jalen Jones in the high jump with a leap of 5'-6"; and sophomore Berlens Beau-brun in the shot-put with a PR throw of 34'-3". The EHS 4 x 400 relay quartet of freshman Kayshaun Ev-eillard, Jones, senior

Fludjy Moise, and Mar-shall ran the oval in a PR time of 4:01 to contribute five points for the EHS cause. Adding three points to the EHS side of the score-sheet with second-place finishes were: junior Dawens Germain in the hurdles (8.2); Jones in the dash (6.0); senior captain Samuel Desir-Mafouana in the mile (5:31.9); senior captain Angel Torres in the 600 (1:43.3); junior Nischal Tamang in the 1000 (3:42.2); Prophete in

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CITY PAWS

Extrasensory Dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Do you ever suspect that your dog has some form of extrasensory or telepathic powers? When one of us is out, our Westie Poppy races to the door long before the sound of footsteps in the hall or a key in the lock should alert her to an arrival.

This “power” is so common that scientist Rupert Sheldrake wrote a book about it, “Dogs That Know When Their Owners Are Coming Home: And Other Unexplained Powers of Animals.”

Penny read it years ago and reread it recently in light of all the current research on this topic. Sheldrake quickly explained when the information about dogs’ special powers was anecdotal stories vs. evidence and controlled studies.

In addition to knowing when you are coming home, Sheldrake also discussed emotional support and therapy dogs’ abilities to comfort people. He

noted service dogs’ ability to alert people to seizures or drops in blood sugar. And discussed how sensitive animals might predict earthquakes and other disasters.

Better Senses!

Writing in Psychology Today, Jessica Pierce, Ph.D., explained, “The sensory world of dogs overlaps with ours, but also extends well beyond ours in some areas. Smell is the most obvious sensory modality in which dogs excel, having a far more powerful nose and a much larger area of the brain dedicated to processing olfactory information than humans. Dogs can also hear sounds that we cannot hear and will pick up on different visual information than we do.”

This keen sense of smell enables service dogs to alert their humans to an oncoming seizure, change in blood sugar level, or an anxiety attack. They learn to differentiate between a person’s familiar scent

and the change that precedes an episode.

Animal-Human Bond

Both scientists agree that some of what seems extrasensory is due to the strong bond between dogs and people. Dogs evolved to depend on and please people. They have special skills (and even a particular section of their brain) dedicated to reading our intentions, moods, and needs. Pierce writes, “...dogs are not psychic, but they might as well be. They have incredible skills when it comes to reading, predicting, and intuiting the feelings and intentions of their human companions.”

Sensing Disaster!

Dogs seem to sense the approach of thunderstorms and earthquakes. Scientists speculate that this may be due to a heightened sensitivity to changes in barometric pressure as a storm approaches. You may notice your dog’s agitation long



A keen sense of smell enables some service dogs to alert to an oncoming seizure, change in blood sugar level, or an anxiety attack. (Photo by: Ralph Kayden)

before you hear thunder. As for earthquakes, most dog alerts have happened a short time before humans. This, again, might be more sensitive proprioceptors or sensory receivers in their joints.

Dogs Pay Attention!

Dogs have the advantage of having less on their minds than we do, with fewer distractions and responsibilities. Their approach to the world is

more mindful. Mindfulness lets them use their senses better and react to what they perceive as a danger or a way to get what they need.

If you’ve ever watched a dog focus on a squirrel or a treat in someone’s hand, you have seen examples of single-minded attention to one thing.

When was the last time you saw your dog try to multitask? Dogs can teach us to pay better attention

to what our senses tell us. Perhaps we can repay our canines by learning to read their signals, communications, and, therefore, their needs and wants by paying the kind of attention to them that they do to us.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

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the high jump (5’-6”); and junior Jason Stark in the shot-put (34’-1.25”).

Adding single points with third-place efforts were: senior Owen Beauvil in the hurdles; junior Khang Nguyen in the dash (6.4); Moise in the 300 (42.8); senior Aadit Manandhar in the 600 (1:44.6); sophomore David Huezo-Erazo in the two-mile (13:07.7); and junior David Michel in the high jump (5’-6”).

“The boys took the lead from the first two events and never looked back,” noted Cimea.

Cimea and his crew are scheduled to take on Lynn Classical today (Wednesday) and will meet Lynn English next Wednesday that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities.

EHS GIRLS EDGE CHELSEA, 47-34

The Everett High girls indoor track and field

team won their second meet of the season with a closely-contested 47-34 victory over Chelsea last week.

The Lady Crimson Tide won four of the nine individual events led by senior captain Nyla Crowder who won two events, the 50 yard dash (6.9) and the high jump (4’-6”). Fellow senior captain Ida Bittaya captured the hurdles (8.8) and junior captain Layla Betancur Cardona won the shot-put with a personal record (PR) throw of 30’-6”.

The Lady Crimson Tide powered to the victory thanks to taking second-place in all nine events: soph Sophia Sousa in the hurdles (9.4); soph Zylene Cannon in the dash (a PR of 7.0); senior captain Luca Jean Noel in the mile (a PR of 6:55.8); soph Yelsa Garcia in the 300 dash (50.7); soph Milena Antoine in

the 600 (2:20.1); junior Tiffany Escobar in the 1000 (4:19); junior captain Suzanne Maharjan in the two-mile (a PR of 16:59.6); and junior Darynn Desrameaux in the shot-put (a PR of 29’-7”).

Adding single points to the EHS scoresheet with third-place efforts were: soph Jossyciah Emmanuel in the hurdles (9.6); freshman Emely DeJesus in the dash (7.2); and senior Selma Moutaouakkil in the 300 (a PR of 51.9).

“The girls’ meet was a close meet,” said EHS head coach Jehu Cimea. “The meet came down to the shot-put. Whatever place we took in that event would determine who won the meet. Our shot-put girls took on the task and won us the meet by taking eight points and extending our lead.

“It was a great meet by both of our boys and girls teams to get the win from

a really good Chelsea team,” Cimea added.

The Lady Crimson Tide, who now stand at 2-1, are scheduled to meet Lynn Classical today (Wednesday) and Lynn English next Wednesday for Senior Night.

EHS GIRLS HOOP STANDS AT 3-3

The Everett High girls basketball team was looking to get over the .500 mark with their contest at Lynn English yesterday (Tuesday). Coach Riley Dunn and her crew travel to Somerville tomorrow (Thursday) and will host Malden Catholic at the EHS gym on Friday at 7:00. They will trek to Revere next Tuesday.

The Lady Crimson Tide earned a 52-16 victory at Chelsea last Tuesday. Kayley Rossi led the way with 18 points and five assists. Malaica Guillaume made a nice contri-

bution with six rebounds and four assists.

“It was a great team win,” noted Dunn, whose squad stands at 3-3 on the season.

The victory was sandwiched between a pair of hard-fought losses to non-league rival Lawrence, 46-40, in which Rossi struck for 17 points, and Lynn Classical, 43-38.

In the latter contest, Guillaume turned in a strong double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Teammate Emilia Maria-Babcock also reached double figures with 10 points and pulled down five boards.

“It was a tough loss,” noted Dunn.

EHS BOYS HOOP TO HOST SOMERVILLE

The Everett High boys basketball team will entertain Greater Bos-

ton League (GBL) rival Somerville tomorrow (Thursday) evening at the EHS gym. The opening tip is set for 7:00.

Coach Stanley Chamblain and his crew earned a pair of victories over GBL rivals Chelsea (72-33) and Lynn Classical (49-44) this past week to improve to 4-1 in the GBL (4-3 overall) and were set to face the first-place Lynn English Bulldogs last night (Tuesday).

The Englishmen have been the Big Dogs of the GBL thus far this season, standing at 8-0 overall (5-0 in the GBL). They have defeated their opponents by an average score of about 90-40 en route to a number two ranking in the state.

After tomorrow night’s tilt with Somerville, the Crimson Tide are off until next Thursday when they will host GBL foe Medford.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY



State Rep. Dan Ryan, who represents a portion of Everett in the Mass. House of Representatives, is pictured at the inauguration ceremony Jan. 4 at the State House. Also pictured is former state representative Kathi Reinstein.

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3: Sunday at 7:00am and 10:00am English Masses. At 12:00Pm Spanish Mass and 4:00Pm Haitian Creole Mass.
4: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 at the Confession

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News and Notes

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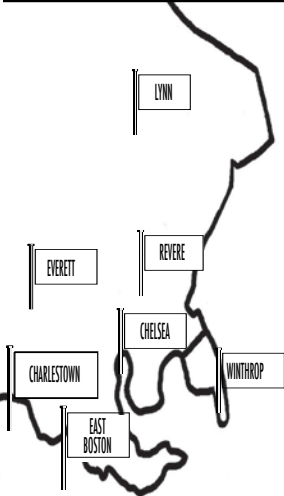


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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ROBINSON TO LEAD COUNCIL

CHELSEA - Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, the body’s longest serving current member, was elected Council President at the organizational council meeting.

Robinson prevailed by a 6-5 vote over acting President Calvin Brown.

Councilors Damali Vidot, Enio Lopez, Todd Taylor, Giovanni Recupero, and Brian Hatleberg sided with Robinson, while Councilors Judith Garcia, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Tanairi Garcia, and Norieliz DeJesus cast their votes alongside Brown.

In brief remarks Tuesday night, Robinson thanked outgoing acting president Brown for his leadership, and noted that as the council moves forward, there will be votes the council will have to take in the best interest of the city and its residents.

“I would like to quote the Isley Brothers: We have work to do,” said Robinson. “This council has plenty on our agenda for the next couple of months, such as the budget, capital improvement plan, and more importantly, appointing an acting city manager and start the process and search for a new city manager. I will guide and show leadership when we deal with the above issues to the best of my ability.”

Robinson said the wellbeing of a community is the sum of its physical, economic, and social matters.

“It is easy to see a community as a place – homes, schools, streets, parks, shops,” he said. “These make up the infrastructure of a community, the soundness and attractiveness is essential for a great community. A good community also includes economic development, jobs, businesses, education, and sources of capital investments.”

Without economic life and opportunity, Robinson said a community cannot meet its material needs and a good quality of life cannot be enjoyed.

Robinson closed with a quote from W.E.B. DuBois stating that “We

should never forget to urge corresponding duties upon our people: the duty to vote; the duty to respect the right of others; the duty to work; the duty to obey the laws; the duty to be clean and orderly’ the duty to send our children to school; and the duty to respect ourselves even as we respect others.”

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero was elected as the council’s vice president for 2023, and District 6 Councilor Tanairi Garcia was elected as the council’s representative to the School Committee.

MASSPORT HOLDS KIDS COAT DRIVE

EAST BOSTON - The Massachusetts Port Authority’s (Massport) annual Winter Coat Drive benefitted nearly 140 children in East Boston and South Boston this year, doubling the number of donations made in 2021. Over 150 employees contributed their time and money to purchase winter coats and accessories for children ages two to 17 years old at Crossroads Family Center and Salesian Boys & Girls Club in East Boston, and Michael J. Perkins Elementary School and The Tierney Learning Center in South Boston.

“This year, we were able to make the season a little brighter for our vulnerable neighbors in East Boston and South Boston,” said Massport Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs Alaina Coppola. “Thanks to the generosity of our Massport employees, this year was our largest-ever annual coat drive. As many families may be struggling to provide basic necessities during this time, this gift will enable them to focus their resources toward other areas of need.”

“We are grateful that Massport was able to provide warm coats, hats and gloves to 30 of our members most in need this winter,” said Program Director at Salesian Boys & Girls Club Dwayne Simmons. “We value all your generosity, time and support year af-

ter year into making this a meaningful and impactful partnership.”

ZBA TURNS DOWN REQUEST FOR TWO-FAMILY

REVERE - The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber. Chairman Robert Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, John Lopes, Arthur Pelton, and James O’Brien were on hand for the meeting.

The first matter the board took up was an application by Evergreen Property Solutions, LLC, 80 Piers Park Lane, Boston, requesting a variance of RRO Section 17.28.020, minimum parking requirements, to enable Evergreen to convert the existing single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling on Lots 433 and 434 at 57 Stevens Street

Evergreen was seeking the variance because four parking spots are required for a two-family property, but it’s proposal called for only three spaces.

The matter had been continued from the board’s November meeting. A number of neighbors had spoken against granting the variance at that time because they objected to the additional parking -- a two-family home requires four parking spaces per the ordinance -- being placed in the rear of the building.

Evergreen returned in December with a revised plan, eliminating the rear-yard parking, but only providing for three parking spaces, one short of the four that are needed. Atty. Joseph Catoggio represented the applicant. He outlined for the board that there already are two parking spaces on the lot and the applicant intends to add a third spot in the front yard to the right of the home.

Catoggio also noted that “although the applicant is an LLC, this will be an owner-occupied property.”

He told the board that his client intends to convert the exist-

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ing four-bedroom, single-family home into two units consisting of a three-bedroom unit and a one-bedroom unit, and therefore will neither be increasing the number of bedrooms on the property nor expanding the structure’s existing footprint.

He also added that there are a number of two-family homes in the area.

Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino filed a letter supporting the application in view of the revised plan for the project.

However, Ronald Champoux of 88 Stevens St., who spoke against the variance request at the November meeting, still opposed the application on the basis that it will add to the parking congestion in the neighborhood.

“The rules say four spots are needed and that’s the only way we realistically can support this proposal,” said Champoux, who added that the lack of parking is a city-wide problem.

Boston attorney Richard Joyce, representing Richard and Christine Joyce of 178 Grover St., presented opposition to the application from a legal perspective.

“Look at the full picture,” said Joyce. “Your own regulations state that the applicants must demonstrate that there is

a specific shape, topography or other land or structures affecting this property. They must show that there is a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise. But there has been zero evidence of financial hardship.”

He also cited the lack of parking in the neighborhood.

“This potentially will devalue other properties in the neighborhood,” Joyce continued. “This is a substantial detriment to other homeowners in the area. There is just no need to grant this. There is plenty of parking for a one-family home and that’s how it should remain.”

The board voted 3-2 to reject the application, with Limeneh and Tucker voting yes and Lopes, O’Brien, and Pelton voting no.

However, two other applicants that evening had better luck.

Robert Mahoney, of 2 Paul Street, came before the board requesting a variance of RRO Section 17.24.010, minimum lot frontage of 80 feet, to enable him to construct a single-family dwelling on Lots 142 & 144 Morris Street and a single-family dwelling on Lots 146 and 148 Morris Street.

Mr. Mahoney presented the application, which also had been continued from the November meeting. He

pointed out that though the frontage for the proposed house lots is only 71 feet, the other requirements for coverage area and setbacks are far exceeded.

“This will not be a detriment for this to happen in this neighborhood,” said Mahoney.

Councillor Serino submitted a letter in opposition, noting the flooding in the neighborhood, and suggested that the drainage issue should be resolved before moving forward with the construction of new homes.

Serino’s letter echoed opposition from residents in the neighborhood who had been present at the November meeting. Their homes had been built by Mahoney and the parties presently are in litigation in Suffolk Superior Court regarding the flooding issue.

However, the ZBA received a letter from Frank Stringi, the Revere City Planner, informing the board that the city’s engineering department has approved a plan that will resolve the flooding problems in the area. He also noted that building homes on these two lots, which are at the bottom of the street, will not contribute to the drainage problems in the area.

Other than the letter from Serino, there was no further opposition

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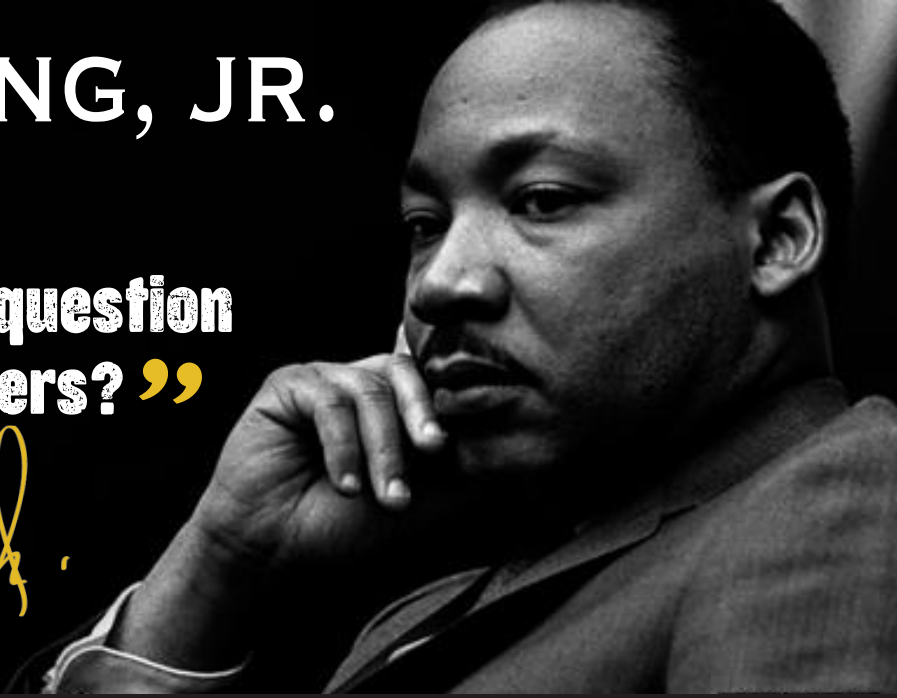
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