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## Councilor raises need for harbormaster with Encore docks coming

By Adam Swift

It doesn't look like a harbormaster will be taking to the high seas of Everett in the near future, but at least one City Councilor wants the administration to keep a close eye on the City's waterways.

Monday night, the Council approved an ordinance establishing a commercial passenger vessel license for businesses located in the city. In part, the ordinance was drafted so the City won't be left out to sea when the new docks at the Encore Boston Harbor casino open, allowing for the casino to run its own four ferry boats out of the dock, as well as allowing for water taxis to and from Boston.

While those ferries will be docked and licensed in Boston, several councillors noted there could be an increase in marine vessel traffic and business in Everett and wanted to get ahead of the issue.

Discussion and approval of the ordinance led to some questions about marine safety and traffic that didn't necessarily fall within its bounds at Monday night's council meeting. Chief among them was whether the City should consider appointing a harbormaster, an issue raised by Ward 6 Councilor Michael McLaughlin.

"I hope the City is taking this seriously," said McLaughlin. "This is opening up the City to serious concerns by bringing private boats to the docks."

McLaughlin questioned John Tocco, Encore's director of Community Relations, and Kevin O'Donnell, Mayor Carlo DeMaria's chief of staff, about safety issues associated with the boat traffic and if they believed the City needs a harbormaster.

"I'm open to the idea, and I'm not closing the door," said O'Donnell. But he added that he is comfortable with how Encore will handle the operation and didn't think there

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## SNEAKING PAST



PHOTO BY BOB MARRA/ROBERTMARRAPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

**Mekhi Collins gets past a St. Mary's defender during Pope John's game at St. Mary's in the opening round of the Spartan Classic on Feb. 19. The Tigers dropped a 74-62 decision to the powerful Spartans, but now head on to the State Tournament as a #9 seed in the Division 4 North section. The defending champions played last night, Feb. 26, in Boston against Cristo Rey High School. That game came too late for Independent deadlines.**

**Meanwhile, the Everett High boys' basketball team got a #6 seed in the Division 1 North section, and will face Cambridge at Everett High School tonight, Feb. 27. See Page 7 for more photos.**

## 'Never Saw it Coming' Lower Broadway restaurant rolled over

By Seth Daniel

The height of the new Encore Boston Harbor resort seems larger than life, but its shadow is even more massive, and restaurant owner Valery Joseph said it's a shadow that has rolled over her small business to the point of closure.

Joseph, a longtime Everett resident, said she will close La Perle on Lower Broadway March 16, one of the last remaining small businesses in the area of the casino project.

The onslaught of construction worker parking, street closures, dust, endless traffic and changes in the traffic configuration (making it next to impossible to get to her restaurant) have just become too much for her to continue.

"I would have loved to

stay," she said from her empty, Caribbean-themed dining room on Monday. "I've been here since 2011. My location would be the perfect spot. I know Caribbean food is very popular and they weren't going to have that in the casino. The customers try to come, but they can't get here. It's not easy for a group of people trying to come here and they're circling and circling to find a spot. They just give up. It's discouraging and they leave. We've been struggling the last year with this. If it weren't for take-out and catering, we would have already closed. The casino is aware of it, but they don't care. I don't know what God has in store for me, but my plan is to re-open somewhere. I just never saw this coming. Never saw it."

After a great run on Lower Broadway, she said she has had to cancel lucrative catering orders from universities like Northeastern and Boston University, as well as weddings and functions.

Joseph has lived in Everett with her family since coming from Haiti 16 years ago. After becoming a registered nurse, she dreamed of opening a restaurant in Everett with her family. In 2011, they moved on that dream and opened La Perle on Lower Broadway. Times were very good for the restaurant and it wasn't uncommon for Joseph to have a packed house Thursday through Sunday.

While most all of their Caribbean food was popular,

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## Foresteire Charged

Former Superintendent faces seven charges

By Seth Daniel

Former Supt. Fred Foresteire has been charged with seven counts of assault and battery for allegedly inappropriately touching three female Everett Public Schools (EPS) employees.

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Police Chief Steven Mazze announced the charges late on Tuesday afternoon, noting that Foresteire, 75, will be arraigned on April 4 in Malden District Court.

The charges were born out of a controversy that surfaced around Thanksgiving last year when Foresteire was accused of sexual harassment by a former EPS employee, Andrea Garay. Garay filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Com-

mission Against Discrimination (MCAD). That launched an investigation into that and other incidents, and led to the sudden retirement of Foresteire in December after more than 50 years on the job in Everett.

DA Ryan stated that Foresteire was charged on Tuesday with the following crimes:

- Indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 60.
- Assault and Battery.
- And, five counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 14.

The seven counts were focused on three victims, Ryan said, all of whom were EPS employees who were known

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## Encore Boston Harbor delighted with job fair turnout

By Seth Daniel

When Everett's Melissa Perez went to the voting booth on June 22, 2013 and cast her vote emphatically in favor of the Encore Boston Harbor casino, she never dreamed she might work there one day.

Now, nearly six years later, Perez, 26, stood with a smile from ear to ear at the Encore Job Fair in the Hynes Convention Center on Monday, reveling in the good news that she likely would be hired as a

pastry chef.

"I did vote for it in 2013," she said. "I knew it would bring a lot of employment opportunities for a lot of people. I voted for it thinking about the future. Now they are wanting to hire 5,000 people here at this fair. That's a really big number to think about. I was all for it from the beginning, and it feels really, really good to think I have a good chance to be part of it. I'm

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**Members of the Encore Boston Harbor team were on hand all weekend to interview prospective employees at the massive hiring event in the Back Bay's Hynes Convention Center last Sunday and Monday. Thousands came looking for jobs in 500 different categories.**

## TASTE TESTER



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

**Lt. Scott Dalrymple was a judge for the meatball competition on Sunday, Feb. 17, at Stewarts Pub in Everett. Three firefighters, including Dalrymple, judged 11 entries from the community to help raise money for charity. The unanimous winner was Kelli McCarthy, who donated her money to the firefighter's charity of choice. See Page 6 for more photos.**

## Council debates sand, salt storage ordinance

By Adam Swift

A new dry bulk storage ordinance would be good for the environment and help the City regulate giant piles of sand, mulch, salt, and other dry goods, according to Ward 1 City Councilor Fred Capone.

But the Council will take at least two more weeks before taking any action on Capone's proposed ordinance, giving city officials time to see how surrounding communities have implemented and enforced similar ordinances.

"Right now, there is no regulation in place to protect the soil, air, and water in the community," said Capone. The proposed ordinance calls for an annual fee of \$10 per every 25 cubic yards of dried goods such as sand, salt, and mulch and would give the City Council oversight of those licenses.

Capone said the ordinance is a work in progress and ad-

mitted that there has been some push back about the proposed fee being too high.

"I think what we are going to find is that it is too little," said Capone.

While 25 cubic yards of material might not sound like a lot, Capone said that figure equates to 54,000 pounds of salt, 81,000 pounds of sand, and up to 20,000 pounds of mulch.

When it comes to enforcement of the amount of dry goods that are licensed, Capone said the City is going to have to depend on what is presented in the applications, and the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) eyeballing the dry goods storage.

"We're not going to be able to go out there with a measuring stick or a measuring cup," Capone said. "But without this, we have no protection,

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# Middlesex Sheriff’s Office announces upcoming correction officer exam

Staff Report

Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian has announced that the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office (MSO) is now accepting applications for its newest class of corrections officers.

Those interested in applying to take the written examination must register before 1 p.m. on Monday, March 18, by going to [www.middlesexsheriff.org/human-resources/news/registration-2019-mso-correction-officer-entrance-exam](http://www.middlesexsheriff.org/human-resources/news/registration-2019-mso-correction-officer-entrance-exam). The exam will be administered on Saturday, March 30 and there is no charge to sit for the exam.

“The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office has a proud and storied history – one which we continue to build on with new and innovative initiatives aimed at reducing recidivism and enhancing public safety,”

said Sheriff Koutoujian. “If you’re someone looking to make a difference and serve your community, I encourage you to apply for our upcoming 43rd Basic Training Academy.”

In addition to the written exam, candidates must pass a physical fitness test and criminal background check as well as psychological and medical examinations before being selected to participate in the 12 week basic training academy.

All applicants must be 21 years of age, a resident of Massachusetts by the date of the exam and be legally eligible to work in the United States in compliance with federal law. Applications must also have a high school degree or equivalent certificate and possess a valid motor vehicle license. A Bachelor’s degree and/or prior experience in law enforcement or security is pre-

ferred.

Established in 1692, the MSO provides care, custody and control for individuals housed at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction in Billerica, and partners with law enforcement agencies on every level of government. During Sheriff Koutoujian’s tenure the MSO has been recognized with a series of national accolades, including being named a Center of Innovation by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) for its Medication Assisted Treatment And Directed Opioid Recovery (MATADOR) program and selected by the Laura & John Arnold Foundation as one of three national pilot sites for the Data Driven Justice (DDJ) Project.

To read a full list of qualifications and register for the exam please visit [www.middlesexsheriff.org](http://www.middlesexsheriff.org).



Cadets from the 42nd Basic Training Academy are sworn in as officers of the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office.

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excited to see what they have in store.”

Perez was one of thousands of potential employees that flooded the Hynes Convention Center in the Back Bay last Sunday and Monday looking for possible employment at the casino – which is offering some 5,000 jobs in 500 different categories, and they’re jobs that need to be filled and ready by the June 23 opening date.

Perez said she grew up in Everett and attended the Everett High Culinary Arts program, and then progressed to the accompanying Future Chefs program in Boston. That helped her to land several restaurant jobs, and eventually became a specialist in pastries.

At the Encore job fair, she said she had come with friends and relatives, and lots of people from Everett who hoped to get a leg-up on the many jobs – particularly ones so close to home.

That, she said, was a big thing for her.



As part of the continued rollout of the Encore facility, the company used the job fair as an opportunity to unveil the employee uniforms that would be worn at the Everett casino. Everything from front-desk dresses to red security coats were on display.

“For the majority of my career, I’ve had to work outside of Everett,” she said. “The closest to home I have come was in Somerville and that was very fortunate. I’ve mostly commuted to Boston and Cambridge. I never thought that I would be able to work at one of the best facilities in the area, and it would be right where I live.”

Her enthusiasm was shared by many, and Encore President Bob DeSalvio said that the long-promised job opportunities have now become reality.

“The message is, it worked,” he said on Monday. “I was extremely impressed by the quality of applicants we saw on Sunday. We saw so many people from Everett, Charlestown, Boston, Medford and Malden. So many people had hoped to get an opportunity, and to see it become a reality now is really impressive. All the planning meetings and all the information for years that we’ve put out, it became real.”

DeSalvio said they had concerns of whether they could find the right people in the right numbers, but he said after this first fair, he no longer is so concerned. Many of the people they interviewed, he said, were already employed.

“I think what we’re seeing is folks looking to trade up,” he said. “Every single person I interviewed Sunday was already employed. There was a few who were in between jobs or had been laid off, but most of the folks I saw were already in a job and looking for their next opportunity.”

Like Perez, DeSalvio said applicants from Everett and the surrounding communities were interested in being closer to home.

“The Everett people I spoke to were very happy about a shorter commute,” he said. “Commuting has been a very big deal for people trying to get time for their family and their lives. They liked the idea of the bus lane and getting jobs where they could be close and take the bus to work.”

DeSalvio said they interviewed for nearly every position, from hotel workers to food and beverage workers to

banquet supervisors to finance positions.

In the area of finance, DeSalvio said he was surprised by the vast numbers of folks looking for an opportunity with Encore.

“We had an exceptional turnout for accountants (and finance),” he said, noting that they had many from the banking industry show up for their openings.

He said they were also just looking for talented people – even if they weren’t right for the job they wanted, DeSalvio said they wouldn’t let them slip away.

“We’re trying not to let really good candidates slip out the door,” he said. “If the job they are looking for isn’t right, we can shift them to other similar areas.”

The job fair was the first of three that are planned for the Hynes, and the usual Encore energy was transferred to the Back Bay facility from the first step inside.

Applicants were greeted at the front lobby of the main hall to check in or register if they were walk-ins. If one did not have a resume printed or created, there were places on hand to get that done before going inside.

Once inside, pulsating music sounded from a live DJ in one of the back waiting rooms, while candidates registered and got their number for the initial interview. After that process, they progressed to a waiting room with comfortable couches, the live DJ, a dance floor and fresh flowers. It was there they waited for their specific job interviews – with the DJ calling their number over the music when it was time for them to interview.

Encore didn’t hire any special company to do the interviews, but rather they had all hands on deck, with current employees – including DeSalvio – handling the interview processes. Current employees from food and beverage interviewed prospective

candidates from those areas.

If all went well, candidates could leave with a good assurance that they would be hired – though no jobs were given on site.

DeSalvio said they already have 400 employees on board, and they have another 1,100 that are already in the queue.

“We need about another 3,500 and we saw 2,100 people on Sunday,” he said. “I think we’ll do quite well on Monday too. Based on the numbers of applicants we’ve seen, it tells me we can get there. As long as we keep up this pace at the other hiring events.”

He also added they have been very pleased with the success of the dealer school at Cambridge College. They have about 150 that have graduated and the next session is full already.

“That’s going to be 300 folks that will have gone through and be ready for employment as a dealer on day one,” he said. “That is excellent. The instructors tell me they are quality students. They are learning the game and infusing the culture of the company too...It’s not just the mechanics of the game, but how we treat our guests.”

From the point of hiring, those who are “onboarded” will have a series of licenses from the state or qualifications to get through. Once that is done, they will begin reporting for their jobs in late May and early June – with some of the culinary positions starting in late April.

DeSalvio said they will go through extensive on-site training because things have to be perfect when they open. While there will always be mistakes, at the five-star level, a resort has to be top quality on day one.

“I has to be ready,” he said. “That’s one reason we bring folks on so early.”

Encore plans to have another large hiring event at the Hynes Convention Center in mid-March.

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and we desperately need protection.”

Ward 5 City Councilor Rose DiFlorio said she has given a lot of thought to the proposal and is troubled by how the city will be able to enforce it.

“We don’t have the experience for this,” said DiFlorio. “There’s no rush to do this.”

The environmental impact, she said, is largely regulated by the state.

“Because this is new, we should find other cities and towns that are doing this,” said DiFlorio. “Let’s get this right the first time. My gut is telling me that this is unenforceable.”

DiFlorio recommended the City Solicitor review the proposal and get input on how other communities with similar ordinances on the books

enforce it before bringing it back before the Council in two weeks. The council agreed to bring the issue back at its next meeting.

Assistant City Solicitor Keith Slattery said he has reviewed the ordinance and supports it, and noted that some other local municipalities, including Cambridge and Lynn, have passed similar ordinances.

“I do think we need to continue to work on this, but we should get something on the books to protect us today and tomorrow,” said Ward 6 Councilor Michael McLaughlin. “Councilor DiFlorio is right that we should look at what other communities do, but we need something on the books to protect the City of Everett.”

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to him.

An attorney that represented Foresteire before the School Committee, from Spruce Law, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria declined to comment on the charges.

School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese said he couldn’t comment immediately on the charges, but said they would be “stunning” if true. He said they would like-

ly be calling a special meeting in the near future to discuss the next steps.

That came quickly, as the City’s website had posted at 11:53 a.m. an emergency meeting for Tuesday at 8 p.m., beyond Independent deadlines, for an executive session “to investigate charges of criminal misconduct.”

That meeting was not expected to be in open session, and it was called for by Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier.

Attorney Tara Swartz, who represents some of the victims, including Garay, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The Massachusetts Teachers Association, nor the Everett Teachers Association, were immediately available for comment as well.

DA Ryan reminded these charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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# Foresteire resigns from Everett Housing Authority Board

By Seth Daniel

With the charges against former Supt. Fred Foresteire leveled Tuesday, new attention immediately was brought to his service on the Everett Housing Authority (EHA) board, and news traveled fast that Foresteire quietly had resigned from that seat recently.

In a letter dated Feb. 13, Foresteire indicated he would resign from the Board effective Feb. 15.

Foresteire has been on the EHA board as the governor's appointment for some time, and has served for many governors, including Gov. Charlie Baker.

In conversations earlier this year, upon learning of the allegations against Foresteire, the Independent inquired of Foresteire's EHA seat. The

governor's office at the time said they have heard of the investigations into Foresteire, but they cannot unilaterally remove Foresteire.

"Governor Baker believes there be should zero tolerance for sexual harassment, especially in our schools, and the administration supports a full and thorough investigation of the matter in a timely fashion," said Brendan Moss of the governor's office.

The legal process for removing someone from a local Housing Authority board calls for several steps before one can be removed. The responsibility for getting the process started and removing members lies with the City Council and the mayor.

They are empowered to "make and receive . . . written charges against any member of a housing or redevelopment

authority in such city or town appointed by the department [of housing and community development]," read the state law.

If there are written charges, it lies upon the mayor and City Council to refer those charges, which now exist in the Foresteire case, to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), as well as the governor's office.

The law says the standard for which a member must adhere to include: "inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office."

The member must also be given notice and opportunity for a hearing on his or her removal.

However, with the resignation, none of that process was necessary.



## EXXONMOBILE MAKES A GENEROUS DONATION TO THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ExxonMobil Terminal Supervisor Steven Swiniarski recently presented the Everett Public Schools (EPS) with a generous donation as part its expansive Good Neighbor Grant Program. Representatives from ExxonMobil's Everett Terminal award several Good Neighbor grants in Everett every year, including gifts to the Everett Police and Fire Departments and Mayor Carlo DeMaria's office. The EPS will use the funds for its STEM programs and curriculum. Pictured above, from left, Assistant Superintendent Charles Obresmki, Mr. Swiniarski, Interim Superintendent Janice Gauthier, and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Shaw.

## School Committee, City issued letter asking Foresteire to not attend school events

By Seth Daniel

The School Committee and the City's Legal Department had to issue a letter last month asking former Supt. Fred Foresteire to stay away from school events and school property.

Foresteire had appeared at several school events after he resigned last December, and though it was irregular, no one was sure what to do about it.

City officials, after hearing several concerns, advised the School Committee to issue a letter asking Foresteire to stay away from school events.

"That was the case," said School Committee Chair Tom

Abruzzese. "The concern was the look that created while the investigation was still ongoing. The fact is there potentially could be witnesses or someone else he could bump into. It's just not a good look."

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia, through the Mayor's Office, said they did advise the Committee against allowing Foresteire at events.

"That is accurate in terms of the City's concerns and in that the Legal Department has had discussions with the School Committee," read a statement from the Mayor's Office. "We do support it."

Abruzzese said the City did ask them to, and they agreed

it was a good idea. The letter is confidential, and not public, but it was confirmed that it existed.

"The City Solicitor actually advised us there could be a potential liability issue if these cases come out a certain way," he said. "Keep in mind, these cases are filed against the (former) superintendent and the School Committee. The School Committee represents the City. We have to watch out for the City and the individual involved."

Since the letter went out, there have been no concerns over Foresteire attending school- or City-sanctioned events.

## Rep. McGonagle announces Committee assignments

Staff Report

State Rep. Joe McGonagle announced his State House Committee assignments for the 191st General Session. Rep. McGonagle has been appointed as the Vice Chair on the Joint Committee on Housing, along with being appointed on the Joint Committee on Transportation and on Health Care Financing.

"Some of the biggest issues the City of Everett faces are housing, transportation, and healthcare. I couldn't be more proud to be a member of these committees and enact real change in our community. This is where I belong," said Rep. McGonagle. "Thank you to Speaker Robert DeLeo for entrusting me with these important matters," McGonagle continued.

McGonagle provided the following statements on why each of these committees directly impacts the city of Everett:

- Vice Chair on the Joint Committee on Housing — This position is important because the #1 issue that my constituents always ask me about is access to affordable housing. As Vice Chair, I will work closely with Chairman Kevin Honan and make sure that we continue to make strides for affordable housing in Everett -- Last year, we fought to pass the \$1.8 Billion Dollar Housing Bond Bill, which was a step into making this a reality. I look forward to advocating for more affordable housing in Everett.
- Joint Committee on Transportation — I am committed to reducing traffic on

the 99 highway and make public transportation in Everett more accessible. Public transportation is key to our growing economy and is pertinent in light of the new casino being built. I am excited to continue to work with Transportation Secretary Pollack to improve efficiency and accessibility along our region.

- Joint Committee Health Care Financing — I am eager to work on making sure prescription drug prices are more affordable to our elderly population. This committee is important because over 37 percent of Massachusetts' state spending — approximately \$17 billion dollars — is allocated to healthcare each year. I am committed to making sure that this money is being used to the fullest extent and to serve the people of Everett.

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was an immediate need.

Tocco said there have been transportation meetings addressing the marine issues with the Coast Guard as well as the Boston and State Police's marine units. Both Tocco and O'Donnell noted that all three agencies are close by the Encore docks and typically quickly handle all marine emergencies and other issues in the area.

McLaughlin also questioned how Encore would handle the running of its ferry service and access to its docks.

"We will control access to our docks," said Tocco. "They will be reserved for the most part for water taxis and our

own ferry service."

Any public use of the docks will be at Encore's discretion, Tocco said.

"It sounds like your company is going to play the harbormaster role because they are your docks," said McLaughlin.

Encore will have a number of dock attendants and someone monitoring the docks and attendants falling under Encore's transportation department, Tocco said.

McLaughlin asked O'Donnell how the City would respond if there were an emergency involving the private vessels in the Everett waters.

"We do not really have that capability at this time, but we

do have the Coast Guard and the State Police and Boston marine units right around the corner," O'Donnell said.

Several councilors also raised concerns about additional marine traffic impacting motor vehicle traffic at the nearby Alford Street drawbridge.

Councilor-at-Large Peter Napolitano steered the discussion back to the issue at hand, the ordinance itself.

"I believe we are getting off track," he said. "The ordinance we are reviewing is for the licensing of commercial vehicles. It has nothing to do with a harbormaster, it has to do with licensing vehicles in Everett."

she said it was the fried goat (known as Tasso Kabrit in Haitian Creole) — with black rice — that attracted people by the dozens to her place.

Joseph also frequently ran community dinners to help feed the homeless and underprivileged in Everett, and she said the restaurant helped her pay to get a Master's Degree and nursing certifications.

Even when the casino began to generate excitement on Lower Broadway, she said she was all for it. She put a sticker in the window and Encore sometimes would order large catering requests from her. It seemed like a win-win.

"Some of my customers would tell me it's great, and others would say it wasn't going to be great," she said. "It went back and forth. I thought it would be good. I supported it; I put a sticker in my window. I didn't know. I didn't know it was that close, that it was going to have that kind of impact from across the street. If it's across the street, how can I be in their way? Why do I have to be gone? That was my question and I just didn't see this coming. We went back and forth with them, and they were not nice, but respectful. They do it as a business. It's their job to push you away and feel you can't do it anymore.

That's life."

Joseph said it started with the construction parking, where constructions workers from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, and sometimes into the night, would flood the streets with their vehicles and take every available spot — despite the large parking lot available to them.

Councilors Fred Capone and Michael McLaughlin helped her to get 15-minute parking signs in front of her place to prohibit their parking, but she said they parked there anyway.

"Our customers had nowhere to park," she said. "Even with the signs, I had to call dispatch and the Police Department to come get them out of my spots. It's not friendly. My customers would give up. They would order food, but they couldn't get here to pick it up. So, after trying, they would call and cancel. We would end up with all these orders. It's hard for the customers. So, if they can't get here and can't park here, we have to move."

Matters heightened when the road construction started last spring. With Broadway tied up, the back streets often closed, and Bow Street re-routed, Joseph said her business was all-but impossi-

ble to get to. Soon, when left-turn lanes were blocked, the delivery drivers from Uber Eats and other companies even stopped coming.

She said she went to the Chamber meetings for Lower Broadway businesses and the casino, but there was no progress — nothing changed she said. In fact, she said she only found more businesses near here that were angry and also suffering.

To top it off, her pest control company wasn't able to get to the restaurant recently due to traffic, and they told her their monthly checks would double in price.

All of it added up to an inability for one to exist with the other, she said, so now she's throwing in the towel.

She said she has hopes of going elsewhere in Everett, but the real estate market for restaurants isn't easy — even in a place like Everett Square.

"I want to stay in Everett, but I don't see anything in Everett," she said. "It's really about real estate. If I get something in Everett, it would be better for me to do the liquor transfer and not start from scratch. They know me at City Hall so it would be a smooth transfer. Again, I don't know what my future holds, but I want to keep my business."



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### MASSACHUSETTS GREENWORKS IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR PRESENT -- AND FUTURE

The announcement last week by House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo that the state will be investing \$1 billion over the next decade to help communities across Massachusetts adopt technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fortify infrastructure is welcome news to everyone who realizes that time is running out if we are to offset the inevitable effects of climate change that already are taking place all around us.

The proposal – known as GreenWorks – builds on a long-standing approach by the House under Speaker DeLeo’s leadership to provide the means for our cities and towns (especially along the coast) to build sustainable and resilient communities that hopefully will prepare us for the impending threats posed by rising sea levels and catastrophic weather events.

Environmental groups and clean-energy businesses across the state have praised the plan. The \$1 billion investment envisioned by the GreenWorks proposal not only will provide cities and towns with the ability to cut greenhouse gases and lower their long-term energy and operating costs, but it also will adopt Massachusetts-made innovative technologies that will put people to work on clean-tech infrastructure projects.

These competitive grants, to be administered by the governor’s Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, will provide funding for a wide array of projects, including energy-efficient buildings, solar, microgrids, energy storage, electric vehicle charging stations, and resiliency infrastructure.

Inasmuch as the GreenWorks plan presents an opportunity to pursue innovative approaches to funding clean energy and climate-change resiliency projects, the economic and environmental benefits of GreenWorks grants will be felt immediately, while also expanding the state’s commitment to embracing cost-effective investments in leading-edge clean technologies.

In our view, the GreenWorks program represents a timely part of the overall solution that is essential if we are to address the imperatives we face from the looming catastrophe of climate change. We applaud Speaker DeLeo for taking the lead in advancing a plan that acknowledges this reality and the need to deal with it immediately.

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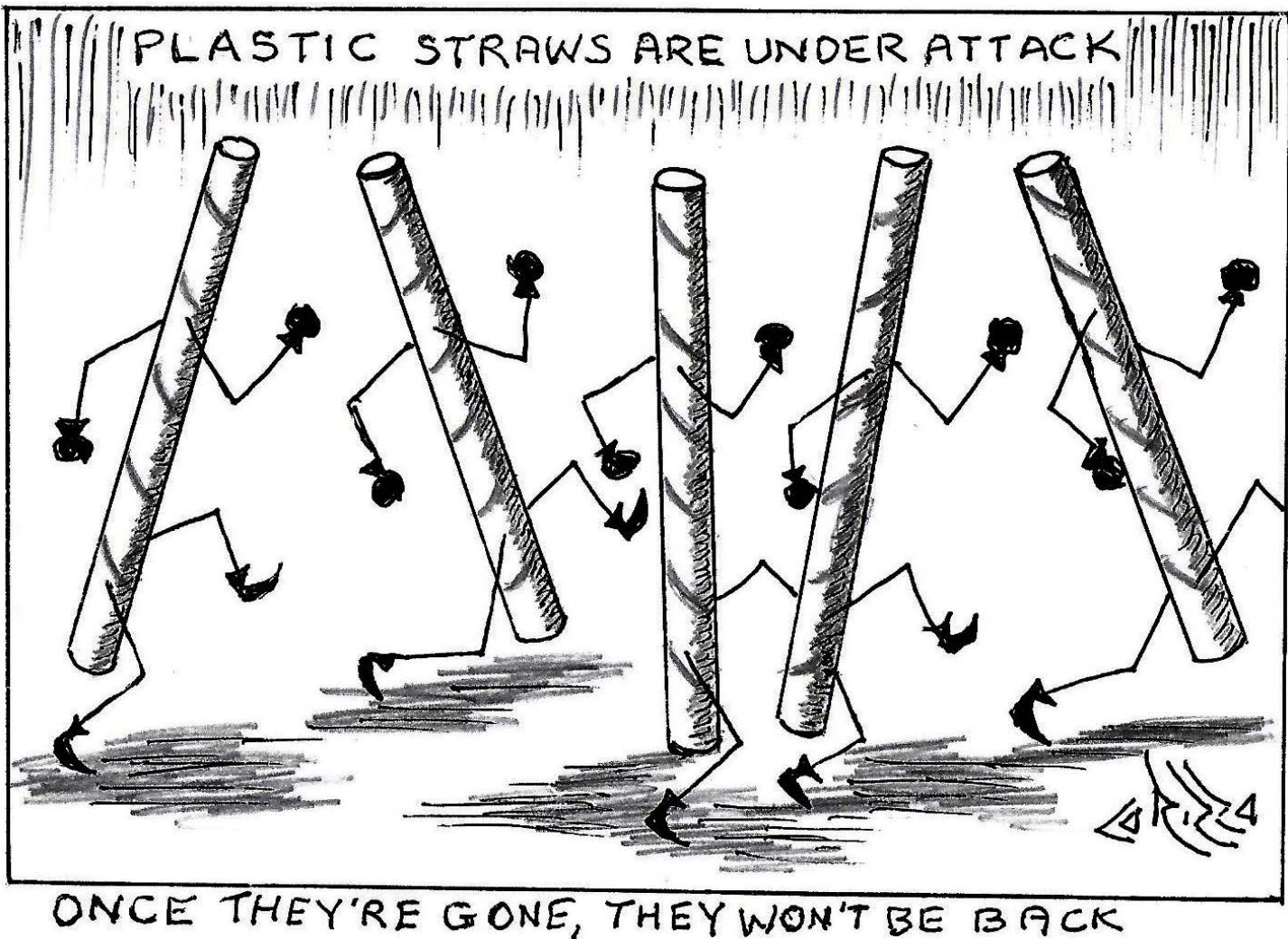
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# Independent Forum



## Sen. DiDomenico hosting annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day Roast in Charlestown

Staff Report

Sen. Sal DiDomenico will once again be hosting the Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on Friday, March 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus in Charlestown.

This event has become the official kick-off to the St. Patrick’s Day season.

In addition to a traditional Irish dinner, the night will include Irish music by Devri Boston, step dancers, bag pipers, videos by elected officials and the annual presentation of the Golden Shamrock Award to a community leader.

More than 75 federal, state, and local elected officials are also expected to attend and several of them will try their favorite St. Patrick’s Day jokes. A who’s who list of Massachusetts political figures will be joining the festivities including Gov. Charlie Baker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, Attorney General Maura Healey, State Auditor Suzanne Bump, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley,



Irish Step Dancers at one of the past St. Pat’s roasts by Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s Foundation.

Cambridge Mayor Marc McGovern, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, and many more.

There will also be a special

surprise guest as well.

This event is one of the most popular St. Patrick’s Day traditions in the Greater Boston community and Senator Nick Collins, the host of the South Boston St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast, will also be at the event.

For tickets and event in-

formation, please call (617) 387-3327. Proceeds will go to The DiDomenico Foundation, which funds educational scholarships for high school students, as well as a large toy drive during the holiday season for domestic violence and homeless shelters throughout the Greater Boston area.

## DeLeo announces GreenWorks Resilient Communities Investment

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo announced a new initiative to invest \$1 billion over the next 10 years to help communities across Massachusetts adopt technologies – including clean energy, energy efficiency, and climate change resiliency measures – that cut greenhouse gas emissions, fortify infrastructure and reduce municipal costs.

The proposal – known as GreenWorks – builds on a long-standing House approach providing concrete tools directly to communities with an immediate impact.

“This long-term investment will help Massachusetts cities and towns build sustainable and resilient communities,” said Speaker DeLeo, (D – Winthrop). “Not only will cities and towns have the ability to cut greenhouse gases and lower long-term energy and operating costs, but they will adopt Massachusetts-made innovative technologies and put people to work on cleantech infrastructure projects.”

These competitive grants are for cities and towns to fund projects including, but not limited to energy efficient

buildings, solar, microgrids, energy storage, electric vehicle charging stations, or resiliency infrastructure. Under the proposal, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs will administer the grants through its agencies.

“Under Speaker DeLeo’s leadership, the GreenWorks plan represents an exciting opportunity to pursue innovative approaches to funding clean energy, energy efficiency, and climate change resiliency projects that will make a real impact in cities and towns across the Commonwealth,” said Rep. Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D-Lowell), Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy. “I applaud the Speaker’s strong commitment to advancing Massachusetts towards a clean energy future, and I look forward to productive conversations in the House.”

Speaker DeLeo unveiled the legislation during a visit to the Greentown Labs Global Center for Cleantech Innovation. Located in Somerville, Greentown Labs is the largest cleantech business incubator in the United States. Since its

founding in 2011, it has graduated more than 170 companies with more than 86 percent of them still in operation.

“Greentown Labs’ mission is to support cleantech start-ups and help get their technologies to market,” said Emily Reichert, CEO of Greentown Labs. “We’re excited to learn of Speaker DeLeo’s new GreenWorks plan and eager to see the positive impact it will make on deploying cleantech and clean energy solutions across the Commonwealth.”

“NECEC commends Speaker DeLeo for his leadership on helping cities and towns across the Commonwealth accelerate their transition to a clean and resilient economy,” said Northeast Clean Energy Council President Peter Rothstein. “Creative steps towards addressing climate change need to be taken now, and the legislation announced today will allow Massachusetts communities to invest in and deploy the latest innovations in clean energy. The timely economic and environmental benefits of GreenWorks grants will be felt immediately, while also ex-

panding the Commonwealth’s market signals over the next decade, embracing cost-effective investments in leading edge clean technologies.”

“ELM welcomes Speaker DeLeo’s announcement. The Commonwealth has so much to gain from proactively investing in resiliency and sustainability – and so much to lose from inertia,” said Environmental League of Massachusetts President Elizabeth Henry. “We look forward to working with the Speaker and the Legislature to craft an effective program.”

“Supporting communities – large and small – to reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency and clean energy initiatives is a smart and powerful solution,” said Sue Coakley, Executive Director of Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP). “NEEP applauds efforts to fund Massachusetts community leadership to provide inspiring and impactful building decarbonization solutions, and look forward to assisting these efforts.”



# After five-hour executive session, MGC agrees to terms dismissing Wynn case

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) spent more than five hours in executive session on Feb. 20 in private discussions about the legal approach to ending the case in Nevada brought by Steve Wynn – a case that has barred the MGC from publicly sharing its long-awaited suitability investigation.

The MGC convened its meeting at 11 a.m. on Feb. 20, and promptly went into executive session by a unanimous vote, with Chair Cathy Judd-Stein indicating that public discussion would be detrimental to their legal standing.

At 4:30 p.m., they emerged with another quick public ac-

tion.

Member Gayle Cameron read a motion that asked the Commissioners to authorize an agreement that would result in a dismissal of the Wynn case against them.

The motion indicated it would allow the MGC to move forward with “an adjudicatory proceeding regarding Wynn Resorts’ suitability as soon as possible.”

The motion was approved 5-0.

Afterward, the MGC issued a statement indicating that the actions taken would avoid a long, protracted legal fight.

“Today (Feb. 20), the Massachusetts Gaming Commission voted to authorize its legal counsel to finalize an

agreement guaranteeing that commissioners have access to important investigative information relevant to the Wynn Resorts suitability review,” said Spokesperson Elaine Driscoll. “This action also eliminates the uncertainty of protracted litigation and allows the MGC to commence its preparations for an adjudicatory hearing and a robust, public review of its investigatory findings.”

MGC Spokesperson Elaine Driscoll said Tuesday morning they do not yet have any dates or timelines for that rollout. However, she said they would likely discuss that matter at the MGC’s Feb. 28 meeting.

# Councilor McLaughlin submits 41 questions on the Wellness Center

By Seth Daniel

In what is looking to be a showdown on the Wellness Center, Councilor Michael McLaughlin has submitted 41 questions about the past management and hiring practices at the City’s Wellness Center – questions that are to be addressed at the March 4 Council committee meeting.

The meeting, to be chaired by Councilor Anthony DiPierro, is a follow-up to the skirmish at the Feb. 11 meeting between McLaughlin and administration officials Omar Easy and Lara Ammouri.

In that meeting, McLaughlin – after many frustrating moments – agreed to submit all of his questions on the Wellness Center in writing for a committee meeting.

This week, he has done just that.

“I agreed to be fully transparent and so I have submitted that list of questions well in advance of the meeting,” he said. “Everyone has them. My only hope is that we get to the bottom of this, and that the questions are answered, and no one declares we can’t talk about any of them due to ‘personnel’ matters. I think we can get answers on what happened.”

What happened was a spiraling of the management at the Center last month and late last year. That climaxed with the resignation of Wellness Director Karen Avila last month when it was learned her credentials were not bonafide.

McLaughlin’s questions revolve mostly around the hiring practices at the Wellness Center and are directed at Easy, Ammouri and Mayor

Carlo DeMaria.

A few examples are as follows:

•Dr. Easy, what efforts were made to obtain qualified employees for the Wellness center, and what mediums were used (i.e., radio, news publications, etc.)?

•Lara, who was involved in the hiring process?

•Mayor DeMaria, what role did you play in hiring decisions? Who had the final approval? How did we determine what employment positions would be needed to run the Center?

Other lines of questioning include designated parking spaces, contracts for equipment and if the City will pursue reimbursement from Avila for her salary that was based on the phony advanced degrees.

# Building a healthier Everett

Since his first term in office, Mayor DeMaria has been a strong proponent for building a healthier City, and the administration continues to work hard to achieve a healthier and happier environment for the people of Everett. Improvements to both infrastructure and services are being implemented – from increasing the accessibility to affordable gym plans and healthy food, to making our buildings, streets, and neighborhoods safer.

The Everett Health & Wellness Center is the driving force behind the initiative to making Everett a healthier city. Since its inception in 2015, the Health Center has grown with new levels of participation – this year expanding to 5,426 members. Over the past four years, the administration has continually met its long-term goal of increasing the accessibility, availability, and affordability of both exercise programs and healthful foods in the community.

Strategies to achieve the healthful foods goal include; working toward changes in school food procurement

policies – stocking vending machines with healthy snack and beverage options at all municipal facilities, assisting schools in meeting basic nutritional guidelines – approaching small stores to promote healthier food and beverage options, and working with local restaurants to add healthy options to their menus.

In addition to increasing awareness and availability of healthy foods, the Mayor’s administration also continues in its mission to increase opportunities for physical activity. Projects include establishing a “Complete Streets” policy design standard for the City, in which streets and developments are constructed and refurbished with all users – motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit – in mind. These policies include; bike lanes and paths, raised crosswalks, flashing pedestrian signals, improved bus shelters, and traffic calming measures.

The Department of Planning and Development and the City Services Department have also been making strides toward a healthier and safer

er community with updates and additions to city infrastructure. Recent Capital Improvement Plans have renovated Glendale Park, Swan Street Park, Florence Street Park, Gramstorff Park, Sacramone Park, Meadows Park, Wehner Park, and Herman Day Park, in order to provide a safe and well-maintained space for youth, seniors, and families to exercise and play.

Mayor DeMaria stated, “We are providing our children with the best recreational facilities in the state. We have renovated over eight parks in the last couple of years. Park renovations and recreational programs provide our children and families the opportunity to participate in team sports and enjoy open play- but these park improvements are only a small down payment to the citizens of Everett.”

These improvements and continued efforts will help ensure that the City grows in a positive direction, remains strong, and educates and assists its residents in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It is this type of cooperative work that will ultimately build a

## AROUND THE CITY

### CANTATA SINGERS GALA, AUCTION, AFTER-PARTY

The renowned singers host their fundraiser featuring live and silent auctions, dinner, raffles, DJ and dancing, Saturday, March 2, starting at 6 p.m., at the Charles Hotel, One Bennet St., Cambridge. \$200.

### JACK KEROUAC FILMS

In collaboration with the Jack Kerouac Estate, Merrimack Repertory Theater and Luna Theater present free screenings of Lowell-native Jack Kerouac films, “Big Sur,” and “One Fast

Move or I’m Gone,” March 5 and 7, at The Luna at Mill No. 5, 250 Jackson St., downtown Lowell. First-come, first-served. mrt.org/haunted-llife/special-events. The world premiere Of Sean Daniels’ stage adaptation of Kerouac’s “lost” novel, “The Haunted Life,” follows, March 20-April 14, at Merrimack Rep’s Nancy L. Donahue Theatre, Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell. mrt.org.

### REVOLUTIONARY SNAKE ENSEMBLE

The lively group hosts its annual Mardi Gras party featuring

special guests Alonzo Demetrius and Brian Richburg Jr., March 5, 7:30 p.m., at the Regattabar, Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge.\$22; students, \$17. regattabarjazz.com, 617-395-7757, getshowtix.com/regattabar/moreinfo.cgi?if+4074.

### GABY MORENO

Club Passim welcomes the multi-linguist, Grammy Award-winning, soulful, pop singer-songwriter Thursday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., 47 Palmer St., Cambridge. \$25; members, \$23. clubpassim.org, 617-492-7679.

## BRIEFS

### METRO CREDIT UNION LAUNCHES A BED FOR EVERY CHILD INITIATIVE

Metro Credit Union announces the launch of a company-wide campaign that will support local organizations serving families with young children who struggle with housing insecurity. The Credit Union encourages employees to “dress down” and wear jeans to work on one Friday each month in exchange for a \$5 donation to support a charitable cause. Metro then matches the amount of the pooled donation to be given to a specific charity.

Metro’s 2019 dress down day fundraisers will focus on building beds for children within the Credit Union’s branch communities. Through the generous donations received during the monthly dress down days, and the match provided by Metro, the Credit Union will partner with Coalition for the Homeless and local organizations to deliver beds, a stuffed animal, a book, and bedding for local children. As part of this campaign, Metro will host a build-a-bed event for employees who have volunteered to help construct the beds.

Many families in Massachusetts who experience housing insecurity have young children. A good night’s sleep has a significant impact on a child’s ability to arrive at school ready to learn,

and falling behind at school can have negative long-term consequences affecting a student’s education and future. A proven pathway out of homelessness is to ensure children of low-income families receive an education that will enable them to graduate from high school. To do this, children must be provided with the tools they need to succeed, and one of the tools is a bed.

“At the end of the day, a child without a bed will have more obstacles to success. The future of the children in our community is incredibly important to us,” says Charlene Bauer, Chief Development Officer, SVP Advocacy and Outreach. “Metro is proud to employ so many generous people who are excited about this campaign and wish to donate their time and money to this great cause. We look forward to seeing the initiative grow!”

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### LEARN-TO-SKATE

New winter Learn-To-Skate classes for children, ages 4 to 18 at the LoConte Rink on Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Medford will start Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m., for five weeks.

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Guests at Stewarts were invited to taste the meatballs alongside pasta and salad for a small donation to the firefighter’s charity of choice.



Paul and Irene Cardillo entered their meatballs into the competition on Sunday.



Mason and Madison Botta joined their father, Matthew, at Stewarts to spectate the meatball competition.



Donnie Keene, Scott Dalrymple, and Will Hurley of the Everett Fire Department served as judges for the meatball competition at Stewart’s on Sunday, Feb. 17.



Firefighter Donnie Keene was joined by his daughter, Danyka, in tasting the meatball entries.



Anne Stewart was busy behind the scenes, bringing out the meatball dishes for the firefighters to blindly judge.



Craig Hardy and Anne Stewart enjoyed being part of Stewart’s meatball competition.



Behind the scenes, the firemen went in the kitchen at Stewart’s to make their final decision.



Kelli McCarthy was unanimously named winner. She donated her prize money back to the firefighter’s charity.

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Dr. Claudius-Cole’s sister led her to an American orthopaedic specialist, who had just heard rocker/activist Bono issue his mandate for caring people everywhere to step up and make a difference. As he listened to Dr. Claudius-Cole, he saw his own chance to do just that. Donating his own surgical services, he helped mobilize an entire medical team to get Dr. Claudius-Cole back on her feet. He even arranged free hip and knee implants.

Today, Dr. Claudius-Cole is fully recovered, and back at her vital healing practice in West Africa. Her story truly brings new meaning to the term “pro-Bono.” We share it here because it sends two of the most contagious messages we know. Don’t give up, and remember to give back.

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# Sports

## POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL IN SPARTAN CLASSIC ACTION AGAINST ST. MARY’S

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High school basketball fans saw two of the state’s most outstanding backcourtmen face off in the opening round of Spartan Classic at the Tony Conigliaro Gymnasium.

When all was said and done, St. Mary’s senior guard Jaylen Echevarria scored 32 points in a 72-64 victory over defending Division 4 state champion Pope John XXIII High School. PJ senior guard Angel Price-Espada had 22 points.



**UNSTOPPABLE:** Jalen Echevarria poured in 32 points to lead St. Mary’s to a 74-62 win over Pope John and their star, Angel Price Espada – who had 22 points – on Tuesday night.



**THE CHASE:** St. Mary’s Henri Miraka and Pope John’s Franki Imbruglia are in the chase for a loose ball.



**WHO’S GOT IT?** Pope John’s Luis Velasquez tries to wrestle a rebound from St. Mary’s Ademide Badmus—who was determined not to give up the ball.



**TIGER’S PAW:** Pope John’s Conor Kelly (40) gets a big hand in the way of an attempted shot by St. Mary’s Lisandro Pacheco (24).



**WHO’S BALL?** Pope John’s Mekhi Collins (13) and St. Mary’s Ademide Badmus race after a loose ball during St. Mary’s 74-62 win in the opening round of the Spartan Classic Tuesday night at Tony Conigliaro Memorial Gym at St. Mary’s.



**OH YEAH!** Frankie Imbruglia likes what he sees—a clear path to two points.



**FLOOR GAME:** Pope John’s Mekhi Collins and St. Mary’s Jalen Echevarria go to the floor in a struggle for the ball.



**YOU SEE SOMETHING?** A pair of Spartans and Pope John’s Mekhi Collins all have their eyes on a ball that got away.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

MBTA SEEKS FEEDBACK ON FARE INCREASE

CHELSEA - Chelsea residents and MBTA officials mingled at the Chelsea Senior Center on Tuesday, February 19, where the MBTA sought community feedback on three new system-wide changes on the horizon: a proposed fare hike, a bus system improvement initiative dubbed The Better Bus Project, and an upgraded program for managing ticket purchases called Automated Fare Collection 2.0.

The event was the first meeting in a series that the Transit Authority is hosting in the Greater Boston area throughout February and early March. Other cities and communities on the list include Quincy Center, Woburn, South Boston, Harvard Square, Downtown Boston, Watertown and Worcester.

Departing from the traditional town hall-style meeting, there was no speaker or agenda. Rather, officials from the MBTA were stationed at a horseshoe of tables featuring large informational posters and fliers in Spanish and English. Residents from the Chelsea community were invited to circulate from station to station in order to learn about the proposed changes, ask questions and provide oral and written feedback.

Fare Proposal

The MBTA is looking to increase fares by an average of 6.3%, which, according to its website, it needs in order to “continue making system investments to improve service.”

The increase, which is aligned with Boston’s inflation rate, also meets the State law allowing the MBTA to raise their rates no more than 7-percent every two years. The fare hike, which would go into effect in July, would be the first since 2016.

The 6.3-percent increase would be applied to all fares,

including bus and subway, commuter rail, ferry, and The RIDE.

In terms of the most common fares and passes, a local one-way bus ticket would go from \$1.70 to \$1.80. A one-way subway ticket would go from \$2.25 to \$2.40. A monthly LinkPass would go from \$84.50 to \$90.00, and a 7-Day LinkPass would go from \$21.25 to \$22.50.

Those interested can read more about the proposed fare hike at mbta.com/fare-proposal-2019. Comments can be emailed to fares@mbta.com, or mailed to MBTA, Attn: Fare Proposal, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Respondents can also share their opinions via an online survey available at surveymonkey.com/r/6TW8FFQ.

The better bus project

Another project on the table is The Better Bus Project, an expansive initiative looking to overhaul the entire bus service of the MBTA. Its current projected rollout date is 2020.

“Too many of our bus routes still fail to live up to our own standards,” states the MBTA on its web site. “Through the Better Bus Project, we are changing that. Every day we’re finding new ways to improve the experiences of the people who use and ride our buses.”

The Better Bus Project would be comprised of five distinct elements: continuous change, analysis, proposed near-term changes, multi-year investment strategy and the Bus Network Redesign.

Continuous change refers to changes that can be made incrementally over time as the opportunities arise. Analysis includes reports generated from a period of outreach in which the MBTA surveyed riders most affected by gaps in service.

“Riders want more frequent, more reliable service,” said the MBTA. “They want more routes that run more often throughout the day—not

just during peak service hours. And we learned [...] that there are too many routes, too many complex routes, and too few routes with frequent, all-day service.”

Proposed near-term changes for The Better Bus Project include 47 specific suggestions for the consolidation of duplicate routes, the increase of space at bus stops and the elimination of some obsolete bus routes.

One of the 47 proposed projects is Route 111, which runs from Haymarket through Chelsea to Revere. The MBTA aims to “provide faster and more reliable service to Route 111 by removing service on Park Avenue in Revere, with connection remaining via Route 110,” according to a Better Bus Project flier.

A multi-year investment strategy will kick off a dialog about how to best leverage resources to improve the bus system as a whole, taking into account what riders want and need.

The ambitious Bus Network Redesign would re-envision the current MBTA bus network in the hopes of better serving passengers.

To learn more about The Better Bus Project and share your input, go to mbta.com/projects/better-bus-project.

Automated fare collection 2.0

Citing an outdated system, the MBTA hopes that its new project will make paying for transit easier. With the introduction of AFC 2.0, the MBTA hopes to “improve customer experience, ensure equal access, upgrade outdated hardware and software, improve revenue control, operate buses and trains more efficiently and support future MBTA changes and growth.”

According to the MBTA, passengers will be able to pay their fares faster with improved Charlie Cards, a smartphone app, different payment options and digital fare readers. Under the new

system, passengers will be able to conveniently reload their Charlie Cards in a number of venues, from schools and employers, online, over the phone, retailers and an increased number of vending machines.

MBTA employee Anthony Thomas explained that people could still use cash to reload their Charlie Cards at a number of locations throughout the city, but that cash would no longer be an option for paying on buses. The idea is to reduce the long bus queues, resulting in faster routes.

“Our new fare system will get you moving faster,” said the MBTA. “It’ll also get our vehicles moving faster (by up to 10-percent according to some estimates).”

These changes would not be rolled out all at once, but would overlap with the current technologies available, some of them in place for over a decade. In this way, the MBTA hopes to have a seamless transition to the new system.

For more information about AFC 2.0 and to submit your feedback, visit afc2.mbta.com.

RYAN PLEASED WITH ASSIGNMENTS

CHELSEA - State Rep. Dan Ryan said this week he is pleased in what is considered a step up in becoming the vice chair of the Post Audit Oversight Committee – a powerful committee that runs investigations of government operations and actually has subpoena powers.

“I want to thank Speaker DeLeo for this appointment, and my House colleagues for voting to affirm his trust in me,” said Ryan. “I look forward to working with Chairman Linsky and other committee members in continuing to bring solid, cost-effective government programs to the electorate.”

Ryan said Post-Audit Oversight certainly isn’t a household name for most people in the Town, but said it has a unique mission and is a sought-after committee on Beacon Hill.

“The Post-Audit Oversight Committee is a select House committee that has a unique mission,” he said. “Members of the committee are tasked with ensuring that State agencies are abiding by legislative intent and the program initiatives put forth, by the legislature, through the budget process. When necessary, the committee will work with administrative agencies to propose corrective actions to best serve citizens of the Commonwealth.”

One of the most visible investigations conducted by the Committee came several years ago in the previous administration when the Department of Children and Families (DCF) came under fire for its handling and management of numerous cases involving children.

Ryan has also been assigned as a member of the Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Recovery Committee, and as a member of the Transportation Committee.

•Just across the North Washington Street Bridge, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz came away with one of the biggest scores for the Boston delegation in getting assigned as chair of the powerful Ways & Means Committee.

Rep. Ryan said that having such an important chair nearby will be very good for Charlestown as well as the North End. That will particularly be apparent with projects like the North Washington Street Bridge, which affects the North End as much as Charlestown.

Michlewitz told the Patriot-Bridge that he is humbled by the appointment, and that while he has to build consensus across the state, he will keep his district and Boston in

the forefront.

“I am honored that Speaker DeLeo believes I can do the job,” he said. “The first order of business is creating and debating a \$42.7 billion budget. A lot of work has been done in committee, but we have a short timeframe to get a lot done. The thing I was to stress is my district is my number one priority.”

SEVERAL PROJECTS FUNDED WITH CPA FUNDS

EAST BOSTON - Mayor Martin Walsh and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) announced the latest round of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for several East Boston projects.

Six Eastie projects were recommended by the Mayor and the CPC to received over \$3.5 million of the \$34 million in total funding that was dolled out citywide.

The six Eastie projects will be submitted to the Boston City Council for approval with an anticipated vote from the Council in March.

“I am proud to recommend these proposals for funding approval, which will support our community in countless ways,” said Mayor Walsh. “Since residents voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act two years ago, we have awarded CPA funding for projects in every neighborhood. We look forward to continuing to use this revenue to build on our work related to affordable housing, historic preservation and open space.”

In Eastie, Walsh and the CPC recommended \$950,000 to the Grace Apartments development, which recently received Boston Planning and Development Agency approval. Developed by the East Boston Community Development Organization (EBCDC), Grace Apartments will be a new 42 unit residential building serving low-income seniors located on 187 Sumner Street. The project will also renovate 17 income-restricted units on the site’s existing building.

According to plans submitted to the BPDA by the CDC the proposed project involves the construction of a new 39,067 square foot, 42-unit, seven-story building and the renovation of an existing 26,800 square foot building currently on the same site in Maverick Square.

The new building will include all low-income elderly housing. The existing building, which includes 17 elderly/disabled subsidized units, as well as approximately 3,000 square feet of ground floor commercial, will be converted to workforce housing units, including two affordable units.

The property consists of a 16,266-square foot parcel of land with 26,800-square foot of mixed use, residential and commercial building.

There will be no changes to the footprint of the existing building and the proposed new building will be situated behind the existing building.

The 3,798 square foot first floor will consist of a community room, kitchen, lobby, mail room, office, and mechanical space. The lot size will accommodate five parking spaces, one of which will be handicapped accessible.

The second through seventh floors will have seven units per floor, for a total of 42 units. There will be no changes to the footprint of the existing building.

The tenants in the existing building will be given the option to move to a new unit upon completion of the first phase of the project.

A recommendation of \$735,200 will go to the proposed Aileron development to build seven housing units, including four affordable units. Overall the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable

Housing, NOAH’s architect, Eastie based Joy St Design, and the CDC has joined forces to create a 41-unit project that includes a mixed-use-mixed-income, ownership/rental housing and gallery spaces for Eastie artist community and community at large.

NOAH’s project, dubbed ‘Aileron’ will include eight ownership units, half workforce and half market, in one building with 33-units occupying a larger building next door. Of the 33 units in the larger building 17 will be set aside for artist work/living space.

NOAH is also proposing two large common spaces, a Gallery and Workbar, that will be available for the other residents in the building. These are communal spaces and are not be strictly artist work space. Giffie said the ‘workbar’ space will be on the ground floor of the 33-unit rental building.

Eastie could also get \$600,000 for a new playground at the East Boston Early Education Center. The new playground for ELC includes integrated classrooms for students with disabilities in K0 and first grade.

The Nantucket Lightship, Boston’s only floating museum docked at the Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street could get \$575,000 to restore the historic ship’s rusted hull.

There is \$500,000 recommend to create a new park to connect the renovated Boston Housing Authority Orient Heights development to the surrounding neighborhood.

Finally \$300,000 could come through to build a fully accessible dock and dock house at LoPresti Park. This dock will create access to the waterfront for youth and an adaptive sailing program at LoPresti Park across from the Boston Housing Authority’s Jeffries Point development for those with handicaps.

“Thank you to the many civic and cultural leaders who made today’s Community Preservation Act investments happen,” said Councilor Lydia Edwards. “This funding round expands educational, housing and recreational opportunities for children, seniors, persons with disabilities and promotes investments in open space and historic preservation that will serve all of Eastie, and all of Boston, well.”

By adopting the CPA in November 2016, the City has created a Community Preservation Fund. This fund is capitalized primarily by a one percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that began in July 2017. The City will use this revenue to fund initiatives consistent with CPA guidelines: affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and public recreation.

MADARO APPOINTED VICE CHAIR OF TRANSPORTATION

EAST BOSTON - With a major international airport, highway, toll plaza and the MBTA Blue Line in his district, it made sense for Speaker Robert DeLeo to appoint Rep. Adrian Madaro as the new House Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation.

Madaro will serve alongside the Committee’s Chair Rep. William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) on the House side. Madaro and Straus will work closely with their colleagues and the Committee’s counterparts on the Senate side, Chair Joseph Boncore (D-Winthrop) and Vice Chair Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow).

Since being elected in 2015, Madaro has taken the lead on issues related to Logan Air-

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THEATER REVIEW

UNCOMMON WOMEN AND OTHERS

By Sheila Barth

Although the last day of Salem State University's (SSU) two-week production of Wendy Wasserstein's play, "Uncommon Women and Others," was Sunday, Feb. 24, and the house sold out, several people waited in line, hoping to get a seat in the cozy Callan Studio Theatre.

What made this production so special?

Department chairman-professor Peter Sampieri spells it out in his printed comment: ".....the production ....is about 10 incredible women played by ten incredible women, written by an incredible woman, directed and assistant-directed by two incredible women, shaped and served by a student scenic designer and stage manager, who are also incredible women."

Wasserstein, prolific author of the celebrated "Heidi Chronicles," "The Sisters Rosenweig," and others, went on to win a Tony Award, Pulit-



Cast of Uncommon Women and Others at Salem State University.

zer Prize and more during her career. She died at age 55 of leukemia.

There's nothing earth-shattering or revelatory in this two-act, two-hour play that's geared to mature audiences. In fact, it's the first play Wasserstein wrote, her master's degree thesis, at Yale University in 1977.

The Mount Holyoke College undergrad and champi-

on of feminist causes simply highlighted an impromptu reunion of six Mount Holyoke friends-graduates, and several flashbacks of their time together on campus, during the cusp of the feminist movement.

Wasserstein's characters are clearly drawn. Their personalities, hopes, accomplishments or lack thereof, are magnified by director-former Salem

State University graduate Bri- anne Beatrice, and costume designer Jerry L. Johnson.

SSU senior Chelsea Titch- nell nicely portrays Kate Quin, self-driven and successful law- yer. Freshman Mish Pothier is outstanding as wise-cracking, sometimes shocking feminist Rita Altabel, who grosses ev- eryone out, declaring she took feminist Germaine Greer's ad- vice and tasted her own men-

strual blood.

SSU junior Olivia Raso portrays flamboyant Muffet DiNicola with flair, while SSU freshman Julia McDonough, portraying Samantha Stewart, is more rational. Her goal is to become engaged and marry her boyfriend.

SSU freshman Hannah Bradley is comical as goody two-shoes Susie Friend; SSU senior Meg Brown portraying Holly Kaplan is uptight, as she secretly tries to call long distance a guy she met at a museum; and SSU senior Lin- naea Barry as Leilah is more serious, reserved. Upon grad- uation, she's going to Iraq, to learn more about people and their circumstances.

SSU junior Demi DiCarlo is enigmatic as Carter, the new member of the group, and SSU senior Paige Ruggles is come- dically saccharine as tea-time ,brandy-imbibing house moth- er, Mrs. Plumm, who reminds us and the girls to "not put their feet on the furniture".

An intoned narrator's voice sets scenes in a restaurant for

the girls' six-year reunion, and shifts back and forth to remi- niscences of their 1972-3 college days.

At the time, women's rights and feminism were on the rise, but these coeds' future was limited, mostly to achieving part-time jobs and marrying the right man.

Thankfully, today's young women have increased oppor- tunity; however, Wasserstein's play remains relevant, because who haven't, overall, achieved equal raises and salaries for women.

On another note, award-win- ning internationally acclaimed a cappella quartet, Women of the World, present story-tell- ing through song, performing in 32+ of the world's lan- guages, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., at Salem State University Recit- al Hall, 71 Loring Ave., Sa- lem.\$20; seniors, non Salem State students, 18 and above years old, \$15; under 18, free. salemstate.edu/arts, 978-542- 6365, salemstatetickets.com..

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port impacts and mitigation, MBTA late night service and the Red Line/Blue Line Con- nector as well as issues facing his East Boston constituents like traffic and regional con- gestion.

Madaro's work on trans- portation is rooted in a com- mitment to the priorities of the Commonwealth, including his transit-heavy First Suffolk district, which encompasses stretches of both Interstate 90 and Route 1, five MBTA sub- way lines, Logan Airport, and the Boston Harbor.

Since being elected Mada- ro has advocated for a ferry in Eastie, improvements to the Summer Tunnel toll plaza pro- ject, increase in Massport miti- gation to surrounding com- munities, late night MBTA service as well as addressing other transportation needs and improvements in the district.

"I want to thank Speaker DeLeo and my colleagues for entrusting me with one of the state's top fiscal and pol- icy priorities," said Madaro. "I'm honored and thrilled to be appointed Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee. I'm excited to continue work- ing on the important transit issues that deeply impact East Boston and the Common- wealth of Massachusetts. The Commonwealth's transporta- tion system is the driver that ensures our economic success. Still, Massachusetts requires a new revenue mechanism to make necessary investments in our infrastructure to secure a statewide vision for a mod- ern transportation system."

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM DOING WELL IN COMPETITION

REVERE - The Revere High School's Speech and De- bate Team as well as the Mod- el UN Club made some waves this month in some high pro- file state competitions.

Earlier this month sopho- more Kevin Cano and junior Seba Ismail, both members of the school's Speech and Debate Team competed in the Boston Catholic Forensic League's National Qualifi- er--a competition that drew over 250 students represent- ing 28 schools, public and private, from Eastern Massa- chusetts.

During the competition, Kevin reached runoffs in the Declamation competition and Seba earned a spot at National Championships to be held in Milwaukee, Wisc. in May for her performance in the Prose and Poetry event.

Meanwhile, Revere High qualified over a dozen stu- dents for State Champion- ships in the Massachusetts Speech and Debate League with two regular season tour- naments remaining. "The team has seem a series of strong performances through the first three quarters of the season, highlighted by soph- omore Minnah Sheikh's first place finish in Declamation at the Newton South Winterfest in January," said Revere High teacher Mark Fellows. "The team's looking forward to continuing successful show- ings at upcoming tournaments at Shrewsbury High and Needham High in March."

Also, fifteen Revere High students that are part of the Model UN Club participated in the MIT Model UN Con- ference a week ago.

"The MIT Model UN Con- ference draws students from throughout the Bay State, across the country and around the globe to discuss solutions for issues of international con- cern," said Fellows.

Throughout the conference Revere High students demon- strated a high level of skill at diplomatic protocol and thoughtful engagement with complex issues in collabora- tion with peers of wide-rang- ing backgrounds.

Special awards went to sophomore Rayan Riaz, earn- ing an Honorable Mention as the delegate from Uruguay in ECOFIN, and senior Sar- ah Benhalima also receiving Honorable Mention for her representation of Canada in the Human Rights Coun- cil. Meanwhile, junior Jason Acosta won Best Delegate as Uruguay in High Commis- sion for Refugees, and senior Wallid Soukaki gamished the award for Best Delegate in the Security Council while repre- senting Uganda.

Members of Revere High's Model UN Club are currently in Beijing China to participate in a Model G20 Youth Lead- ership Summit. The Revere High students representing the school's sophomore, ju- nior and senior classes are spending this week working with students from over twen- ty countries around the world to learn more about global systems and build sustainable solutions for the future.

GIBSON PARK RENOVATIONS ALMOST COMPLETE

REVERE - Gary Ferrag- amo is the president of the Point of Pines Beach Associ- ation and he, like other resi- dents of the Pines, is excited

about the restoration of the Gibson Park playground.

"I'm here to support Elle (Baker), who is on our board of directors, and to help out the project with the Associa- tion or personally," said Fer- ragamo, who looks forward to accompanying his eight-year- old son, Anthony, to the new playground when it opens.

Elle Baker, project planner for the Revere Office of Strat- egic Planning and Econom- ic Development, moderated a Gibson Park Community Playground Build planning meeting Feb. 13 at the Point of Pines Yacht Club. City Planner Frank Stringi, Ward 5 Councillor John Powers, and Ricky Serino, aide to State Rep. RoseLee Vincent, joined many residents at the meeting.

Priscilla Nickerson, com- munity liaison who has partic- ipated in three previous play- ground community builds, and Linda DeMaio, represen- tative of Mayor Brian Arrigo's Office, also participated in the planning session.

Baker said the park is cur- rently undergoing a \$460,000 renovation project that in- cludes an expansion of the playground area, new fencing, the replacement of the safety surface, new walkways, new playground equipment, the restoration of the ballfield, the installation of an irrigation system at the ballfield, and the installation of an electrical conduit so security lighting can function.

"Construction began in Oc- tober and it is ongoing with an expected on-site inspection by June 1," said Baker. "We in- tend to hold a ribbon-cutting and open the park no later than the second week in June."

Baker said the purpose of the meeting was to plan a community build for the dates of May 17-19, at which time residents will join with experts from Playworld, a playground equipment manufacturing company, to put together the playground structures such as the slides, swings, fire trucks, and a lobster trap climber.

"Different teams will work together to assemble the struc- tures," said Baker. "It's really the most fun part of the pro- cess. All residents are wel- come to join us and partici- pate in the community build."

The new playground at Gibson Park will be geared toward boys and girls, ages 2 through 12, while the baseball field will be open to all resi- dents. There are three tennis courts at Gibson Park that were restored in an earlier project.

Interestingly, residents at the meeting were able to cast

their ballots for the colors of the new playground equip- ment.

"I voted for light blue, dark blue, yellow, and tan, which is like sandy," said Ferragamo.

Ferragamo credited city and state officials for "step- ping up to help us unify our local community" with the new playground.

"Point of Pines is a special area," said Ferragamo. "I love living here. I'm been here 19 years and I have no desire to leave and go anywhere else."

FERRINO SELECTED AS NEW PRECINCT 1 COUNCILOR

WINTHROP - You may now call him Precinct 1 Coun- cilor Richard Ferrino.

The Town Council voted 4-3 Tuesday night to have Ferrino fill out the remaining term of Precinct 1 Councilor Michael McDuffee who died in January. "I'm very pleased the majority of the council voted on my behalf," Ferrino said. "I looking forward to convincing the other council- ors that I am up to the task and I will perform in a manner that will make them change their minds."

The other candidate was Li- censing Board member Nick Bracy. Councilors Heather Engman, Michael Lucerto and Nick LoConte preferred Bracy.

"I'm glad Nick put his name into the hat," Ferrino said adding that public service has its ups and downs. "It's all part of a growing experience in government.

For his own constituents in Precinct 1 he'd like to hold some meetings and address a few things that have been overlooked.

Ferrino has been active in town affairs for a number of years and grew up calling Winthrop home.

He will serve out the re- mainder of the 2019 season. There will be an election in November to determine who will serve the remaining two years of the term.

Ferrino is the son of Judge Joseph Ferrino.

Ferrino, 57, has lived in Precinct 1 for the past 30 years, and is employed as the assistant chief of probation in Salem Court.

He has been active in town affairs over the years with the Historical Commission (chairman at one time), Parks and Recreation, the Memorial Committee and the Winthrop Housing Authority.

He also worked on the town's Capital Improvements Committee, the Dalrymple School Reuse Study, the E.B. Newton Reuse Committee. He was also a Town Meeting member for over 25 years. He currently serves on a UMA- ss-Lowell Advisory Board for Humanities and Science. Ferrino is a member of the Freedom Foundation and served on the Dom Savio Prep School board.

RESIDENTS PLAN PROTEST OVER WATER AND SEWER RATES

WINTHROP - Cathleen Napoli and other residents are fed up with the recent water and sewer rates in Winthrop so she took to social media and the airwaves to let every- one know how shocking the bills are.

Napoli started her protest with a posting on Facebook page called "Winthrop Open Discussion."

She's calling for a rally at noon on Saturday, March 9 at the Ingleside Park Gazebo, with a rain date of March 16, to protest the recent water and sewer fee increases.

In addition, Napoli wants to invite the Massachusetts State Auditor's Office to conduct an audit of the methodology, ac- curacy and fairness of the cur- rent Water Sewer assessment process.

On Tuesday night, the Town Council and the Town Manager heard from others who were ticked off about the water bills too.

"We have the second raise in our water bill in a year and I'm concerned about that," said Diane Sands of Precinct 5. "The second hike in a year is kind of outrageous. I'd like to go along with an audit."

Per the State Auditor's of- fice, they can only conduct this audit if the town govern- ment votes to request the au- dit.

Water and sewer rates were just raised 17 percent in May 2018 because of a water and sewer budget deficit when Police Chief Terry Delehanty was interim town manager. It was said then that there was a risk to raise the rate further because a higher rate often resulted in less usage by resi- dents. This has been the case with a six percent reduction in use from last spring.

In May, Town of Winthrop will increase water and sewer rates by \$3 per hundred cubic feet beginning with the cur- rent billing cycle.

The increase, from \$19.90 per hundred cubic feet to \$22.90 is the result of a drop in the amount of water used by the Town in the first half of the billing year.

The reason for the \$3 rate increase is to offset a project- ed \$576,000 deficit caused by a 6 percent reduction in usage based on the first two billing cycles of this fiscal year. This deficit must be offset by June 30, 2019. There are no new projected increases in expen- ditures beyond those that have been previously planned.

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OBITUARIES

Letty Russo

Past Chairman of the Everett School Committee and retired principal of Holmes School in Malden

Letty P. Russo of Malden, formerly of Everett, died on Feb. 24 at the age of 90.

Letty spent her early years in Malden before moving to “the Village” in Everett where she lived for many years before eventually moving back to Malden. She graduated from Salem State College and Boston University, becoming an elementary school teacher and subsequently the principal of the Holmes School in Malden until her retirement. She was also involved in local and state educational politics as a member and chairman of the Everett school committee, the Mass Teachers Association and other organizations and lent her voice to causes that were helpful in moving forward better working conditions for teachers.

One of her many interests included music, which was a constant throughout her life. She played the clarinet, and until recently was an active member of the Everett High alumni band, as well as an active participant in the New Horizon’s Band of Yarmouth and the Barnstable Band. Her love of music was evident in most things she did, whether directing variety shows in her early days, playing in bands, enjoying a local or Broadway musical, or watching her family participate in different musical events.

She was also an avid golfer for many years and belonged to The Woman’s Golf Association of Mass., the Cape Cod Woman’s Golf League (past president), as well as her local clubs on Cape Cod. She enjoyed travelling and over the years was able to visit much of the US.

She was very proud of her Italian heritage and was able to visit Italy and see the town where her family came from and meet some of her relatives. She also took many members of her family on trips to different places around the country and enjoyed the educational experience and fun of travel through the eyes of her nieces and nephews.

Letty’s family was her pride and joy. She always loved seeing them and hear-



ing about the latest events in their lives. Nothing pleased her more than getting together with her family, playing music with them and enjoying some good Italian food.

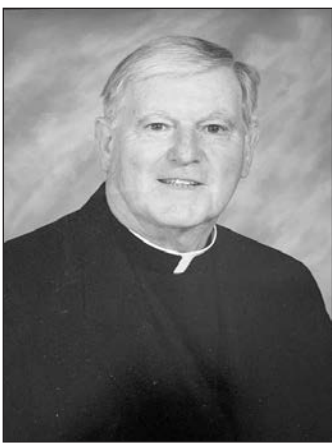
She was the daughter of the late Philip and Edith (Long) Russo, sister of Phillip Russo and the late Anthony P. Russo Sr., sister-in-law to Brenda Russo and the late Shirley Russo, loving aunt to Anthony P. Russo Jr and Kari Norton, Kathy Long and her husband, Richard and Corey Russo and her husband, Jim Eaton. She was the cherished great aunt of Jessica Long Bradley and her husband, Justin, Kristen Long, Jason Long and his wife, Julie, AJ Russo and Callie Bolduc and the beloved great-great aunt of Abigail Bradley, Benjamin Bradley, Madelaine Long, Aiden Long and Mikaela Long.

Her Funeral will be from the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett on Friday, March 1 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony Church (Everett) at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours are Thursday only from 4 to 7 p.m. Interment will be at Forestdale Cemetery, Malden. Complimentary valet parking Thursday at Main Street entrance. In lieu of flowers, donations in Letty’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

For more information: [www.RoccoFuneralHomes.com](http://www.RoccoFuneralHomes.com) or 1-877-71-ROCCO.

Monsignor Roger Brady

Invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher and appointed a “prelate of honor” by Pope John Paul II



Monsignor Roger J. Brady of Bedford, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Monday, Feb. 25 at his home in Bedford. He was 86 years old.

Monsignor grew up in the Immaculate Conception Parish, Everett, along with his three brothers and four sisters. After attending the parish grammar school and Christopher Columbus High School, he prepared for priesthood at St. Clement’s Hall, Brighton, Cardinal O’Connell Preparatory Seminary, Jamaica Plain, and St. John Seminary, Brighton. He was ordained on February 3, 1958 by the late Cardinal Cushing at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

Monsignor Brady’s previous assignments were at: St. Margaret, Burlington; St. Jerome Parish, Arlington; and Holy Name, West Roxbury. In 1970 he became chaplain to three area hospitals: Malden, Melrose-Wakefield and the Lawrence Memorial in Medford. After completing a year of Clinical Pastoral Training at the V.A. Medical Center in Bedford, he was appointed staff chaplain at the V.A. Medical Center, Canandaigua, New York. In 1976 he returned to Bedford as chief of Chaplain Service where he served for 14 years.

Monsignor Brady was elected the first president of the National Conference of V.A. Catholic Chaplains. He also was a member of the Presbyteral Council, Archdiocese for the Military Services. He was appointed to the Board of Consultors, Archdiocese for the Military Services and a member of the U. S. Catholic Conference Commission on Certification and Accreditation.

In 1992, he was named National Director of Chaplain Service with responsibility for 1,100 chaplains of all faiths serving in 172 V.A. Medical Centers nationwide.

“Hospital ministry is unique and not everyone is called to it,” Monsignor Brady pointed out. “For me, it opened up a whole new world. I found that the Lord is close to the sick and brokenhearted. There

are also many ethical issues today where a priest can be a tremendous help to families who have to make difficult decisions especially at the end of life.”

Invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher and appointed a “prelate of honor” by Pope John Paul II, Monsignor retired in 1995 after 22 years of priestly service to veterans nationwide.

After a three-month sabbatical program at the North American College, Rome, Monsignor Brady returned in January 1996, to serve as temporary parochial vicar at St. Christine Parish, Marshfield. He was appointed Pastor of St. Luke’s on June 11, 1996 and retired on June 10, 2002.

He was the beloved son of the late Roger and Delia (Costello) Brady; dear and devoted brother of Sr. Alice Mary Brady, CSJ of Milton, Alice Brady Cianci of New Britain, CT, Barbara A. Brady of Everett, and the late Mary Griffin, Francis J., Robert M., and John Brady. Msgr. Brady is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Msgr. Brady will lie in state in the Immaculate Conception Church, 487 Broadway, Everett, on Saturday, March 2 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. with a Concelebrated Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. Interment in the Woodlawn Cemetery will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Msgr. Roger J. Brady’s memory to Bethany Health Care Center, 97 Bethany Road, Framingham, MA 01702 would be sincerely appreciated.

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

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

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

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon Richard Randazzo, Pastoral Associate, Business Manager;

Philomene Pean, Pastoral Associate, Haitian Community

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

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Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursday’s adoration will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

Church Breakfast – Our

next monthly Church Breakfast is scheduled for every second Sunday in the lower Church Hall. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Pancakes, scrambles eggs, sausage, toast, juice, coffee and tea is served. All you can eat. Please join us after Mass.

New Ministry - At the back of the Church in the Vestibule area on Sundays following Masses, there is a team of volunteers who will answer your questions regarding our Church Ministries, etc. Please feel free to stop by and ask questions, schedule a Mass, register as a new Parishioner, etc.

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It’s called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Bring a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

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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.

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can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastor’s Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

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Exelon Generation, Everett LNG Facility executive Carol Churchill discusses a science fair project with an Everett High School student.



Exelon Generation, Everett LNG Facility employees are pictured with educators as well as community members and professionals who graciously served as guest judges for this year's Everett High School Science Fair.



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