# Everett Independer



Wednesday, June 5, 2019

#### **Short-term** rental operators subject to new fee starting July 1

By Laura Plummer

At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 28, Councilors unanimously approved a measure that would charge a 3 percent Community Impact Fee to the operators of short-term rentals in the City of Everett, including those using Airbnb and other rental booking sites.

It will go into effect July 1. The fee is part of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance approved by the Council earlier this year. Councilors were given the option to impose between 1 percent and 3 percent in the Community Impact Fee, and they chose the maximum.

Operators of short-term rentals will be assessed the 3 percent fee paid directly to the Department of Revenue (DOR) in the form of an excise on the total rental revenue. The State will then give that back to the City on a quarterly basis and Councilors voted that the fee go toward affordable housing and infrastructure. This fee is on top of the 6 percent Occupan-

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#### **Encore debuts** Neighborhood Runner shuttle

By Seth Daniel

The new shuttle service throughout Everett has launched, and dubbed the Neighborhood Runner, the service began operating on Monday, June 3.

"We started service on Monday, June 3, at 5 a.m.," said Jim Folk, director of Transportation for Encore Boston Harbor. "Now, it is running 24/7, 365 days a year. It starts its route at the Chelsea Market Basket every 20 minutes on the 20...I really think it's going to be a successful route. It's great for our employees and guests, and it's great for Everett because it gives them a new connection to the Silver Line for the airport, Seaport and even South Station."

The new Neighborhood Runner stops at Market Basket (Chelsea), then goes through Everett to Everett Square (outside Braza's), then to the GE site on Air Force Road, and finally to the Encore resort.

Employees reported to the resort on Monday, and Folk said the Runner has become popular already with the new employees looking to get to work from the neighborhoods, or to catch transit lines that run near the new stops.

'Believe it or not, we have picked up some passengers even though we haven't advertised the Runner yet to the public," Folk said. "Our employees are aware of it and many are actually taking it to and from the resort. We had a good amount of people on Monday that used it. We expect more and more people as time goes on. I think it will really be successful."

The 26-passenger Runner is made by Grech, and has a lot of extras.

The interior has leather

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#### **COPS FOR KIDS WITH CANCER**



Everett's Sergio Gil was excited to receive a bike and goodie bag of treats, while his family graciously accepted a monetary contribution of \$5,000 from Cops For Kids With Cancer during a fun day at the Everett Police Department Thursday, May 30. Sergio Gil is currently in remission after being treated for Hodgkin's Lymphoma over the last year. See Page 6 for more photos.

### The Final Bell

Pope John XXIII High School will close its doors on Thursday

By Cary Shuman

When the 200 students walk out of Pope John XXIII High School for their final day of classes on Thursday (June 6), it will mark the final chapter in the 53-year history of the Catholic institution. Ninety-two seniors had re-

ceived their diplomas in the school's graduation ceremony on May 23. There will be a Mass Thursday at 5 p.m. followed by a farewell reception in the school cafeteria for students, faculty, parents, and alumni.

As previously outlined in Management (IRM) "failing a letter to Pope John parents from Head of School Carl DiMaiti, the school is closing due to "the unfortunate circumstances" that led to a \$1.3 million shortfall in the school budget for the 2018-19 academic year.

The deficit was caused



**Pope John Principal Thomas** Mahoney (left) and Head of School Carl DiMaiti are pictured at the school Tuesday.

to meet the obligations of its agreements with the school."

Principal Thomas Mahoney was a member of the first Pope John graduating class in 1970. He is a shining example of the many area students who chose Pope John for its out-

graduates to the top colleges, and its athletic tradition that flourished under some superb leaders such as former football coach Bill Perkins and current coaches Paul Sobolewski, Leo Boucher, and Jake Feraco.

Mahoney went on to attend Boston College, enter the field of education, become a brilliant teacher and soccer coach himself at Chelsea High, continue his career in the Malden school system, and ultimately return to Pope John as its principal the past six years.

"Certainly there's some irony being involved in the first class and giving diplomas out to the last one," said Mahoney. "I didn't expect that."

Mahoney, 67, said he will always carry the fondness he has for the school in his heart.

"This is a great community, a great place to be," said Mahoney. "I wish I had retired

#### standing Catholic education, See POPE JOHN Page 12 by International Residence its reputation for sending its **Dealer School holds graduation** ceremony for first two classes

By Seth Daniel

More than 150 people took the step towards becoming card dealers at the new Encore Boston Harbor during a graduation ceremony at Everett High School on Saturday, June 1, for the Greater Boston Gaming Career Institute run by Cambridge College.

The Institute has graduated two classes now, one in the Fall and one this Spring, with all of the graduates being eligible for a job on the gaming floor of the Encore Boston Harbor resort.

The ceremony on Saturday was a way to mark the occasion for the first two successful classes.

On hand was Massachusetts Gaming Commissioner Bruce Stebbins, who was pleased to see so many taking the opportunity to work in the new gaming industry.



Everett's Stephanie Sacramone and Juliana Campos were amongst those to receive their certificates on Saturday evening, June 1, at Cambridge College's Greater Boston Gaming Career Institute first-ever graduation ceremony. The ceremony was held at Everett High and had more than 150 students who qualified to be hired as a dealer at Encore Boston Harbor.

students who have completed training for one or two casino games at the Cambridge College Greater Boston Gaming Career Institute or as it has become known - 'Bet on U," he said. "On Saturday, almost 200 students were in attendance to receive certificates

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## Move-in Day

#### Thousands report to work, executive team moves into resort offices

By Seth Daniel

Monday marked the biggest day to date for Encore Boston Harbor and its crew of 4,800 employees as they reported to work at the resort site for the first time, and existing employees and the executive team moved into offices at the Encore tower.

After many job fairs, interviews, discussions and trainings, approximately 4,800 active employees were brought on board at the new Encore Boston Harbor resort casino site on Monday, June 3 – the first day that work began in earnest at the \$2.2 billion resort, which opens June 23.

It also marked the first day for existing workers and the executive to move out of their long-time offices at Station Landing and into offices at the resort tower.

From shuttle drivers to blackjack dealers to employee cafeteria chefs to Encore President Bob DeSalvio, most everyone with a job to do at Encore was on site Monday.

"On Monday, we were able to move into the resort," said President Bob DeSalvio. "We now have 4,800 incredibly excited and enthusiastic employees preparing to receive our guests. This is truly a

magical time in the building, as employees embark on new careers that positively impact not only their lives but also their families. I'm seeing a lot of smiling faces this week."

Said Mayor Carlo De-Maria, "I brought this project to Everett for the jobs it would create, jobs that pay a living wage with real opportunity for advancement. Seeing thousands of excited workers report for orientation at this beautiful facility on Monday, six years after this project began, was truly an excellent day for our community."

Employees have been busy getting acclimated to their jobs for the past few weeks, training in massive conferences off-site at the Connolly Center and in Boston function halls. Monday marked the first day they could begin training onsite, getting their uniforms from the state-of-the-art clothing check system.

To date, Encore representatives said they have brought on 4,800 employees, but they are not yet finished.

They still have offers out to another 700 employees, and are looking to employee another 300 employees. That number includes dealers and others throughout the organi-



PHOTO COURTESY ENCORE BOSTON HARBO

Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined Wynn Resorts CEO Matt Maddox and Encore President Bob DeSalvio at the Oyster Bar in Encore Boston Harbor on Monday for a first-day tour of the resort. Monday marked the first day of work at the casino for some 4,800 workers, as well as the first day for the executive team to move into their permanent offices on site.



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### Encore community fund ready to begin accepting applications

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Citizens Foundation has had two formation meetings and is ready to begin making applications available to Everett associations and organizations looking for funding for community-based programs.

The Foundation is a created out of the Wynn/Everett Host Community Agreement, and receives \$250,000 per year – with a 2.5 percent annual increase. The first deposit is to be made within 30 days of the June 23 opening, and so it is that the Foundation has started meeting to define a process and requirements for the mon-

"At the last meeting they

discussed some of the logistics and would like to have two funding rounds per year," said Catherine Denisi of the Mayor's Office. "The first grants will be delivered on Sept. 15, 2019. They agreed they want to deliver a second round on March 16, 2020. They do want to limit people to only getting one grant per year.'

All of the awards would be capped at \$10,000.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said the Foundation is one example of the side benefits available to residents because of the Encore project.

"One of the great benefits of brining the Encore Resort to Everett is to provide additional resources to many of our non-profit and volunteer tial term shall be one year

organizations throughout the city," he said. "These groups do enormous good in our community and I'm honored to be able to work with a great foundation board to help to provide resources that are desperately needed."

The Foundation is made up of seven members, all appointed by various appointing authorities. Mayor Carlo De-Maria appoints four members, State Rep. Joe McGonagle appoints one member, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico appoints one member and the City Council appoints one member.

The initial term of the members appointed by the Mayor shall be two years. In order to have staggered terms, the other three members' iniand thereafter their term shall be two years. Members may serve for up to six consecutive

Those on the Foundation now include:

•Georgia Wright-Easy

•Aicha Bendagna

Raquel Duverge

 Viola Torra •Cynthia Sarnie

 Thomas Fiorentino •Holly Garcia

While the Foundation has been in the works for many months, the appointees have just taken their places and begun to work out the details - such as getting it to be a non-profit Foundation.

Some of the early discussions have been about whether to make the meetings public so that the minutes and agendas are subject to the public records law. To adhere to transparency in the process, the Foundation members have decided to declare themselves a public body.

Another much bigger discussion is about who can apply for the funding.

The HCA isn't that specific, only saying that an Everett group, association or organization that deals with important citywide issues can apply.

Right now, the Foundation is looking to define who that might be - whether it should only be non-profits and whether or not houses of worship would be allowed to access the money.

"Right now they're working on an application and guidelines for applicants,"

said Denisi. "That information will be forthcoming. I think the Board understands what a fantastic opportunity this is for the community. They are very excited to try to help a wide variety of organizations."

She said applications will become available in the coming weeks as the Foundation members want to get to work on the first funding round very quickly.

"They really want to get to work as quickly as they can to allow organizations and entities to see if they might want to apply," she said.

All of the meetings of the Everett Citizens Foundation are open to the public and are posted on the City's website.

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cy Excise that short-term rental operators are already paying to the DOR as of March 4.

A short-term rental is defined as any stay under 31 consecutive days and would not apply to month-to-month leases or leases over one month. However, the Community Impact Fee is only applicable to rentals that are managed through a registered booking agent.

In addition to the 3 percent fee, the new ordinance requires that all short-term rental properties managed through a booking site be fully licensed just like any other business. Rental operators must apply for a license with the City, pay for said license, and have the license approved by the City Clerk in order to operate legally.

This went into effect on March 4 when it was signed by the Mayor.

"If they are in operation without a license, they will receive a cease and desist order," said City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. "Please be sure you have all the licenses needed."

He added that rental owners who continue to operate without a license will be subiect to fines.

The new ordinance comes amid a surge of local rentals being listed on booking sites like Airbnb and Vrbo ahead of the opening of Encore Boston Harbor this summer.

"We have to do this. We have a ton of Airbnbs," said Councilwoman Rosa DiFlorio. "With the growth coming with the casino, [they] are going to be more popular."

Platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo allow homeowners to rent out rooms in their home or units in their building to guests for short-term stays. Residents are hoping to take advantage of the coming tidal wave of out-of-town visitors who want to use the casino but don't want to pay a premium to stay at the Encore hotel, where, according to its Chief Communications Officer Michael Weaver, rooms will start at \$645 per night.

A quick Airbnb search of rentals available in Everett yields a smattering of options

on the streets surrounding Broadway and beyond. They range in price from \$29 per night for an entire three-bedroom apartment on Marie Avenue, to \$350 per night for a six-bedroom, ten-bed house on Summit Avenue. Some posters tout their proximity to the casino in their listings as a way to entice possible guests.

In order to make the public aware of the new rental requirements, the City plans to release announcements on Everett Community Television as well as take out ads in the local papers.

Clerk Cornelio admitted that it would take a lot of legwork to acquaint the community to the new laws.

"It's a slow process," he allowed. "No one's had the licensing before. We're trying to move forward as proactively as we can."

The Clerk also added that he and his team are using sites like Airbnb to identify unlicensed short-term rentals in the city and to reach out to their operators.

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#### Council hears Encore's long-awaited transportation plan

By Laura Plummer

On Tuesday, May 28, the Council held a special meeting to hear a presentation by John Tocco, executive director Of Government Affairs and Community Relations at Encore Boston Harbor, who laid out the resort casino's transportation plan for opening weekend

and beyond. "It's a pleasure for me personally to be a part of such a wonderful opportunity for thousands of people," said Tocco. "To see it happening there today, to see 1,600 people from the surrounding towns working there already has been an amazing experience. This is what we set out to do seven years ago."

His presentation touched on three key areas: transportation, the grand opening, and public relations/marketing.

Transportation

Tocco detailed the number of transportation options that Encore is offering to bring people to and from its site. These include parking options for cars as well as bikes, ride services such as limousines and taxis/rideshares, a water shuttle and various bus options.

Encore has a fleet of four water taxis, which will connect the casino to Boston's Seaport and Financial District for \$7 per ride. Councilors had originally expressed concern about traffic backups caused by the frequent lifting of the Alford Street Bridge. While it has not yet released its water taxi schedule, Encore's Chief Communications Officer Michael Weaver said in an interview with Independent that its water taxis are small enough to pass under the bridge without having to lift it.

In addition to the MBTA bus routes, Encore is presenting a number of its own buses. The free Encore Shuttle will connect the casino to Malden and Wellington Stations. The free Encore Neighborhood Runner will snake through Rivergreen, City Hall and Chelsea's Mystic Mall. The Encore Premium Motor Coach will offer a \$7 ride to free parking options in MA and NH. There will also be a shuttle exclusively for Encore employees.

"Our objective is to keep as many people out of their vehicles as possible," said Tocco. "The MBTA is critical for our success.'

The presentation identified a number of different lots where out-of-town visitors can park their vehicles to make use of the different transportation options to the casino: Wellington Station, Station Landing, Rivergreen, Malden Station, Jackson Garage, Malden Center, Wonderland Station and Lower Broadway.

Grand Opening

Tocco dispelled any rumors of a delayed opening, stating that the resort was on schedule to open on its original projected date of June 23.

"Our operations team is working around the clock making sure everything is put together," he said. "It's a testament to our team to get this monumental task up and run-

As part of its grand opening plan, Tocco also noted the bike and pedestrian connection that goes under the MBTA tracks and over to the Gateway Mall site by Costco, adding that the idea is to "keep as many people off of Broadway and out of neighborhoods."

Opening weekend will see an increased police detail comprised of officers from the Everett, Boston and Medford Police Departments; State Police, MBTA Transit Police; the US Coast Guard; the Police Marine Units of the Everett, Boston and State Police; and the Boston Department of Public Works. Moving beyond opening weekend, law enforcement presence will be reassessed as needed.

•Public Relations and Marketing

Encore hired a public relations agency to enhance public awareness about its transportation options, its dedication to minimizing traffic and its commitment to improving infrastructure.

Encore's marketing and communications team also hopes to leverage social media and local radio stations to provide real-time transportation updates to the public and to field questions from visitors.

Its website will allow visitors to view transportation schedules and to book trips on its Premium Motor Coach. Local and regional wayfinding signage will direct drivers to Encore with highway signs along routes 16, 90 and 93, and street signs in Everett and East Somerville.

Overall, Councilors expressed cautious optimism regarding Encore's transportation plan.

"I think it's going to be a great project. I can't wait to see it," said Councilor John McKinnon. "But as a member of this board, we need to make sure it's going to go right for the host community. We don't want to be waiting years to get [things] fixed."

"No matter how much planning you've done, we're still going to have issues the first couple of months," said Councilwoman Rosa DiFlorio. "Everett needs to expect this. After two or three months, we correct the issues, but we don't have a crystal ball."

"We know people aren't going to jump on these buses the first day. The intent is to educate people to do that," said Councilor Peter Napolitano. "The opening day command team will meet to assess what works and what doesn't

Councilor Wayne Matewsky proposed his idea of a dedicated suggestion hotline managed by Encore where residents can share about what is and isn't working in their communities. The idea is to reduce the number of calls being sent directly to Councilors. Encore currently has a community inquiry line, but it is not exclusively for complaints.

"I would like to have it installed before you open and advertised to the citizenry of this community," he said. "We're on the same page, we want a great city. But I don't want people calling me on a daily basis if they have an issue regarding Encore."

Encore put together its transportation plan in consultation with various public and government entities: the police departments of Everett, Boston, Chelsea, Malden, Medford and Somerville; State Police; US Coast Guard; the Police Marine Units of Everett, Boston and Massachusetts; the Transportation Departments of Everett and Boston; MassDOT Highway Division; MBTA Operations and Planning; Boston Public Works; Massport and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

"We've been working as a team on this since February," said James Folk, executive director of Transportation at Encore Boston Harbor. "Every agency understands this is for the whole community and the state and we will work together as a team."

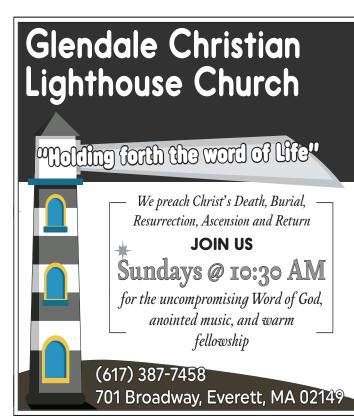
The transportation plan is part of Encore's master plan, which had previously been submitted in the form of a 394page document to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. It is currently posted on their website for public view.





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#### CELEBRITY BARTENDER EVENT AT STEWART'S PUB

School Committee member Frank Parker, Council President Rich Dell Isola, and Councilor Anthony DiPierro teamed up for a celebrity bartender event at Stewart's Pub to raise money for the Devens School.

This year, they raised more than \$2,250 for the school.



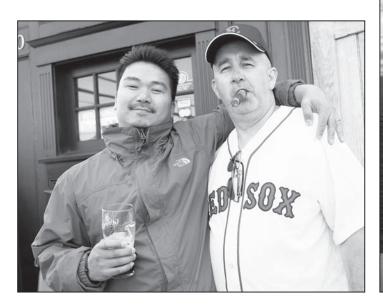
Councilor Mike McLaughlin was accompanied by Patti Frati at



**School Committeeman Frank Parker and Councilor Anthony** 



DiPierro poured drinks at the bar for charity.



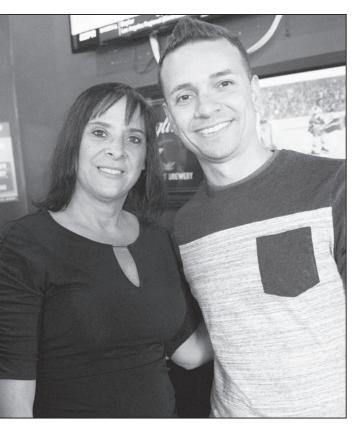
Council Candidate Jimmy Le joined Mike Mangan outside of Stewart's Pub during the Devens School Fundraiser.



la, School Committeeman Frank Parker, and Kathleen Parker helped raise money for the Devens School at Stewart's.



Mark Puleo, Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, and School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros enjoyed an afternoon at Stewart's.



School Committee Candidate Cynthia Sarnie joined School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros.



**School Committeeman Frank** Parker and former City Clerk Marty Matarazzo entertained the audience by singing songs.

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Candidates Jimmy Le, Renee Solano, and Joseph LaMonica were joined by Brendan Mangan at the fundraiser.



Senator Sal DiDomenico was accompanied by Councilor John Hanlon and State Rep. Joe McGonagle at the fundraiser.



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#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019**

Graduation Day is one of the few occasions that brings a smile to the faces of everyone in a community, regardless of whether they know a graduate. It is an occasion when all of us share in the joy -- and pride -- that graduation day marks in the lives of our young people. For older folks, graduation day recalls a time when we too, were young and full of life.

However, graduation day marks a bittersweet moment for parents, friends, family, and teachers, as well the grads themselves. As befits every turning point in our lives, it is a time of mixed emotions of joy, sadness, and reflection. Although the graduates and those close to them are looking forward to the exciting future that lies before them, they also will be looking back on the passing of their carefree youth and the experiences that have shaped their lives to this point.

The young women and men who receive their diplomas no longer are considered "youths" in the eyes of the world. They are full-fledged adults who have been deemed ready to assume all of the rights -- and responsibilities -- that adulthood implies.

The graduates, most of whom have turned 18, can vote, run for public office, enter into contracts, be tried fully as adults in the criminal justice system, and fight and die for their country.

For the parents of the grads, watching their "little boy or girl" proceed to the podium to receive his or her diploma will be a poignant moment. No doubt every parent will be thinking of the sentiments expressed in the song Sunrise, Sunset from Fiddler *On The Roof:* 

*Is this the little girl I carried? Is this the little boy at play?* I don't remember growing older When - did - they? When did she get to be a beauty? When did he grow to be so tall? Wasn't it yesterday when they - were - small?

Although economists these days tell us that the value of a high school diploma is not what it was a generation or more ago, the graduates should keep in mind, as they contemplate venturing out into an uncertain future, that their mere presence on the podium has proven that they have the ability and the determination to achieve whatever goals they may set for them-

We came across a news item from one of our sister publications, The Winthrop Sun-Transcript, from June 24, 1898. The article, which reprinted the Class Ode for the Winthrop High Class of 1898, is as timely today as it was 121 years ago, and sums up the feelings of all of us on Graduation Day.

The years pass by in swift array We cannot check their onward flight; The moments that were ours today, Have passed forever from our sight.

Yet while the course of life moves by We too, must never lag behind; But work and strive as best we may To aid and benefit all mankind.

This we must do, or soon too late We think in sadness of our loss, For "Each is Master of his Fate," Though some must bear a heavy cross.

And when the race of life is run, This life that holds so much for each Shall come the gentle words, "Well done!" As we at last the goal have reached.

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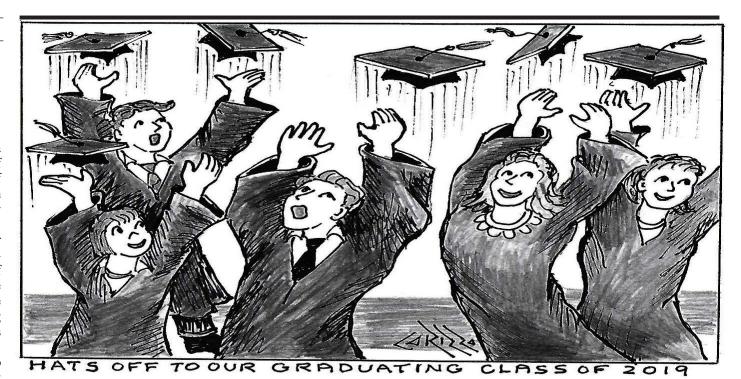
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# Independent Forum



GUEST OP-ED

#### A Green New Deal of action

By Jack Clarke

Massachusetts needs its own Green New Deal – but it needs to be a deal of action.

Although not a law but more a resolution expressing the will of the Congress on the necessity to address the climate crisis and economic inequality, the Green New Deal, filed by New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and our own Sen. Ed Markey, was killed by the Senate in a vote following no review and analysis by legislative staff, no expert testimony or committee hearings, and no floor debate. The message was clear: the U.S. Senate does not want to discuss the climate's breakdown. So we at the state level will.

The name harkens back to the New Deal and its social and economic reforms, and public works projects, undertaken by President Franklin Roosevelt in response to the Great Depres-

The Green New Deal echoes Roosevelt's economic stimuli incentives and adds plans for renewable energy and resource efficiency.

FDR's New Deal was not realized in one bill in one year, but became law through various pieces of legislation over the first three years of his first administration. Beacon Hill lawmakers should also develop an ambitious multi-year plan to

meaningfully confront climate wholesalers to buy pollution 3 percent of Massachusetts change, the most urgent threat of our lifetime, in their version of a Green New Deal – but it needs to be more than a good idea. And it needs to pass.

Although the national Green New Deal is admittedly a vision statement, the Massachusetts version should be a statutory set of requirements with goals, targets, and reasonable dates that move us forward in addressing the climate break-

Our version should start with and include at a minimum, laws establishing:

§ Zero net carbon emissions, meaning Massachusetts emits only the carbon emissions that it can capture or reabsorb – by

§ An annual increase in the amount of clean energy that utilities are required to buy, leading to 100 percent renewables – by 2047.

§ Environmentally responsible development of 6,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy, and quickly scaling up from there. This is well beyond the 1,600 MW required now – by 2027.

§ A carbon fee: Massachusetts and eight other states, along with the District of Columbia, are presently participating in the Transportation Carbon Initiative that would cap regional transportation emissions and require fuel

permits for the fuels they sell. Revenues from the sale of the permits would then go back to states for investments in public transit, electric vehicles, bike lanes, and other initiatives to reduce carbon emissions in the transportation sector – by 2021. And if the regional approach fails, Massachusetts needs to be ready to go out on our own and pass a statewide carbon fee.

§ Improved solar options: allow net metering not just for Massachusetts homes but for all non-residential solar facilities to free up Bay State businesses and communities to build more solar projects, create more jobs, and allow for millions of dollars of investments – by 2021.

§ Create green jobs: Mobilize the academic and research assets of the Commonwealth to more fully contribute to the innovation economy and create more green jobs. This will require increased investments of private and state funds in Massachusetts' 114 colleges and universities to research and apply advanced technologies in the fields of deep-water offshore wind energy, solar, carbon capture and re-use, and long-term high-quantity battery storage. This investment in education and innovation would unleash clean energy jobs. Although there are 110,700 such jobs in the Commonwealth workforce today, it's still just employment. It needs to grow substantially - by 2021.

Environmental, social and economic justice principles should be embedded in all newly passed state laws whereby the power of communities of color, low-income, rural, indigenous, under-represented and non-English speaking residents in Massachusetts would be harnessed to help eradicate environmental racism and classism, to create healthy, and sustainable communities - by 2019.

The changes we experience today, such as stronger storms, accelerated sea-level rise, and intense heat are just the beginning of what should be expect-

There needs to be a sense of urgency on Beacon Hill when it comes to our climate emergency, especially as recent reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the National Climate Assessment warn we have only 12 years to figure out a solution before things really start to fall

For my grandchildren, six year old Haley and her five year old brother Jack, who will be teenagers in twelve years, it is time for lawmakers to act, and

Jack Clarke is the director of public policy and government relations at Mass Audubon.

### Casino concerns again dominate at City Council meeting

By Laura Plummer

With not months, but weeks, to go before the Encore Boston Harbor is set to throw open its doors, the City Council sought clarification on a number of issues regarding the gambling establishment at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 28. Some of the issues had been raised previously while others were brand new.

•Participation Restrictions

Councilor Peter Napolitano had previously asked that the City Solicitor look into whether or not elected officials are legally able to visit the casino once opened. City Solicitor Colleen Mejia came armed with the answers Council was looking for, provided by KP Law, gaming law experts.

In short, the Councilors will have unlimited access to the casino and its facilities, but only as private citizens. The occasions upon which they would be able to visit the casino as representatives of the City Council would be limited to the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony and events called "play days." The idea is that they can declare those visits as fulfilling a "legitimate public purpose" by promoting the City and gathering information to relay to constituents.

When representing Council, Councilors would have to fill out a disclosure form stating that the visit represents a public purpose and thus does not constitute the appearance of a

conflict. They will be able to accept any free food and beverages offered at those events, provided they don't exceed a value of \$50. Anything above \$50 would also have to be disclosed in writing.

•Conflicts of Interest Mejia was also invited to speak about the larger issue of conflicts of interest regarding elected officials and the casino, with Councilor Wayne Matewsky suggesting that anyone on the Council with family working at the casino should recuse himself from votes that would benefit the casino.

Solicitor Mejia said, in general, a Councilor should recuse himself or herself from votes impacting the casino if he or she has an immediate family member working there. However, she also emphasized that it was a case by case basis.

"I would always advise to run it by the State Ethics Commission, as their opinion is the official opinion," she said, adding that any decision by State Ethics was communicated only to the individual and it was his or her job to inform Council of the decision.

•Fine Payment

At the last Council meeting, Councilor Anthony DiPierro presented a resolution for what should be done with the \$35 million fine paid by Wynn Resorts to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Several Councilors had agreed that it shouldn't be treated as regular gambling income and should

instead be reinvested in the host city, Everett.

The Mayor's Chief of Staff Kevin O'Donnell spoke to Council on this topic, stating that the fine payment would be treated as gambling revenue and would be controlled by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. He said that 6.5 percent would go to the community mitigation fund, which some have proposed go toward traffic management, and 50 percent would go into the Transportation Infrastructure Fund.

Councilor DiPierro asked the Chief of Staff to speak to the Gaming Commission about the City's needs for transportation alternatives, such as a footbridge.

•Petition for Extended Hours Councilors voted unanimously to approve Encore's request for a special license for extended hours. Encore had previously requested approval from Council but the Council had moved to postpone a vote until after the City presented its traffic and parking master plan on May 28.

Road Safety

Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin's constituents have expressed concern that extending Encore's liquor license into the early morning hours could lead to an increase in people driving while intoxicated, thus making the streets less safe.

To see if that was a legitimate concern, Councilor Mc-Laughlin requested the Everett Chief of Police and the Massachusetts Gaming State Police provide statistics about DUIs in Springfield.

He is curious whether DUIs in that town have increased in the wake of the MGM Casino's new 4 a.m. liquor license.

•Host Agreement Councilor McLaughlin also requested clarification on the host agreement between the City and the casino. He wanted to know if there was a clause that would address what would happen if Encore failed to meet its projected earnings and wanted to renegotiate its contributions to the City.

Councilor McLaughlin would like the Mayor and an Encore representative to appear at a committee meeting on June 4 to discuss the issue.

•Complaint Hotline

Councilors unanimously proposed the creation of a citizens complaint hotline serviced by Encore, which residents could call to discuss any concerns about how the casino is impacting their community.

"We need an exclusive line for complaints, especially in the first year, even if it's a recorded line," said Councilor Matewsky. "We're going to get an increase in calls. I want it advertised in the newspapers of the host city. This is a simple request."

Councilor Matewsky summed up his outlook on the casino with the following:

"It's a dream come true. Hopefully it's not a nightmare."

#### LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

#### **DORVIL RECEIVES CROWN AND SHIELD AWARD**

A day before their Sunday, May 12 commencement, a select number of exemplary students were honored with the College's Crown and Shield Award during a luncheon with their families and College administrators.

Gemaers Gee Dorvil of Everett. Gemaers Gee Dorvil, of Everett, graduated with a degree in mathematics and minors in computer science and physics. Dorvil was a member of the ALANA Network for his four years at Assumption, starting as a general member, then executive board secretary and concluding her service this year as president. Credited with developing a number of new traditions on campus that celebrate diversity and inclusion at Assumption College, Dorvil also served as head resident assistant where he excelled in planning and implementing the Foundation Friday training sessions for his fellow resident assistants. He was also a dedicated member of Positively Achieving Leadership by Men in Society (PALMS) for three years. Dorvil is most proud of his work to create a family for students of color on campus, and empower them to pursue their goals. In recommending Dorvil for the award, a nominator shared that he, "exemplifies everything it means to be a student leader. He is a person of character, a role model for younger students, and carries himself in a mature, professional manner no matter what he is doing. He is a true asset to the College because of his dedication to leadership and service." Dorvil is seeking employment as a software engineering and plans to pursue a master's degree.

Gemaers Gee Dorvil of Everett, MA (02149). Gemaers graduated with a major in Mathematics and minors in Computer Science and Physics. Dorvil's involvement at Assumption varied as he was an ALANA Network member for all four years, starting as a general member, then executive board Secretary, and finishing up as the ALANA President this past year. Dorvil seved as the Head RA the past 3 years, where he excelled in planning and implementing the Foundation Friday training sessions for his fellow RA's. Dorvil was also a member of PALMS (Positively Achieving Leadership by Men in Society) for the past three years. Gemaers is most proud of the opportunity he had to create a family for students of color on campus, and encourage them to do things they hadn't thought possible. A nominator said that Dorvil "exemplifies everything it means to be a student leader. He is a person of character, a role model for younger students, and carries himself in a mature, professional manner no matter what he is doing. He is a true asset to the College because of his dedication to leadership and service." After graduation, Dorvil will seek employment in a software engineering position and then he plans to pursue his Master's degree in a year.

The Crown and Shield awards is a tradition at Assumption, celebrated since 1952. The award was established as a result of students appealing to the administration to develop a special recognition for outstanding seniors. The crown and shield exist as key icons in the Col-

Those recognized with this award have demonstrated outstanding leadership and participated in selfless service to the College throughout his or her four years of study. Students are recognized members of the Assumption College Community who have protected (shield) and furthered (crown) in the interests of the student body and the College in the various areas of leadership and community service to students and others.

"Crown and Shield recipients, your families are very proud of you today and they have that right to be proud," said Dr. Catherine Wood-Brooks, vice president of student affairs. "You have been selected as the outstanding student leaders in the Class of 2019, a designation afforded to only three percent of the graduating class. It should be noted that many of you also lead through service to others and have experienced the joy of giving that will undoubtedly continue throughout your

#### NAMED TO HONOR **ROLL AT ARLINGTON** CATHOLIC

The following Everett residents were named to the third quarter Honor Roll at Arlington Catholic High School:

Vanessa Lott Nina Savage Kira Wilcox

#### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO **ASSUMPTION COLLEGE** DEAN'S LIST

Assumption College has announced that 558 undergraduate students, or recent graduates, have been named to the College's prestigious Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester.

Hugo Mateo of Everett John McCormack of Ever-

To receive recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 for a fiveclass, 15-credit semester. The Dean's List is announced following the spring and fall semesters.

"Earning a place on the Dean's List signifies more than just ability," said Eloise Knowlton, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate studies. "It marks a serious commitment to study and achievement, a disciplined approach to student life, and consistent effort and engagement over the span of the semester. We are very proud indeed of those who appear on the list.'

Providing to students opportunities to obtain a depth and breadth of knowledge, the Assumption curriculum prepares students for professionally and personally fulling lives and careers. Students study at the Worcester, Massachusetts or Rome, Italy campuses and become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education and professional programs, exploring new ideas, making connections across disciplines, and pushing themselves to achieve more than they ever thought possible. To prepare for the workforce or the pursuit of additional study, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills - quintessential skills of a liberal arts education through classroom work, internships, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

#### LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO THE **BECKER COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST**

The following local residents were named to Dean's List at Becker College for the spring 2019 semester. The Dean's List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/

failing (WF) grades. Victor Suazo, of Everett, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Design Concentration.

Yasmin Tejada, of Everett, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science, Health and Fitness Concentration.

Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,800 students from the United States and around the world live and learn on the College's Worcester and Leicester campuses. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

#### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO THE SPRING 2019 CURRY **COLLEGE DEAN'S** LIST

Curry College is proud to announce that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester.

Megan Downer of Everett Hailey Powers of Everett Kenya Teixeira of Everett

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester.

About Curry College

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. Curry offers 27 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of approximately 3,000 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, and over 1,000 continuing education and graduate students. Approximately 75-percent of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education. The College offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program. Visit us on the web at www.curry.edu

#### MCCARTHY NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT **MOUNT ST. MARY'S** UNIVERSITY

Brenden McCarthy of Everett, has earned dean's list honors for the Spring 2019 semester.

About Mount St. Mary's University

Mount St. Mary's University is a private, liberal arts, Catholic university in the Catoctin Mountains near historic Emmitsburg, Maryland, with a satellite campus in Frederick, Maryland's second largest city. The university offers more than 70 majors, minors, concentrations and special programs for traditional undergraduate students, and more than 20 adult undergraduate and graduate level programs. The Mount includes Mount St. Mary's Seminary, the second oldest in the United States, and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, an idyllic shrine for spiritual reflection located on the hill above the university.

#### SCARLA JOSEPH NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST

Scarla Joseph of Everett has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's winter 2019 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for



Left to right: Northeast Metro Tech carpentry sophomores Jose Verde, of Chelsea, Brady McKinley, of Woburn, Lucky Bustamante, of Everett, David DeFilippo, of Reading, Esaw Solis Molina, of Saugus, Instructor Robert Jepson, and student Christopher Quinom, of Chelsea, created marker-holders for students at the Greenwood Elementary School. (Courtesy Photo Northeast Metro Tech)

### Vocational students make marker holders for Wakefield School

Northeast Metro Tech markers get dried out," Drago Carpentry students recently completed a project to help some of their younger peers exercise their creativity while staying organized.

Northeast Metro Tech carpentry sophomores Jose Verde, of Chelsea, Brady McKinley, of Woburn, Lucky Bustamante, of Everett, David DeFilippo, of Reading, Esaw Solis Molina, of Saugus, and Christopher Quinom, of Chelsea, created eight marker holders for students at the Greenwood Elementary School in Wakefield.

The project came to fruition after Greenwood art teacher Amy Drago realized she needed a better way for her students to store their markers.

"The caps are too difficult for the little ones to snap closed so caps go missing and said. "The marker holders are not a new concept and you can purchase them in a store, but they are very expensive for a public school art budget."

Given Northeast's strong community partnerships, Drago knew exactly who to ask to help her complete the project. She reached out to Northeast's carpentry department earlier this month to create wooden marker holders.

Students quickly got to work, cutting out eight blocks of wood and then drilling 24 holes in each block that perfectly fit the caps of the mark-

"This was a great project that allowed our sophomore students to practice what they're learning in shop and create something that will directly benefit their younger peers," Instructor Albert Turco said. "One of our core values at Northeast is being able to give back to our communities, so we didn't think twice about bringing this project to life."

After carpentry students finished the marker holders, Greenwood students, as part of their work in art class, painted the blocks different colors.

The blocks are now an integral part of Drago's classroom, and are able to travel from table to table as needed for art projects.

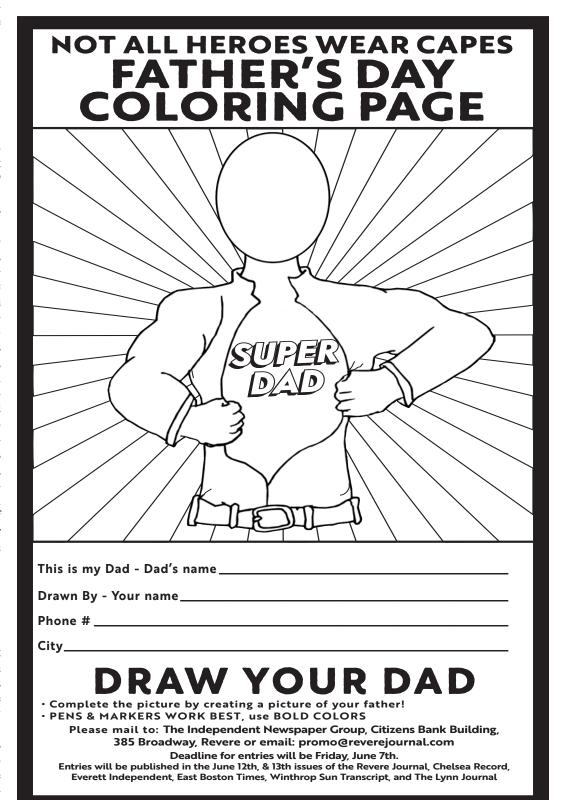
"Northeast Metro Tech is such a great resource and we're so happy that carpentry students could help us with this project," Drago said. "The kids were so excited to see the marker holders and use them. We love them!"

the semester.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a prian 86-year history of educating traditional-aged students serving more than 130,000 learners worldwide, SNHU

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#### COPS FOR KIDS WITH CANCER HELP LOCAL FAMILY

Five-year-old Everett resident, Sergio Gil, was surprised with a \$5,000 monetary donation from Cops For Kids With Cancer at the Everett Police Station on Thursday afternoon, May 30. Detective Robert Hall and Retired Boston Police Captain Edward McNelley worked with the Everett Police Patrolman's Union to put together a warm welcome for the young boy and his family.

Sergio is currently in remission and is doing well after battling Hodgkin's Lympho-



Sergio Gil enjoyed coloring at the Everett Police station.



Edward McNelley, of Cops For Kids With Cancer, presented Sergio with a goodie bag of toys, treats, and coloring books upon his arrival.



The Gil family, Sergio, sister Eva, mom Rosy, and father Sergio were welcomed behind the scenes at the Everett Police Department.









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Edward McNelley of Cops For Kids With Cancer presented a check to the family.



Boston Police Officer Peter Moscaritolo greeted Sergio Gil outside of his home in Everett to bring him on a police escort to the Everett Police Department for the presentation of his check.



Everett Detective Robert Hall was pleased to help the Gil family of Everett.







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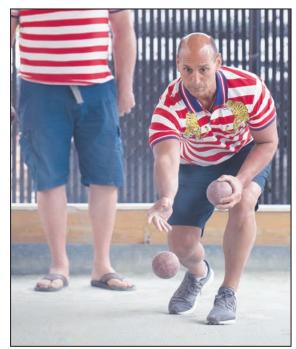
The Second Annual Kiwanis Bocce Tournament was held in memory of the late longstanding Kiwanian Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo at the Italian-American Club in Malden on Saturday, June 1. A dozen teams competed for the cup, and money was raised for Kiwanis scholarships and charities.



Gino Chiaravalloti played in the bocce tournament at the Italian-American Club in Malden.



Gaberille Fiorentino participated in the Kiwanis bocce tournament on Saturday.



John Barletta played in the Kiwanis bocce tourna-



Agostino Feola enjoyed bocce at the Italian-American Club in Malden with the Kiwanis Club.



Marc Cerasuolo, John Burley, John Mattuchio, and Tony Mazzucco, checked the scoreboard at the bocce tournament.

### EHS Roundup

#### EHS softball team ready for state tourney The Everett High softball team is awaiting word of its seeding and first-round opponent in the upcoming Division 1 North Sectional of the MIAA state softball tournament. Announcement of the brackets and opening pairings were expected yesterday (Tuesday) as the Independent was going to press. Coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo's squad wrapped up its

regular season this past week with three contests. Last Thursday, the Lady

Crimson Tide made the long trek to Greater Lawrence and returned with a 10-0 victory that made for a happy bus ride home.

Ariana Garay tossed all seven innings, scattering six hits and walking none while striking out five opponents to record the shutout victory.

Everett gave Garay all the support she would need in the opening inning with four runs, and then added three runs in each of the second and third frames to build a 10-0 cushion that Ariana and the Everett defense maintained the rest of the way.

A host of Lady Crimson Tide supplied the offensive firepower, led by Maddy Smith, who was a perfect 3-for-3 with a single, double, triple, and four RBI.

Maddy Duraes went 2-for-4 and scored two runs, Kaylee Nearen went 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Garay helped her own cause with two base hits and two RBI.

On Saturday the Lady Crimson Tide dropped a 5-0 decision to Northeastern Conference champion Lynn Classical, which is one of the top-ranked teams in the state.

Classical scored three runs in the second inning on two hits and two errors. The Lady Rams then added two more markers in the sixth on three hits and an error.

"We only had four hits," noted Poste-Schiavo. "We hit to directly to people and their outfielders made great catch-

The loss dropped the Lady



Everett High track & field star Carolann Cardinale (center) is shown at this past weekend's All-State Meet at Westfield State College in which she competed in the javelin. Shown with Carolann are fellow captain Cyara Lambert, who made the trip to show her support for her teammate, and EHS head coach Jehu

Crimson Tide to 12-7 on the year. They wrapped up the regular season on Monday against Salem.

#### Cardinale competes at All-State Meet

Junior Carolann Cardinale represented Everett High at this past weekend's All-State Track & Field Meet that was held at Westfield State College.

Carolann competed in her specialty, the javelin. She nad qualified for the all-states in that event thanks to her medal-winning performance the week before in the Eastern Mass. Division 1 meet..

Carolann finished as 11thbest javelin thrower in the state with a toss of 109'-7".

"Even though Carolann didn't throw what she wanted to, the experience of being at a meet like this is motivating her for next year," said EHS head coach Jehu Cimea. "She is excited for the 2020 season.'



Matthew Romano played bocce in memory of Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo.



Wearing a "Cataldo Strong" t-shirt, Leonardo LaRocca participated in the Kiwanis bocce tournament on Saturday, June 1. The annual tournament was dedicated to the late Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo, a long-time Kiwanian who was tragically murdered earlier this year.

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### **FUN-damental Basketball Camp**

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The annual FUN-damental Basketball Camp will be held July 22-26, 2019 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, located at 59 **Summer Street in Everett.** 

The camp will be held between the hours of 9 and 1 p.m. for boys and girls entering grades three thru nine as of Sept. 2019. The cost of the camp is \$100.

Each camper, who will receive a t-shirt, certificate and medal, will participate in various drills, scrimmages and individual contests. Special guests will speak and share their personal basketball tips. An awards ceremony will take place on the last day of the camp, and parents and friends are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Camp Director Tony Ferullo: 857-312-7002 or tferullo@suffolk.edu



Jerry DiPierro, Rocco Longo, Mark Fitzgerald, and Councilor Anthony DiPierro took over the grill to prepare some homemade sausages throughout the afternoon.

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#### Ceremony // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

for their course completion. Over half of the school's students come from the casino's host city of Everett or many of the surrounding communities including Boston, Malden, Chelsea, Medford and Cambridge...Offering these new careers to local residents was a critical priority of the Expanded Gaming Act and many graduates were those seeking to try a new career, find a new job after retirement or hoping to be part of something new and exciting - working at a destination resort casino that is the largest private development project in the Commonwealth's history."

The ceremony was as much a family celebration as it was a graduation, and it was for most the first step towards a new career in gaming.

George Magee, director of the Institute, said this was the fulfillment of a dream for many of the graduates – a dream to change careers and get in on the ground floor of a brand new industry.

"At some point last summer or fall, after having watched that beautiful building going up, everyone being honored here today made a decision to take a chance on themselves and apply to the class," he said. "By taking that chance, they put a plan into action. Maybe they had a dream of being a dealer. Between September of 2018 and April of 2019, they committed to making their plan a reality and they worked hard to make sure that they would succeed."

Magee said every graduate of the program spent at least nine weeks, and some as many as 23 weeks learning the procedures, techniques and rules of poker, blackjack and other games. Not only did they learn the games technically, he said, but also they have learned the importance of great service in the gaming industry.

"Do not stop having dreams," said Magee. "Go forward knowing that you have accomplished much; keep setting goals and working to achieve them, and you will spend the rest of your life enjoying your successes.'

Cambridge College's Philip Page and Mark Rotondo said they were happy to have their institution taking part in the training of new Encore dealers. Both said they look forward to continuing the partnership in the long-term.

"Each of the individuals you see here in attendance have made the choice to learn a new profession and take the critical step to access the opportunities to improve the lives of themselves, their families and their community," said Rotondo. "More importantly, this program and partnership holds a special place for me. Growing up in Everett, playing baseball at Lynde Street Park and working as a longshoreman on the other side of the Alford Street Bridge, it gives me great pride to say together we have been successful in upholding these principles.'

For the Fall term, there were 1,964 applicants, and 324 were accepted, with 166 registering for the program. Of those, 62 percent regis-



Yuanzhao Feng waited amongst the graduates to receive his certificate on Saturday evening.

tered for blackjack and 38 percent for poker. In that class, 68 percent were male, and 32 percent were female.

Some 49 percent were persons of color (Asians were at 28 percent), and 49 percent were from the host and surrounding communities. Everett had 10 percent of that class, with Boston having 14 percent and Malden 11 per-

In the most recent, Spring 2019 term, there were 1,424 applicants, with 328 accepted

and 179 registering for programs.

Most chose blackjack at 64 percent, and 36 chose poker.

The class was more even in the gender lines, with 59 percent male and 41 percent female. There were 44 percent people of color (Asians at 29 percent), and 48 percent were from the host or surrounding communities. In that class, Everett had 12 percent, while Malden had 17 percent and Boston had 8 percent.



Bruce Stebbins of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission addressed the crowd of upcoming Encore Boston Harbor employees.



**President of Encore Boston** Harbor, Bob DeSalvio, congratulated the students and was humbled they chose to go to the school to prepare for jobs at Encore.



George Magee, director of the **Greater Boston Gaming Career** Institute, congratulated the students on the completion of the program.



Mark Rotondo, Vice President of Cambridge College, was pleased to collaborate with **Encore Boston Harbor for the** dealer school.



Officials from Cambridge College, Encore Boston Harbor, and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission took part in the ceremony. They are (L-R) Philip Page, MGC Commissioner Bruce Stebbins, Institute Director George Magee, Encore President Bob DeSalvio, Encore's Doug Williams and Mark Rotondo.

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Doug Williams, vice president of Table Games, joined Encore President Bob DeSalvio at the culmination.



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### EHS students beautify every corner of the city one brushstroke at a time

By Seth Daniel

When a handful of Everett High students reported to their latest mural project, they didn't even know they were in

For all intents and purposes, few Everett residents had put a foot on that part of Everett for generations.

That little sliver is under the Commuter Rail Bridge on Mystic View Road adjacent to the Encore Boston Harbor resort casino. It is under that Bridge where a brand new walking and bike path have been carved out of what was no-man's land that the students have found a willing campus for their art.

This week, Everett High art students and their teachers are embarking two of the largest – and soon to be most visible murals yet to be created.

The crew has painted electrical boxes, storm drains and a large mural on the Community Garden, but this latest mural is likely to be seen by not only Everett residents, but also bike commuters and

guests of the casino from every corner of the world.

"I didn't even know this place existed; I thought it was just a swamp," said junior Gillian Avelar. "I'm glad we're painting it because it will be beautiful now. It's going to be so much better. We're making it into something cool that people can see on their way to the casino. People commuting to work on the path might see this and say, 'What the heck' as they go to work. I want all of these people to come through and see what Everett is all about. We've been doing things like this a lot more and I like it because people can see our work and know Everett is a place that is changing."

The two, 26-foot murals sit on the concrete abutments of the Bridge where the new path connects from the Gateway Mall to the exquisite Encore HarborWalk. So far, the mural has overlays of walking paths, swans, cranes, and other environmental pictures interspersed with ideas like 'Freedom.'

Art Teacher Annette LeR-

ay and Art Department Head Amanda Gill have been spearheading the project, but it has become more of a rite of passage for the students in the Everett High art programs.

"It is starting to be this thing the advanced art students look forward to each year," said LeRay. "It's like a rite of passage now to paint a mural. It's also great for graduating seniors to put on their college applications that they have done a community mu-

LeRay said it is a challenging mural because it is so large, but it also gives the students a much bigger canvas to relay their ideas of the new Everett - a place not defined by industry, pollution and inaccessibility. Rather, the new mural shows Everett as a place connected to the waterfront and wildlife - not to mention active pursuits like walking and exercise.

"I think the students have put a lot of effort into it," she said. "This mural is all about rejuvenating the area. The students are very excited about



Students from the Advanced Art classes at Everett High gather for a photo with their teachers in front of one of the murals they are painting next to the Encore casino.

that idea. I've even had some seniors show up to work even though they don't have to be here. My big hope is that so many people from all over the world will get to see the kids' work every day as they pass through."

Alevar said she is looking to likely go to art school, and is is excited to return to the mural years from now and see her and her friends' work on the

"I'm glad we're making Evthinking about Rhode Island erett more beautiful now, and School of Design or Monser- I'm glad we're making it a rat. Beyond that, she said she more positive place through art," she said.



Junior Mallerly Guevara traces a sneaker that is overlaid on a painted walking path.



Gillian Avelar (back) painting a bicycle while classmate Chloe Lewis (foreground) touches up a flying bird.



The new HarborWalk connector path running from Gateway Mall to the Encore HarborWalk.

### EBNHC honors two at Monday's Art of Health Care Event

By John Lynds

On Monday the East Boston Neighborhood Health Art of Health Care event at the ICA's Watershed at the Boston Shipyard and Marina.

This year the annual innovative fundraiser to celebrate EBNHC's mission in the community and the healing impact of art will paid special tribute to President of New England Baptist Hospital David Passafaro and EBNHC Board of Directors Clerk Jennifer Blanco, who received the EB-NHC's prestigious Maestro Award for their dedication to the community and city.

Passafaro is president of New England Baptist Hospital (NEBH). Previously, he served as senior vice president of external affairs overseeing the offices of Community and Government Relations, Philanthropy, Real Estate and Construction.

Passafaro has extensive government and political experience, serving as Chief of

Thomas M. Menino, and President of Boston 2004, Inc., a the Democratic National Convention. In the early 1980s, he served in Washington D.C. working for the US Senate and in the early 1990s as a lobbyist in Washington D.C. and Boston with the firm Mc-Dermott/O'Neil & Associates.

Prior to joining NEBH, Passafaro served as vice president for business development at Suffolk Construction Company where he was responsible for business development and client relationships for clients in the commercial, hospital, healthcare and higher education sectors in the Northeast. He also served as Vice President for Business Development at William A. Berry & Son Construction and Managing Director for Real Estate at Cambridge Associates Holdings Company.

Passafaro previously served on several boards and commissions, including: Bos-

Staff for the Office of Mayor ton Medical Center, Board of ly community engagement ry care departments, EBNHC clude our Let's Get Moving Trustees, Finance Chairman; supervisor at Parker Hill, in has developed relationships Chairman of Boston Medical 2011 Jennifer transferred to that help meet the unique and families stay active and single purpose nonprofit that Center Insurance Co., LTD the Jamaica Plain Head Start. challenges faced by children fit. Our CATCH Program, Center held its seventh annual represents the city in staging and GMPCI, LTD, both cap- In 2014 she returned to the and young adults in the com- which closely coordinates tive insurance companies; Zoo New England Board of Directors; and City of Boston Rent Equity Board. David holds a BA in political science from Marquette University and a MA in international affairs and foreign policy from Georgetown University.

For nearly two decades, Blanco has provided at-risk youth and families with services and resources that foster stable family relationships and enhance children's physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being. Blanco began her career at East Boston Head Start as a part-time summer teaching assistant. In 2000, she took a position teaching preschool at a private school. Five years later, Jennifer returned to East Boston Head Start as a family advocate, where she held the position of family advocate until 2010.

After serving as a fami-

East Boston Head Start location, where she works today.

Blanco holds a master of science degree in family studies from Wheelock College. She has served as Clerk of the EBNHC Board of Directors since 2001.

Each year through corporate and private sponsorships, ticket sales, a silent art auction, raffles and other donations the event raises \$250,000 for the Health Center's crucial programs.

EBNHC manages innovative programs that support children's health and wellness. Through its Pediatrics and Family Medicine prima-

munity. While positively impacting children's lives, these programs have many non-reimbursable expenses and often run at significant deficits. Fundraising, through individual and corporate donations as well as grants, allows EBN-HC to continue these effective mission-aligned programs, which serve young communi-

"The Art of Health Care event is very important to our Organization," said EB-NHC CEO Manny Lopes. "The Health Center runs some amazing special programs that have huge impact in our community. Examples in-

ty members most in need.

Program, which helps kids care and activities for medically complex children. Our Project Shine, which coordinates care and does education around HIV. Our Youth and Young Adult Pathways Programs (YYAPP), based at our Education and Training Institute (ETI), helps children and young adults move onto positive paths toward healthy and responsible adulthood."

Featured cuisine at the event included offerings from Chef Jose Duarte of Taranta; Dan Lyons of Maverick Marketplace Café; Shelly Demmon of Chelsea Station; and Anthony Pino of the Cunard Tavern.

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President of New England Baptist Hospital David Passafaro and EBNHC Board of Directors Clerk Jennifer Blanco, who both received the EBNHC's prestigious Maestro Award for their dedication to the community and city. From left, City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Passafaro, Blanco, EBNHC's Board Chairwoman Rita Sorrento and EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes.



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#### East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and South End Community Health Center announce intent to merge

first mergers of its kind in Massachusetts, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) and South End Community Health Center (SECHC) announced their intent to merge after signing a definitive merger agreement.

Pending federal and state regulatory approvals, SECHC will become a part of EBNHC with Manny Lopes remaining as President & CEO. The merger will add SECHC's 180-plus employees and 19,000 patients to the largest Massachusetts and one of the largest in the country. SECHC will continue to provide comprehensive health care services in the South End.

"As SECHC celebrates 50 years of service to the South End, we also look to the future. Our number one goal is to strengthen high-quality care for this community in an increasingly complex and volatile health care system that favors economies of scale," said Bill Walczak, CEO and president of SECHC. "We

This week, in one of the community health center in have strategically considered many pathways to achieving this goal over the past several years and are delighted to have reached an agreement with EBNHC that positions community-based care to thrive."

Manny Lopes, president and CEO of EBNHC, added, "Our organizations have shared a common mission for decades and there is a lot we can learn from one another. As health centers, it is our duty to innovate and grow in financially sustainable ways to ensure we are preserving

and advancing affordable, accessible, high-quality care in communities that need it most. We believe that welcoming SECHC into our organization will benefit patients, staff, and our communities."

Post-merger, EBNHC will support approximately 1,200 employees and more than 100,000 patients per year with an operating budget of \$165 million, providing high-quality services and programs in neighborhoods on both sides of Boston Harbor.

The East Boston Neighbor-

hood Health Center (EBNHC) has been a vital part of its community for more than 40 years, providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to all who live and work in East Boston and the surrounding communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop. EBNHC supports more than 1,000 employees and handles 300,000 visits per year – more than any other ambulatory care center in New England.

South End Community Health Center (SECHC) is a comprehensive health care or-

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ganization for all residents of the South End and surrounding communities. Founded in 1969, SECHC is committed to providing the highest quality, coordinated health care that is both culturally and linguistically sensitive to every patient, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical ability, and/or income. SECHC's multi-cultural and highly trained staff of 180-plus serves more than 19,000 patients with an operating budget of \$16.5 million.

### MFA offers free admission to Everett residents

nightlife and spectacle in the Boston Harbor. Generouslate 19th century, a moment ly supported by The Boston immortalized in evocative posters, prints and paintings by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec (1864–1901). The artist's extraordinary attention to the performers, dancers and actors of Montmartre—the heart of the city's bohemian nightlife—is the focus of Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris, on view in the Ann and Graham Gund Gallery through August 4, 2019. The exhibition of approximately 200 works is a collaboration between the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), and the Boston Public Library (BPL), drawing on both institutions' extensive holdings of rarely displayed graphic works by Toulouse-Lautrec. It also includes a selection of loans from the Harvard Art Museums, the Houghton Library of Harvard University and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as local private collectors. Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris explores the artist's enthusiastic participation in the celebrity culture of his day and how, to a remarkable degree, he defined it for generations to follow. In addition to his famous lithographic prints and posters, which distilled the defining gestures, costumes and expressions of "les stars" of the day into instantly recognizable images, the exhibition features never-before-displayed early drawings and a selection of paintings by Toulouse-Lautrec. Works by his contemporaries, including Pierre Bonnard, Mary Cassatt, Edgar Degas, John Singer Sargent and James Jacques Joseph Tissot, are also incorporated throughout the galleries, as well as recently restored period films, music, instruments and fashion accessories. The exhibition is accompanied by an illustrated catalogue produced by MFA Publications and a range of public programming offered at the Museum and the BPL's Central Library and 25 neighborhood branches. BPL cardholders can sample MFA membership with free admission throughout the month of June 2019. "Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris" is organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Boston Public

Paris was the center of Library. Sponsored by Encore Foundation. Additional support from the great-grandchildren of Albert H. Wiggin, the Cordover Exhibition Fund, and anonymous funders.

"We are proud to partner with the Boston Public Library to bring together these two rich collections of work by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. It's exciting to be able to bring to life the spectacles of modern Paris, and offer the public unprecedented access to works of art in new ways," said Matthew Teitelbaum, Ann and Graham Gund Director of the MFA. "This has been a true collaboration, and we're extremely grateful to all of our colleagues at the BPL."

The MFA's conservation team undertook the preparation and framing of pieces from the BPL's collection for the exhibition. Nine oversized posters were also sent for extensive conservation treatment, framing and digitization at the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NED-CC) in Andover; this work was jointly funded by the MFA and the Associates of the Boston Public Library. Five of these posters are on view at the Museum in Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris, while the remaining four are displayed at the BPL's Central Library in Copley Square. Additionally, the BPL's complete collection of more than 350 works by Toulouse-Lautrec has been digitized and is available on digitalcommonwealth.org.

"Boston Public Library is thrilled to take our partnership with the Museum of Fine Arts to a new level, collaborating on this joint exhibition featuring the works of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and making them widely accessible to the public," said David Leonard, President of the Boston Public Library. "This is not just a superb example of Boston's cultural institutions working together, but also helps us unlock our vast historical collections for the enjoyment of all. This exhibition and its programming allow us to explore themes at the intersection of art and celebrity across the centuries."

#### **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

Philomene Pean, Pastoral Associate. 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),

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Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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*News and Notes* 

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We are on the Internet http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org **Glendale United Methodist Church Pastor David Jackson** 392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers) Please enter the church by the driveway on **Walnut Street** 617-387-2916 PastorDavidJackson58@ gmail.com Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM. Other times by

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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**BOARD OF APPEALS** 484 Broadway **Everett. Massachusetts 02149** (617) 381-7445

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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor, George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Rona/do Santos 19 Bartlett Street Everett, MA 02149

RE: 39 Rich Street, Everett, MA 02149

To said Board of Appeals, asking for a Variance of the Building Zone Ordinance of the City, as applied: Applicant seeks a building permit to raze the existing single family dwelling and reconstruct a new three (3) family dwelling on a 6150 sf located within the dwelling district. The new structure will create an FAR of .86 exceeding the .5 requirement for the district. Plans submitted by Kunz Associates dated 4/03/2019 indicate compliant parking of6 spaces.

REASON FOR DENIAL:

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinances Appendix A:

1. Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 4(a)1-limits a single or double semi detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance (1926) to convert to not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance to allow a raze and reconstruct proposal.

2. Everett Zoning Ordinances, APPENDIX A Section 4 (b) (2) c. requires an FAR not to exceed .5. Relief must be requested in the form of a variance.

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holders, along with plenty of the stops in Everett and Chelspace. It is 100 percent ADA compliant and also has video

screens for entertainment. Folk said right now they are sticking to the four stops on the route, but he said they

seating and large cup- aren't ruling out expanding sea once the resort opens.

> "We think it's a great, great alternative for the folks in Everett and our employees and guests coming to Encore," he said.



The new Encore Neighborhood Runner shuttle bus began running its route through Chelsea and Everett on Monday, June 3, at 5 a.m. It runs continuously 24-hours a day, 365-days per week and is completely free.

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was a great place for the faculty to come and teach. The students here ae spectacular. There is a great deal of respect here between the students and faculty. The students have a voice. It's palatable the concern that people have for each other here.'

He offered praise for the other half of the administrative dream team, Head of School Carl DiMaiti.

guy to work with," said Mahoney. "He worked tirelessly for Pope John High School."

DiMaiti, who came to Pope John after a distinguished tenure at St. Mary's of Lynn, said Mahoney helped him make a smooth transition to

sooner and come here. It his new position. "He knows this school inside and out and upside down. And he cares deeply for the school both as an administrator, and more importantly as a graduate."

"It's extremely sad and to me it's personally disappointing," said DiMaiti about the school's closing and IRM's failure to meet its financial obligations. "We were on the right path. I'm kind of overwhelmed by the support of the "Mr. DiMaiti – what a great alums when we were in trouble, how they stepped up. The Archdiocese has been supportive, which I appreciate."

DiMaiti said he will be retiring after 34 years as a schoolteacher, coach, and administrator.



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