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The 30 ft. official Everett Square Christmas tree was lifted through the air by a crane to be placed in its stand last Thursday after a long trip down from Tewksbury. This year, the tree was donated by the Flynn family of Tewksbury, in memory of Everett Police Officer Glenn Briley who passed away in December, 2015. The Flynn family are friends with Michele Strong (Officer Briley's sister) and her husband, Lt. Paul Strong, of the Everett Police Department.

Census 2020 a critical count for Everett and state

By Seth Daniel

The Census 2020 effort has successfully kicked off this month, with community leaders hoping for a full count that could knock on the door of nearly 60,000 residents this time.

While most believe Everett has about 60,000 people living in the community, the City has historically

been hard to count due to language barriers, the large immigrant population, density in living conditions, and confusion about who can participate. That has resulted in artificially lower counts in population over the years, with the most recent count at under 50,000.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio is the liaison to the Census effort for the City, and

he said the federal government has targeted Everett at around 52,000 for 2020, but he hopes the City can go higher with a coordinated effort.

"If we can fill out the Census with strong numbers, it just means more money for the schools and the community development block grant – which goes to street and sidewalk

repairs mostly," he said. "We're definitely 50,000. We're probably really closer to 60,000. Their numbers at 52,000 were based on three people per unit. That's low for us and that's where we get the 60,000 number. We should comfortably hit 52,000...If we can get between 55,000 and 60,000

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'Corvette Mike' returns to Everett where he fell in love with the car that changed his life

By Seth Daniel

Michael 'Corvette Mike' Vietro had seen Chevy Corvette cars all his life as a kid while pumping gas on Revere Beach Parkway, or

sitting on the wall by the Shute Library as the show-cars drove down Broadway, likely headed to Revere Beach.

But it wasn't until 1978 in California that the Ev-

erett native got behind the wheel of his own Corvette, pushed on the gas, and changed his life forever.

"I got my first Corvette, it was mocha colored, and I was driving that brand new Corvette and all the sudden my life changed," he said. "I was shaking. I was obsessed. From that one car in that moment, I built Corvette Mike. That car was life-changing. I had to do something that day. I wasn't a mechanic, so I couldn't work on the cars. But I could be a showman

for them, and I had just gotten into the car sales business so I kind of knew a little about that."

Vietro is now entering into his 39th year of business in Orange County, California, operating the successful Corvette Mike's dealerships. He has several dealerships across the country, including one in Carver, Mass., and has become the world's leading authority of vintage and classic Corvettes. He has

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Firefighter Craig Hardy (who is also quite a hockey player, we hear) sported a new E Club baseball hat after receiving the Citation of Achievement Award from the E Club. The annual E Club banquet was another hit this year, taking place at Spinnelli's on Rt. 1 last Weds., Nov. 20. See more photos on Pages 7 and 8.

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Tax Relief

Mayor DeMaria provides plan to reduce for residential taxes

Staff Report

City officials were expected to endorse a plan to invest \$7 million into tax relief at the City Council Monday night – a plan that would allow residential tax bills to decrease by about 3.5 percent on average despite double-digit value increases in those same properties.

Based on the estimated rates, single-, two- and three-family owner-occupied homes will all see average reductions of 3-4 percent on their tax bills. This despite the fact that assessments on one-, two- and three-unit properties increased between 10 per-

cent and 11percent for FY 2020 - reflecting continued strength in the real estate market.

On Monday, Nov. 25, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his finance team were expected to present recommendations regarding the tax rate, which included the use of available funding sources, the Minimum Residential Factor (MRF) and the Residential Exemption.

Everett, along with many nearby cities and towns, adopts a split tax rate, shifting the larger percentage to the city's industrial and business sector, and thereby reducing the MRF, effectively easing the burden on

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Arrests, criminal activity are not unexpected at Encore Boston Harbor

By Seth Daniel

Police Chief Steve Mazzie said any criminal activity or arrests that have happened at Encore so far are not outside of anything they expected, and that none of the activity is spilling over to the neighborhoods.

Recently, two Boston media outlets – as well as the Independent - analyzed arrests and crime at Encore since the June 23 opening, and found that there were 161 people arrested and/or summonsed through October.

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EVERETT HIGH PRESENTS: 'ONCE ON THIS ISLAND'



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Darren Pierre, as Agwe the God of Water, performed alongside Jhalyska Feliciano, as Ti Moune, during the excellent Everett High production of 'Once on This Island' last Friday evening. The full-scale musical featured dozens of Everett students performing onstage. See more photos on Page 12.

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Masconomet (6-4) at Everett (7-3) for Thanksgiving game

Everett has only played Masconomet four times and is 4-0, including a 32-0 win on Thanksgiving last year. In 2017, the teams played at Fenway Park on Thanksgiving Eve, a 36-20 Crimson Tide win. On Thanksgiving Day 2016, the Chieftains led, 24-22, after three quarters before Everett scored twice in the fourth to take a 35-24 win. The teams also played in the 2012 playoffs, a game won by Everett, 42-14, at Manning Field in Lynn.

Everett is coming off only its second MIAA consolation round game ever, a 20-16 last-minute loss at Andover. The Crimson Tide have lost two games in a row for the first time since 2015, when they finished 5-5.

Everett qualified for the post-season for the 19th consecutive year, compiling a 35-9 post-season record in that span and 37-11 overall postseason record since 1996 (25-6 playoffs, 12-5 state final/Super Bowl). Everett lost to Central Catholic, 39-37 in OT, in the Div. 1 North semi-finals. The Crimson Tide

have won nine of their last 11 postseason games. Everett is 192-24 overall (.889) since 2001 -- 157-15 (.913) in the regular season.

DUKE OF HURL: Junior QB Duke Doherty, who left the Andover game in the first quarter with a shoulder injury, is 88-149 for 1257 yards with 13 TD and 7 INT. He is also the Crimson Tide's second-leading rusher with 570 yards. In his career, Doherty is 187-312 for 2945 yards with 37 TD and 13 INT.

MAKING HISTORY: With its win over Xaverian in the season opener, Everett became the first Massachusetts school to record 800 football wins. In its 126th season of football, Everett's all-time record is 816-376-79 (.673).

HOME COOKIN': Everett is playing at Everett Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving Day for the first time since 2011. Everett did not have a Thanksgiving game from 2012-15 and the 2017 home game vs. Masco was played at Fenway Park.

(Compiled by Paul Halloran, Everett TV football analyst)

DeMaria officially announces tree lighting ceremony

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Everett Chamber of Commerce, are pleased to announce that the City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Downtown Open House will be held on Friday, December 6th at 5 p.m.

Attendees will enjoy an array of activities, which will include a winter themed amusement area, with two Frozen attractions and one Toy Story attraction! All of your favorite characters will be there for photos, with two selfie stations for you to enjoy! Also two trains will ride down Norwood Street, the Norwood Express 1 and 2.

Attendees will also enjoy horse drawn sleigh and carriage rides through the square. There will also be Balloon Twisters, Face Painters and Art's & Crafts

This year, there will be a traditional Tree Lighting ceremony and Santa Claus will be there for pictures at, no charge, in a Christmas inspired room inside the Parlin Library starting at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "Christmas is the most precious time of the year for many families. I want them to be able to capture those moments that will last for generations."

The evening will begin with Santa Claus arriving on an Everett Fire Truck. Residents will be entertained with traditional Christmas carols by local area groups, such as the Girl Scouts, Everett High School PopVox choir and the On Pointe Dance Academy, as well as holiday performances by Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and a live band performance from Angele-na Hightower and the Unit and of course the lighting of the Tree.

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been operating in Anaheim the last 15 years, and is in his third location in Orange County over the 38 years.

"You have to have that love affair with the car -- that passion -- to wake up every morning and be obsessed with it," he said. "It consumes about every waking minute of my days -- the buying, selling, talking and texting with people all over the world about Corvettes."

"We have a great following and a great reputation and I worked hard at it," he continued. "You have to work harder at it now than I did in the beginning because there were no Yelp reviews online. Now, you have to work harder to keep every single person happy. It's not easy, but it's how I built my business."

These days, his favorite Corvettes are a 1963 black split rear-window with a 340 horsepower engine he bought from the original owner in Orange County.

He said he's also pretty excited about the 1967 yellow L88 with the original motor. It is one of only a few ever built, and the only one in the world that retains its original motor.

Such luxuries, however, are a far cry from the live Vietro led in Everett -- where he grew up poor, working hard for his money and only fantasizing about such cool cars.

"We grew up pretty poor in Everett," he said. "Early on, my dad had a donut shop in Everett Square that my grandfather had before him. He developed an allergy to the flour and had to sell it. Then he worked three jobs to raise five kids and was never the same."

"Early on, if I wanted money, I had to go out and earn it," he continued.

That included working construction, cleaning and stripping floors at the Ar-



Everett native 'Corvette Mike' Vietro with one of the rarest Corvettes in existence, a 1967 L88 Coupe with original engine, the only one that exists in the world.

mory in Watertown, washing dishes in restaurants, and even pumping gas for his father at the Mobile Station on the Parkway.

"My dad worked at the gas station there and it was so busy all the time," he said. "He made \$2 an hour and would give me 50 cents to help him out. That's really where I began to see Corvettes and wanted one for myself."

He said he also fell in love with them while hanging around Broadway in his neighborhood by the Shute Library.

"In the summer, the Corvettes would go up Broadway coming out of Revere or going to Chelsea," he said. "I remember being amazed by them at the age of 12 and thinking they were the coolest thing I had ever seen."

He said his life took a tremendous change in direction when, after graduating Everett High in 1973 and breaking up with his girlfriend, he got upset and joined the Marines. After being rejected for a childhood injury to his eye, he said he would not take 'no' for an answer -- a trend in his life. With an appeal, he

was able to enter the Marines, and had done well enough on his tests that they allowed him to go to basic training in San Diego.

"They owned you, and it was brutal, but it was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said.

He eventually trained to be an aerographic mate, which he said was basically a Marine weatherman. After traveling the world, becoming a great fit in the Marines, he finally left the service in 1978 and retired to California to finish his degree.

During that time, he accompanied a friend to a Toyota dealership to buy a new car, and while there, ended up getting a job at the dealership. That job led him to go for it all and try to buy his first Corvette -- a life-long dream. After a few roadblocks that he refused to let stop him, Vietro finally got that mocha-colored 1978 Corvette -- which changed his life.

Soon after, he decided to start a car show in California to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Corvette. He invited every car club west of the Mississippi and spoke to enthusiasts --

who were often confused about his thick Everett accent. That show led to more shows, and then he got involved in brokering the cars -- which eventually spawned Corvette Mike.

"It was total passion for the car," he said. "I was obsessed like nobody's business. I started buy, selling and doing Corvette auctions. I don't know anyone else that did what I did in this industry. That was 1978. I didn't know it, but I was a pioneer."

Now, this week, Vietro plans to return to Everett to visit his hometown and the new Encore Boston Harbor casino -- something he felt compelled to do while at a Corvette show at the Encore in Las Vegas.

"I just still can't believe we have an Encore casino in Everett," he said. "I was just at a big car show at the Encore in Las Vegas, and I kept thinking the next time I was in Everett, I had to stay at the Encore. I can't wait to see my hometown again and visit with family and friends. I'm also thrilled about the Encore Casino and look forward to checking out all that it has to offer."

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conservatively, that would be a strong number."

Cornelio said hitting 50,000 officially also is a big deal because it means Everett would become a "big city" in regards to federal community block grants.

"It's a larger number if we hit 50,000," he said. "A lot of that money -- 60 to 70 percent, goes back to our children in the public schools. It only serves to help the whole community if we can get a good count."

That's exactly what City and state officials were looking to do in a kick-off rally hosted by State Rep. Joe McGonagle at the Connolly Center on Nov. 14 -- where City, state and Census 2020 officials gathered to impress upon the importance of counting everyone no matter what their immigration status is at the moment.

State Rep. Paul Mark, who represents the Berkshires and is on the re-districting committee working with the Census 2020, said Everett only had a rate of about 67 percent response in 2010. That's what led to the low count of below 50,000.

"This is one of the hardest places in the entire state to count," he said.

He also said that Boston has grown by an estimated 11.8 percent, while Everett has grown about 12.5 percent at the same time -- which outpaces the average of Middlesex County (7.43 percent) by a long shot.

"In Everett itself...there was 12.51 percent growth," he said. "People want to live here and want to stay here. You're beating the state and Boston average in growth. When you look at what it means for the state, it's critical."

He said state representative seats, state senate seats



Mayor Carlo DeMaria talks about the importance of an accurate Census 2020 count for the City of Everett during a Census kick-off hosted by State Rep. Joe McGonagle Nov. 14. In the past, Everett has had a very low response rate and a severely undercounted population. And with every response worth about \$2,300 in federal funding, that undercount has become expensive. This time around, the City and state partners are working hard to get an accurate count.

and Congress seats will be growing in the numbers of people they represent from the 2010 numbers. It is possible, he said, to gain seats in Congress with a good count.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said it is important to note there is no citizenship question on the form as that was taken off by a ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court. He said people should not be afraid to fill out the Census, and that doing so will not lead to trouble.

"It doesn't matter where you were born or how you got here," he said. "It is only who is here on April 1, 2020."

To help with that, the mayor and Cornelio have formed a Complete Count Committee that is made up of community leaders from all ethnicities and immigrant groups. Those ambassadors to the Census will do their best in the coming months to begin to build trust in the Census effort, and to show that it is safe and helpful.

Georgia Lowe of the New York Regional Census Center -- which is part of the U.S. Department of

Commerce -- said the Census information is protected, and all workers swear to that under oath.

"The information you provide is safe and cannot be released, even to law enforcement," she said. "Our workers take an oath sworn for life to protect data."

This time, she said, the questions are also a lot less specific, focusing on getting an accurate count rather than on other demographic information.

The Census 2020 effort will begin on March 12, when mailings go out to

each household inviting them to respond to online or by phone to the Census. A paper copy of the Census will then go out, and if there is still no response, employees from Census 2020 will begin canvassing the neighborhood and knocking on doors to get a count.

"We're trying to avoid having to go out knocking on doors as much as possible," said Cornelio. "We're trying to make it as easy as possible to fill out the Census in 2020."

By order of the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Department of Commerce is required every 10 years to do a full count to the extent possible of every person in the United States as of April 1.

The Census 2020 effort will be making history this time around as it plunges into the digital age.

For generations, the Census has been a paper or face-to-face operation, but in 2020, respondents will be able to go online to fill it out for the first time in history.

Georgia Lowe of the US Census 2020 said this is the first time they have added an online component and they hope it helps to count hard populations -- such as newly arrived immigrant groups and those who don't necessarily trust government and government buildings.

In Everett, that will likely mean that people can fill out the Census using their phones, or they may have laptops at non-profits or places of worship to help allay fears and build trust.

All of that will hopefully equal a higher rate of responses this time for Everett.

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MBTA fails to show for Council presentation

By Laura Plummer

The Everett City Council held a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Thursday, November 21. On the agenda was a presentation by the MBTA Fiscal Management Control Board regarding its Commuter Rail Vision. Five members of Council were present: Councilor Fred Capone, Councilor John Hanlon, Councilor Michael McLaughlin, Councilor Michael Marchese and Councilor Peter Napolitano. While this was enough members to hold a meeting, the presenter did not arrive. “We have a quorum, which is exciting,” said Councilor Capone, “but we

have nobody here to present.” Council waited several minutes for the scheduled guest to show, and ultimately ended up postponing the meeting to an unspecified date. They hope it will be rescheduled before the end of the year. On November 4, the MBTA Fiscal Control Board voted in principle to electrify and extend its Commuter Rail, serving the communities of Everett, Chelsea, Revere and Lynn. The train would provide trips every 15 minutes. The expansion would ideally reduce the amount of vehicles on the road, easing the burden of congestion from regional traffic patterns and local car-dependent development.

The City is fully supportive of the expansion as it seeks to increase transportation options for residents while at the same time cutting down on vehicle use. Phase 1 of the transformation will include implementing multiple-unit electric trains along the Providence/Stoughton line, the Fairmont Line, and the line that connects Boston, Everett, Chelsea, Revere and Lynn, also known as the Environmental Justice Line. One exciting piece of that program is a potential new station in Everett. While there are no concrete plans for that, City officials have said they could envision any such station being located near, or underneath, Sweetser Circle.

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But Chief Mazzie said it wasn’t anything they didn’t expect, and it certainly isn’t anything that is affecting any other part of the city. “There was an increase in crime and calls for service because prior to June 23, a casino didn’t exist there,” he said. “In fact, nothing existed there. Do we have calls for service? Are we having some crime, more drunk and disorderly charges? Yes, but it’s really nothing out of the ordinary and something we expected from our research before the opening based on the numbers going there. The problems that are there are really, to us, minimal.” Encore Boston Harbor said it takes the safety of its guests seriously, and was glad that the collaboration of security, Everett Police and State Police were being pro-active.

“The safety and security of our guests are taken very seriously at Encore Boston Harbor,” read a statement from the casino. “We have a zero tolerance policy regarding any violation of law or inappropriate behavior and work side-by-side with law enforcement to ensure any individuals involved in such behavior are immediately removed from the resort and handled appropriately by Everett or State Police.” More importantly, Chief Mazzie indicated that there has been no crime associated with the casino spilling out into adjacent neighborhoods of Everett. “We anticipated more calls for service, but the question is what is an acceptable number in calls for service,” he said. “There has been no spillover we know of. Right now, maybe we’ve had a couple of minor car accidents. In other parts of the city, like in Everett Square, you don’t even know the place is there. There have been no impacts.” The State Police, in a statement, said they didn’t believe crime was spilling

over, and said it is important to keep the arrests in context with the numbers of people visiting. “It is important to keep the enforcement statistics in context of the huge volume of visitors to the location,” read the statement from Spokesman David Propcio. “Another important factor for consideration is whether, generally speaking, criminal offenses are contained to the property or spill into the surrounding community. Our partners at the Everett Police would be the best source of information on this question, but in our experience, illegal activities on the property have, generally, not crossed over into the neighborhoods around the property.” Most of the crimes found by a report by Channel 5 Investigates included many disorderly conduct charges and assault charges. One charge included a registered sex offender who was “up-skirting” (taking pictures up the skirt of a woman) a woman who was gambling, while another charge included a loaded firearm found in an unattended purse. The Independent also received crime data from the State Police, and noted that most of the incidents happened between midnight and 4 a.m. Almost all of those arrested were from Massachusetts, with only one person from out of the country and only a few from out of state. For whatever reason, a good many residents from Lynn had been arrested. Surprisingly, there weren’t many arrests for car breaks, something many figured would be a given. Mazzie said he didn’t consider much of what has taken place there in five months out of the ordinary, and compared it to the opening of any type of mall or even the summer rush on Cape Cod. “Really, our officers have been goodwill ambassadors

just trying to help people who are having a good time and some who have had a little too good of a time,” said Mazzie. “It’s similar to Cape Cod when it swells with people in the summer. What do you think happens to their calls for service in the summer? They go way up. Then it slows down once the season moves to the fall and winter.” Right now, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) has hired an analyst to work with the State Police and Everett Police to document a baseline of crime in Everett before the casino. That analyst and police will continue to monitor reported crime as time goes on, with a report on the effects of the casino to come out yearly. Already, MGM Springfield and Plainridge Park have had such reviews, and Encore would likely have one at this time next year. “We’re taking it month to month and we’ll see what each month and each new season brings,” said the chief. “I think it will take a while to see the real impacts it will have here.” The State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit (GEU) assigned to Encore Boston Harbor is a task force comprised of State Troopers and Everett Police Officers. The goal is simple — to enforce the law to maintain a safe environment for the employees and patrons of the casino and to assist in preserving the integrity of the gaming operation. The Troopers and Officers in the unit received training in best practices related to casino security and policing. GEU members are first responders to any emergency incident on casino property, and conduct follow-up investigations for any potential criminal act on the property. MSP Troopers and Everett Officers are supplemented on the casino floor by private security employed by the casino.

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residential taxpayers. This does not change the total tax levy for the community; however it simply determines the share of the levy to be borne by each class. In addition, state law allows cities and towns to offer a discount to owner occupied residential properties. Based upon his recommendations, the estimated rate for FY 2020 would be \$10.64 (per thousand) for residential and \$24.72 (per thousand) for commercial, both decreases from last year. The tax bill is figured out by applying the above tax rates to the total value

of the property, per thousand, to find the amount owed in tax. The Mayor recommended utilizing \$7 million in Free Cash to reduce the burden on taxpayers and shifting the Minimum Residential Factor by 1.75 percent, the maximum allowed by the law and the most beneficial to residential taxpayers. In addition, Mayor DeMaria proposed a 25 percent residential exemption. The Mayor is an advocate of the exemption noting the need to keep residents invested in their homes, neighborhoods and city.

“The homeowner exemption is a great way for the city to keep good people in Everett,” said Mayor DeMaria. “With more owner-occupied property, we’ll have less absentee landlords and more hard working people proud to invest back into their community.” The Mayor and his administration were able to achieve these great results through strong leadership, conservative budgetary management, responsible financial forecasting, and ensuring fiscal responsibility.

Legislature votes to enact the Student Opportunity Act


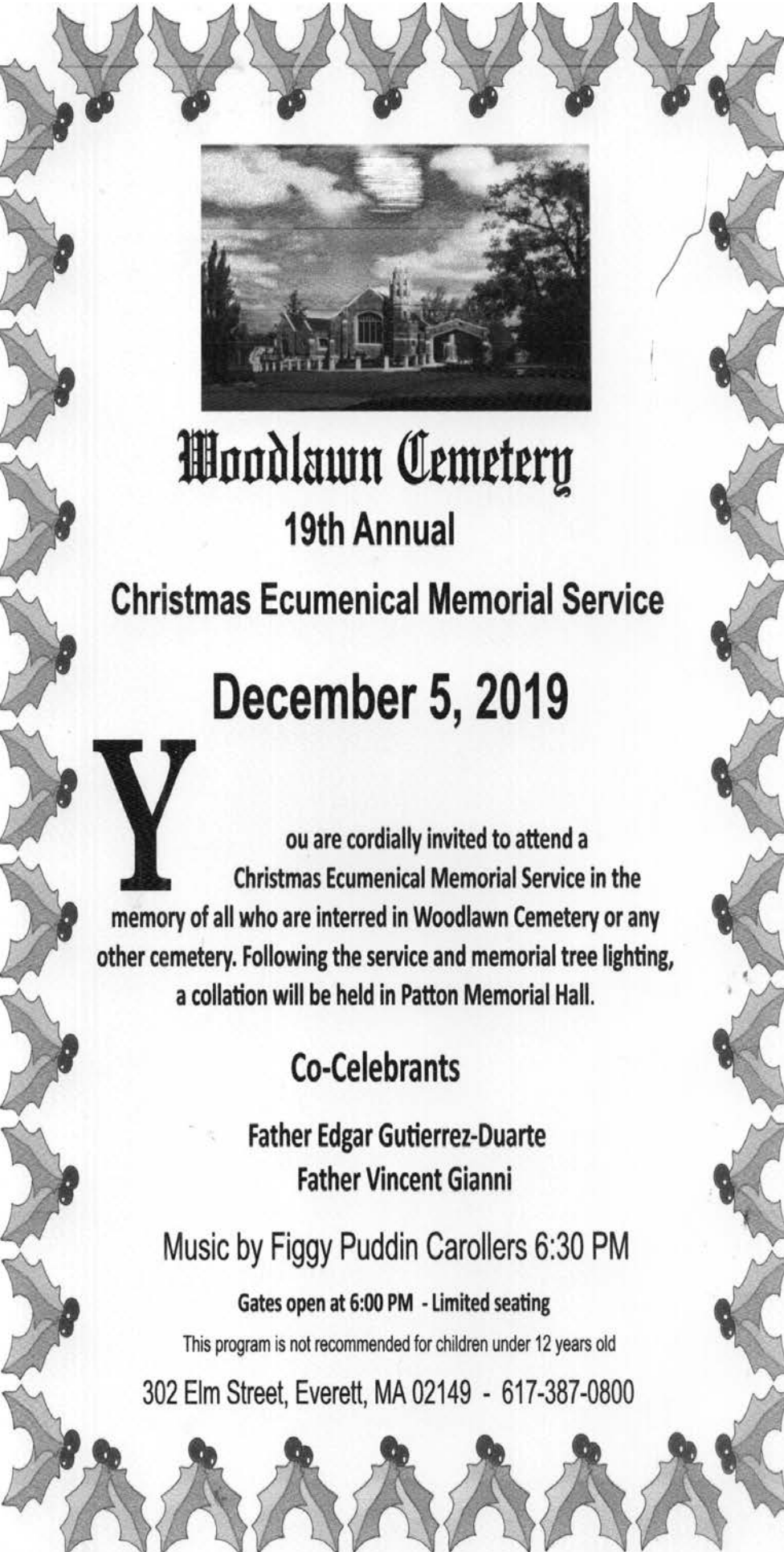
Staff Report

Last week, both chambers of the State Legislature unanimously voted to enact the Student Opportunity Act, providing an unprecedented \$1.5 billion new investment in Massachusetts K-12 public education system and ensuring public schools have the resources to provide high-quality education to students across the state, regardless of zip code or income level. The bill now goes to Gov. Charlie Baker for review. If he does sign it, the bill would become law and many of the school funding frustrations recently would become a thing of the past. Assuming inflation, over the seven-year implementation timeline the bill will provide an estimated \$2.2 billion in support of public schools. The Student Opportunity Act provides significant support to school districts that serve English learners and high concentrations of low-income students. At the same time, all school districts across the Commonwealth will benefit from updates to the existing funding formula,

along with increased state investments in vital education aid programs such as special education transportation, school construction and renovation, and the 21st Century Education Program. “The Student Opportunity Act makes a lasting and profound investment in the Massachusetts public education system and places a special emphasis on English learners and districts serving our low-income students,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “We’re building on our ongoing efforts to support our neediest students and to close opportunity gaps. I want to thank Chair Peisch for her leadership on this legislation, and Chair Lewis for his hard work, and the conference committee especially Representatives Tucker and Ferguson. This was a collaboration among the House and the Senate, and I appreciate Senate President Spilka’s partnership as we make this historic investment.” State Rep. Joe McGonagle said restoring education funding for Everett has been a top priority.

“Fully funding Everett’s schools is one of my top priorities,” said McGonagle. “The Student Opportunity Act is a historic piece of legislation that will bring our schools to new heights. This legislation will bring millions of more dollars to fund critical programs for low income and English language learners so that all students have access to high quality education. I am so proud to have been a part of this, and I am especially thankful to Speaker DeLeo, Chair Alice Peisch, the Chair of the Education Committee, and my good friend Rep. Paul Tucker, the Vice Chair of the Education Committee for all the time and effort they put in to getting this bill passed and onto the governor’s desk.” State Sen. Sal DiDomenico has been on the frontlines of the issue in the Senate for quite some time, and said earlier this fall – after the bill passed the Senate – that historic funding numbers could come to Everett if the bill is passed. “It’s a once in a generation bill of historic proportions that will undo a wrong

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Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It's a day for schoolboy football, family gatherings, and not much else to do other than enjoy a great dinner with those whom we love and care about.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Even in this time of divisiveness in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of what we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be where we are. Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SAFELY

We would be remiss if we did not remind our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend, but to do so safely.

And specifically, we really mean only one thing: Do not drink & drive, nor allow friends & family members to do so.

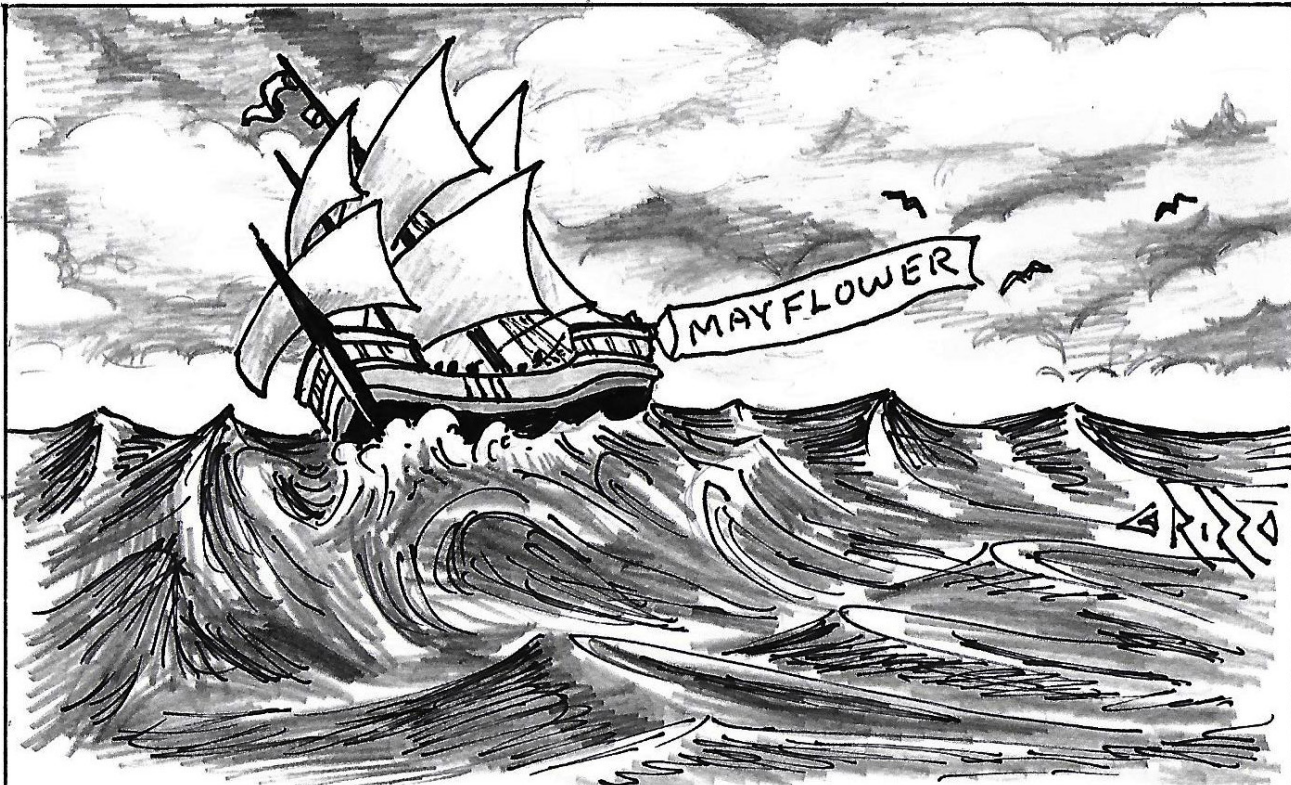
The vast majority of Americans will have wonderful family get-togethers that will create memories that will last a lifetime.

However, for some, the stresses of the holiday season often express themselves in drinking too much, which in turn can lead to tragedies. Alcohol abuse by a family member by far is the biggest problem faced by many families, whether it is a son or daughter, mother or father, or brother or sister.

Intoxicated driving rates as one of the leading causes of accidental death in our society. More than 10,000 Americans die -- and tens of thousands more are seriously injured -- in auto accidents caused by impaired drivers every year.

All of us have a role not only in ensuring that we ourselves do not become one of those statistics, but also in preventing a friend or family member from becoming one.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY.. NOV. 28, 2019

LETTERS to the Editor

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dear Editor,

We, the members of the Everett Education Coalition, are writing in regards to the search for the next superintendent of Everett Public Schools. In recognition of the 350 hours of volunteer labor contributed by the 14 members of the search committee, we submit this formal request regarding the interview process for Everett's next superintendent. The School Committee has made a commitment to the city of Everett to uphold a procedure that allows public participation in the interview process. We ask that this commitment be respected and upheld for our community.

nity.

The search committee consulted with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC). MASC is an entirely independent organization, and advised the search committee based solely on best practices. Internal candidates were carefully considered, but ultimately the four finalists were chosen based on MASC's expertise and the wishes of the community.

We understand that there will be public events to be held for each candidate, open to members of the school committee. When planning these meetings we recommend the following measures be observed:

- Each interview session should include at least one hour for questions and answers from the public.

- The meetings should be posted with adequate advance notice and at a convenient time and location.

•Interpreters should be made available in Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole.

- Local media must be invited to attend.

Our group consists of Everett resident parents, teachers and leaders of several community organizations. Public interaction is an essential component of a thorough search that reflects the needs of the community in which the next superintendent will serve.

We formally ask that you please include this request as an agenda item to be voted on at the next School Committee meeting. Please feel free to reach out to us if we can be of assistance in planning any event. We thank you for your commitment to transparency and hiring the best possible superintendent for our children, families and schools.

Everett Education Coalition membership
(everettedcoalition@gmail.com)

REJECT THE SANCTUARY STATE BILL (HB 3573/SB1401)

Nationwide, from 2011 to 2018, non-citizens, mostly illegal aliens, committed 667,000 drug offenses, 42,000 robberies, 25,000 homicides, 91,000 sex crimes, 213,000 assaults, 95,000 weapons offenses, and 81,000 auto thefts, according to a report from the US General Accountability Office (GAO). The GAO also found that the average criminal alien had been arrested

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GUEST OP-ED

How we drive development without displacement

By Maria Belen Power, GreenRoots

As our communities fight for environmental justice, achieve significant victories, and become healthier and more attractive to live in, we face mounting pressure from developers. Land is being swallowed up by investors and driving up housing prices, causing the forced displacement, or pushing-out, of residents and small businesses. And it may soon get worse.

Governor Baker's Housing Choice Bill is pending in the state legislature. If passed, this bill would have far-reaching and potentially calamitous implications for our communities, and with it the health and well-being of many Massachusetts residents. It could well exacerbate the precarious housing predicament many already find themselves in.

Governor Charlie Baker is advocating for the passage of a "Housing Choice" bill, a bill that would make it easier for localities in Massachusetts to change zoning rules. The measure, which would decrease the majority vote needed for zoning changes from two-thirds to one-half, and which Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito is calling on lawmakers to approve before Thanksgiving, would clear the way for developers to alter communities with less consensus from cities and towns. There are claims that the law would

make it easier to build more affordable housing, but there are no clear plans that outline how that could happen or that mandate the construction of lower-income housing.

"We now have the dubious distinction of having the highest median housing prices in the country and the highest median rents in the country." There is, in fact, every indication that this bill, if it passes, will drive more high-end development, further displacing residents who are living on or near the poverty line.

What developers often miss when they come into a neighborhood and plan to build, is the awareness that those who are excluded from social institutions -- those living at the margins -- have a lot of resources -- including ideas. It is this undergird that brought several community groups together.

According to the Healthy Neighborhoods Study, a nine-community, multi-year Participatory Action Research (PAR) project facilitated by the Conservation Law Foundation and MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning, 72% of Chelsea and 75% of Everett respondents indicated that they are proud to live in their community, yet 40% of Chelsea and 31% of Everett survey respondents expect to move in the next five years.

We should be deeply

concerned about the effects of housing instability and displacement on the mental, physical and social health of our residents, especially children and families. We know that there is more that can be done to keep our residents here. That's why we've come together with organizations like Everett Community Health Partnership, GreenRoots, MIT Community Innovators Lab (CoLab), and Research Action Design (RAD) to create a toolkit so that community members most likely to be impacted can advocate for policies to support equitable and healthy development without displacement.

Whether a community is trying to further understand how displacement shows up, create awareness among allies, or push for specific policy and programmatic solutions, simple resources can be used to build power within residents, as well as push for concrete changes within the community. Through the use of data and stories, residents can touch the minds and hearts of those who care deeply about their community and can implement change. The goal is for community members, regardless of their organizing experience, to be able to build power through collective analysis, create shared goals and actions, and develop guiding principles of equitable development.

We know that as com-

munities become healthier and cleaner to live in they become less affordable, displacing the most vulnerable populations. Those who worked so hard to improve the quality of life in their community should be able to live in it and enjoy it. We know that communities have the capabilities to organize against displacement and defend their right to remain rooted in place. The ideas and aspirations of residents in marginalized communities matter, and with planning tools they themselves can be the ones deciding how their resources will be used.

We know that housing stability has many downstream benefits, including less obvious ones like better health outcomes for residents. Health is greatly influenced by many things around us, including social, economic, political, and environmental factors. How we shape our laws matter. And how those laws get implemented matter. It's important that the voices driving that change be led by our community members most likely to be impacted by them. We must address this critical disparity as a new rash of development sweeps across the Boston metro area.

When residents are able to shape their own destiny, everyone benefits.

Maria Belan Power is the Associate Executive Director for GreenRoots Chelsea.

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EVERETT SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE ARRIVES



The Christmas tree was delivered to Everett Square from Tewksbury on Thursday morning.



Mike Bono unraveled the Christmas tree upon its arrival in Everett Square

Photos by Katy Rogers

The City of Everett official Christmas Tree was delivered to Everett Square on Thursday morning, Nov. 21. This year, the tree was donated by the Flynn family of Tewksbury, in

memory of Everett Police Officer Glenn Briley who passed away in December, 2015. The Flynn family are friends with Michele Strong (Officer Briley’s sister) and her husband, Lt. Paul Strong, of the Everett Police Department.



Chief Mazzie, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Michele Strong, and Lt. Paul Strong were interviewed by the news about the tree being dedicated in honor of late Everett Police Officer Glenn Briley.



Joe Carbo helped install the holiday tree.



Paul Demato trimmed the base of the tree to fit it in the stand.

Everett firefighters achieve ‘Firefighter of the Year’ honors

By Seth Daniel

Six Everett firefighters will be honored as ‘Firefighters of the Year’ at a special state ceremony in Worcester today, Nov. 26, for their heroic work on the Morris Street fire in July 2018.

The 30th annual ceremony will honor firefighters from across the state for extraordinary efforts in the year 2018, with WCVB anchor Doug Meehan emceeing the event.

Those being honored will include Firefighter Scott Dalrymple, who was seriously injured in the fire

that day, and had a long recovery process from severe burns to his body.

Others include:

- Josh Doyon (who was also injured, but less seriously)
- Craig Hardy
- Chad Bailey
- Chris Dockery
- Joseph Quinn (now retired)

Everett Chief Tony Carli said it was the first time he had nominated any members of the department since he became chief, and was impressed with the process. He said they were put in for their focus during the incident – which had two of their own seriously

hurt – and also for saving a woman from a top floor during the fire.

“It’s a vetted process and a great honor for our guys to achieve it,” he said. “I’m very proud of what this group did that day, and I don’t think I’ve ever held back on that. I find it amazing that even with Scott and Josh taken out so early in the fire, they maintained their focus, saved a woman and contained the fire.”

Public Safety and Security Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe and State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey will present the awards to the various departments.

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rested seven times.

On December 2, the Massachusetts State Legislature’s Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security will hold a hearing on a bill that would make Massachusetts a Sanctuary State. The “safe communities” bill (HB 3573/SB1401) would protect criminal aliens from the justice system.

Currently, police in most Massachusetts communities regularly exchange information about persons in custody with the Federal authorities, including the FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This bill is aimed at thwarting that cooperation.

In Massachusetts, criminal gangs routinely rob citizens, traffic narcotics, and perpetrate extortion. In one raid in 2015, Federal agents arrested 56 gang members in Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Revere, and Somerville. The indictment alleged that several of those charged are responsible for the murders of five people, and attempted murder of at least 14. These gangs frequently recruit prospective members—typically 14 to 15 years old—inside Massachusetts high schools with significant populations of immigrants from Central America, according to law enforcement officials.

Many criminal aliens have avoided deportation by taking refuge in sanctuary jurisdictions, which in Massachusetts currently number 15 cities, including

Cambridge and Boston. In the US as a whole, there are 39 sanctuary cities, 364 sanctuary counties, and four sanctuary states..

Sanctuary advocates claim—without evidence—that cooperation between ICE and police would scare undocumented immigrants from reporting crimes.

Sanctuary policies have no impact whatsoever on relations between law enforcement and non-criminal aliens. The only effect is to protect those who are already in custody from deportation.

If this bill is enacted, those responsible for its enactment will share responsibility for all crimes committed by persons who should have been deported but were sheltered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Like most Americans, MCIR believes that non-citizens who commit serious crimes should be promptly deported and that local law enforcement officials should cooperate with the Federal government in identifying and removing criminal aliens. Reflecting this belief, the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act reasonably mandated the deportation of non-citizens convicted of crimes.

Although most undocumented immigrants are not criminals, it’s hard to enter and live illegally in the US without committing crimes. Many pay criminal gangs thousands of dollars for trav-

el to and entry into the US, and sometimes more for forged or stolen documents. Illegal immigrants frequently commit identity theft in order to be employable. Their presence weakens laws that protect unskilled workers, e.g., laws setting minimum wages and minimal acceptable working conditions.

If the authorities acted in accord with their responsibilities, the nation would be spared a large proportion of the offenses committed by illegal aliens.

MCIR urges legislators to reject this bill and further urges voters to make their opinions on this issue known to legislators.

**John Thompson
Steve Kropper
Massachusetts Coalition for Immigration Reform (MCIR)**

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A crane was used to place the Christmas tree in Everett.



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Sal DiDomenico
State Senator & Family

A family photo of Sal DiDomenico, his wife, and two young boys. They are all wearing white t-shirts with the text "Sal DiDomenico STATE SENATOR" and a logo of the Massachusetts State House.

The logo for ENGie features the word "ENGie" in a blue, sans-serif font. Below the text is a cartoon illustration of a turkey's head and neck, facing forward. The background is a light yellow with a blue arc above the text.

A headshot of Joe McGonagle, a man with short grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie.

Joe McGonagle
State Representative

A small, orange pumpkin with a green stem and leaves.

A family photo of Fred Capone, his wife, and two children. They are standing in front of a bookshelf. Fred is holding a small dog.

FRED CAPONE
& family

Ward 1 City Councilor

Marcony Almeida Barros
School Committee
Ward 5

A headshot of Marcony Almeida Barros, a man with short dark hair, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and striped tie.

A headshot of John F. Hanlon, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie.

Councilor-at-Large
JOHN F. HANLON

A headshot of Michael J. McLaughlin, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie.

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A headshot of Rosa DiFlorio, a woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a black top.

Rosa DiFlorio
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Peter A. Napolitano
Councilor at Large

A headshot of Peter A. Napolitano, a man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie.

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A row of five orange pumpkins with green stems and leaves.

SEMI-ANNUAL ‘E’ CLUB BANQUET AT SPINELLI’S



James “Tank” Agnetta and Armando Leo welcomed guests to the “E” Club dinner.



Everett High School athletes, John Malloy and Eli Auguste, were awarded the Bouvier Award.



Christie Getto Young was honored to be recognized at the “E” Club dinner.

Photos by Katy Rogers

The “E” Club held their semi-annual banquet at Spinelli’s on Wednesday evening, Nov. 20. This year, Carl Colson, Christie Getto Young, and Craig Hardy were recognized with achievement awards. Sports journalist Alex Speier was the guest speaker and recipient of the journalism

Award. Students Eli Auguste and John Malloy were presented with the Bouvier Award for their athletic achievements. During the dinner, the Everett Firefighter honor guard presented their colors and collection was taken for the family of Worcester firefighter Lt. Jason Menard who lost his life in the line of duty a week prior.



Carl Colson, Vincent Ragucci Jr., Citation of Achievement award recipient Craig Hardy, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria attended the “E” Club banquet.



Carl Colson, Vincent Ragucci Jr., Special Achievement Award recipient Christie Getto Young, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria attended the “E” Club dinner.



Vincent Ragucci Jr., Carl Colson, guest speaker and sports journalist award recipient Alex Speier, Brendan Tyman, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



“E” Club Chaplain, Bishop Brown, welcomed everyone to the dinner with an opening prayer.



The “E” Club Board members were pleased to present the 2019 E Club fall banquet.

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico was pleased that his staffer, Christie Getto Young, was the recipient of the Special Achievement Award.



John Ragucci sold raffles throughout the evening to raise money for future scholarships and awards.



Daryl Colson spoke about her hardworking father, Carl Colson.



Vincent Ragucci Jr. congratulated Alex Speier on his award. Speier, a sports reporter for the Boston Globe since 2015, received the “E” Club 2019 Journalist Award.



Eli Auguste was presented the Bouvier Award, shown here with Vincent Ragucci Jr. and Dr. Omar Easy of Everett High School.



John Malloy was the recipient of the Bouvier Award, accepting from Vincent Ragucci Jr. and Dr. Omar Easy of Everett High School.



Vincent Ragucci Jr. welcomed guests to the “E” Club dinner.



“E” Club member Carl Colson received the Citation of Achievement Award.

Cranberries: Authentically American treat on the turkey table since 1621

By Seth Daniel

It’s the only red thing on the table at Thanksgiving, but the superfruit that is authentically American has a lot more going for it than it’s bright red color on Thanksgiving.

Cranberries are a great resource for New England, and are the largest cash crop in Massachusetts. Though Wisconsin grows the most cranberries in the country by number, the superfruit is vitally important to this state’s agricultural industry. With cranberry sauce being such a vital part of the Thanksgiving table, that means the season is vitally important to the cranberry industry here – an industry that booms in the fall months mostly on the South Shore and towards Cape Cod.



PHOTOS COURTESY OCEAN SPRAY

Cranberry farmers harvesting a fresh crop of the berries on the South Shore earlier this fall, just in time for Thanksgiving. The popular superfruit is one of only three cultivated fruits native to North America, and was used heavily by the Native Americans of the northeast. That is one reason that cranberries were believed to be on the first Thanksgiving table, and why they remain there to this day.

Ocean Spray officials, who are based in Carver on the South Shore, said Thanksgiving accounts for 37 percent of annual cranberry sales – basically between September and November.

There are any number of things that the cranberry

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can provide for the Thanksgiving table. Obviously, the cranberry sauce is the most common, but Ocean Spray officials said other popular Thanksgiving uses are brussels sprouts with cranberries, cranberries in salads, cranberry cocktails, and cranberry sweet potato casserole.

The oddest cranberry recipe, they said: “Cranberry turkey chili leftovers.”

Aside from the common or the bizarre, cranberries were known to have many other uses in the past – particularly among Native Americans in New England.

“Cranberries are native to North America, including the Northeast, and are one of only three cultivated fruits that are indigenous to this continent,” said an Ocean Spray spokesperson. “They are authentically American, and the superfruit has been used for many purposes throughout history. Native Americans used cranberries for food, medicine, dyes for clothes and blankets, to cure meat, and to draw poison from arrow wounds, as early as 1550. For this reason, leg-



Cranberries being taken out of a bog during harvest this year.

end has it that cranberries were included in the first Thanksgiving meal, which was in 1621.”

Another reason they are most popular on Thanksgiving is because of their harvest season, which falls from mid-September to mid-November. Ocean Spray farmers harvest billions of cranberries during that period in bogs where they grow. The bogs are soft, marshy ground with

acidic peat soil – and are most commonly found near wetlands. Cranberries grow on long, running vines, and don’t grow underwater as many tend to think.

Like flower bulbs, they are a perennial crop and grow on vines that are hundreds of years old.

“When cranberries are ready for harvest, the bogs are flooded with water,” said the Ocean Spray spokesperson. “Farmers then use water reels, nicknamed “eggbeaters,” to churn the water and loosen the cranberries from the vine. Each berry has a tiny pocket of air that allows it to float to the surface of the water. From there, they’re corralled together to be harvested and become delicious food and drinks for family tables worldwide.”

Ocean Spray officials said cranberries weren’t always called “cranberries.” For Eastern Native Americans, they were called “sassamanesh.” Cape Cod Pequots and South Jersey Leni-Lenape tribes called them “ibimi,” or bitter berry. And the Algonquins of modern-day Wisconsin dubbed the superfruit

“atoqua.”

It was the German and Dutch settlers who started calling the cranberry a “crane berry” because of the flower’s resemblance to the head and bill of a crane. Interestingly, that name stuck, and gave us the modern cranberry terminology.

More recently, cranberries have become not only an annual Thanksgiving staple, but also a popular staple of the health food gurus. Cranberries are actually very nutritional and are considered a superfruit in the same vein as the once-maligned pomegranate. They are rich in antioxidants, polyphenols, prebiotic fibers, vitamins, and minerals. Among the cranberry’s many benefits include raising good cholesterol, improving blood pressure, maintaining cardiovascular health, and even protecting the body against inflammation that may lead to certain cancers. The strong antioxidant capacity of cranberries is also associated with the prevention of some diseases and improved digestion.

So, whether its sauce out of a can, or an hours-long boil of fresh berries, this Thanksgiving, make sure to break bread with a little red on the table.

Encore casino numbers up and down for October revenues

By Seth Daniel

Slot machine revenues hit a high for Encore Boston Harbor in October, but table game revenue continued to slide greatly in the month – down by almost \$10 million from August – and leading to an overall decline in gaming revenues for October.

The news came in the context of an investor call this month that showed the Everett casino, located on the Charlestown line, outperformed the two Wynn Las Vegas casinos combined in the third quarter of 2019. That news, and the above October numbers, come as revenues across the gaming industry continue to decline in the United States and to perhaps level off in the hot Chinese market.

Neither Encore nor the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) comment on the monthly numbers.

The good news for Encore was that the slot revenues, which have been described as “underperforming” in past months, are on the increase. In fact, the revenues for slots hit the highest number Encore has had since opening, logging in \$22.28 million in October on total slot wagers of

\$276.48 million – a number also up from last month but significantly down from the \$359 million high in August.

Overall, the total wagers still eclipsed \$300 million in October, coming in at exactly \$300.01 million.

The curious part was that table games – which were the hottest item at Encore since opening day – have been on the slide. In August, they were up to \$32.2 million in revenues, but in September decreased \$5 million. In October, that decrease continued with another \$4 million slide – ending at \$23.5 million.

The total gross gaming revenues sat at \$45.8 million, which was down \$3 million from September.

Interestingly, the total wager number (which is a special calculation of Total Slot Coin-in added to the table game revenues) sat at more than \$1 billion since opening. The total number there is \$1.38 billion wagered.

At the MGM Springfield casino, total revenues were up from September by about \$1 million, on the strength of an increase in table game revenues. The total numbers were still far lower than Encore’s though, with \$21.1 million in total revenues there.

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we have been committing for many years in the Legislature and as a state,” he said this fall. “We will be in a situation where every child has an opportunity to succeed. I can’t say enough. It’s what we have been waiting for. The day has come.”

The Student Opportunity Act fully implements the recommendations of the 2015 Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC) in order to support the “educational programs and services necessary to achieve the Commonwealth’s educational goals” as stated in the Commission’s mission. The bill provides an estimated \$1.4 billion in new Chapter 70 aid over and above inflation when fully implemented over the next seven years. The bill modernizes the K-12 education funding and policy landscape in four areas:

- Estimates school districts’ employee and retiree health care costs using up to date health insurance trend data collected by the state’s Group Insurance Commission (GIC).

- Increases special education enrollment and cost assumptions to more accurately reflect district enrollment.

- Increases funding for English learners (EL) and differentiates funding by grade level to reflect the greater resources required to educate our older EL students.

- Addresses the needs of districts educating high concentrations of low-income students by:

- *Providing additional funding based on the share of low-income students in each district; districts educating the largest percentage of low-income students will receive an additional increment equal to 100 percent of the base foundation; and

- *Returning the definition of low-income to 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, as opposed to the 133 percent level used in recent years.

In addition to imple-

menting the FBRC’s recommended formula changes, the Student Opportunity Act provides an additional \$100 million in state financial support in several categories to help public schools and communities deliver a high-quality education to every student. Those fiscal supports include:

- Increasing foundation rates for guidance and psychological services in recognition of the growing need for expanded social-emotional support and mental health services;

- Committing to fully funding charter school tuition reimbursement, which provides transitional aid to help districts when students leave to attend charter schools, within a three-year timetable;

- Expanding the special education circuit breaker program, which reimburses districts for extraordinary special education costs, to include transportation as well as instructional cost, to be implemented over the next four years; and

- Raising the annual cap on Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) spending for construction and renovation by \$200 million (from \$600 million to \$800 million), enabling more school building projects across the state to be accepted into the MSBA funding pipeline, which reimburses towns and cities for a portion of school building costs.

In addition to new funding and other supports, the Student Opportunity Act establishes the 21st Century Education Trust Fund to provide districts and schools access to flexible funding to pursue creative approaches to student learning and district improvement.

In order to track and reproduce successful school and district-level programs and policies, the legislation calls on school districts to develop and make publicly available plans for closing opportunity gaps. These plans will include specific goals and metrics to track success. The bill

includes language, to ensure that plans consider input from school committees and other stakeholders. In addition, the Secretary of Education will collect and publish data on student preparedness in each district for post-graduate success in college and the workforce.

Furthermore, the Student Opportunity Act establishes a Data Advisory Commission to help improve the use of data at the state, district, and school levels to inform strategies that strengthen teaching, learning and resource allocation. The bill increases the scope of data collected and moves towards establishing targets for college and career success.

To support ongoing efforts to address education-funding challenges, the legislation also includes the following provisions:

- Establishes a Rural Schools Commission to investigate the unique challenges facing rural and regional school districts with low and declining enrollment and make recommendations for further updates to help impacted districts and communities;

- Directs the Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to analyze the method of determining required local contributions in the Chapter 70 school funding formula for the purpose of improving equity, predictability and accuracy; and

- Requires the Massachusetts School Building Authority to undertake a review of the current program, now in its 15th year, to ensure that capital reimbursements meet district needs.

The bill requires the Foundation Budget Review Commission to convene at least every 10 years to review the way foundation budgets are calculated and ensure the school funding formula continues to reflect the needs of school districts across the Commonwealth.

Mayor proposes borrowing \$10.5 million for Pope John

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Carlo DeMaria has proposed to the City Council to borrow \$10.5 million to purchase the campus of the recently-closed Pope John High School on upper Broadway.

The matter came too late for Independent deadlines, but was on the Council agenda for Monday night,

Nov. 25. The mayor had proposed last summer to buy the campus in order to create affordable, senior housing.

The item on the agenda was the first tangible step in making the idea into a plan.

Mayor DeMaria was in Boston on Monday to talk with state housing officials about the plan for Pope John, and he was to meet with the Council later in

the evening.

The mayor has said he thinks it is time for the City to step up and help address the housing crisis with direct action. His plan calls for buying the property, and putting it out in a Request for Proposals. The hope would be a non-profit developer would be interested in building the affordable housing on the sprawling campus.

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All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition.</div><div>Whereas a petition has been presented by:</div><div>Person Requesting: Wynn Design and Development c/o Bowen Chen</div><div>3 Charlton Street</div><div>Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Property Information</div><div>1. 41 Bow Street</div><div>Parcel ID: H0-05-000001</div><div>Book:1538, Page:89, Cert.# 269403</div><div>Owner: 41 Bow Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>2. 49 Bow Street</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000057</div><div>Book69326,Page:342</div><div>Owner: 49 Bow Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>3. 51 Bow Street</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000056</div><div>Book:69371,Page:263</div><div>Owner: S 1 Bow Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>4. 55 Bow Street</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000055</div><div>Book:73205,Page:411</div><div>Owner: 55 Bow Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>5. 57 Bow Street</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000054</div><div>Book:70126,Page:588</div><div>Owner: 57 Bow Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>6. 61 Bow Street</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000051</div><div>Book:71096,Page:264</div><div>Owner: 61 Bow Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>7. 63 Bow Street</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000050</div><div>Book:69735,Page:451</div><div>Owner: 63 Bow Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>8. 8 Lynde Street</div></div>	<div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000002</div><div>Book:69709,Page:482</div><div>Owner: 8 Lynde Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>9. 10 Lynde Street</div><div>Parcel ID: H0-05-000003</div><div>Book: 71316, Page: 186</div><div>Owner: 10 Lynde Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>10. 12 Lynde Street</div><div>ParcelID: H0-05-000004</div><div>Book:69526,Page:258</div><div>Owner: 12 Lynde Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>11. 16 Lynde Street</div><div>ParcelID: H0-05-000005</div><div>Book 72248, Page: 576</div><div>Owner: East Broadway, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>12. 18 Lynde Street</div><div>ParclclID: H0-05-000007</div><div>Book:70138,Page:266</div><div>Owner: 18 Lynde Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>13. 20 Lynde Street</div><div>ParcelID: H0-05-000009</div><div>Book:71206,Page:352</div><div>Owner: Everett Broadway,LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>14. 24 Lynde Street</div><div>ParcelID: H0-05-000010</div><div>Book:72301,Page:597</div><div>Owner: East Broadway, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>15. 5 Thorndike Street</div><div>Parcel ID: H0-05-000049</div><div>Book69505,Page: 144</div><div>Owner: 5 Thorndike Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>16. 7 Thorndike Street</div><div>ParcelID: H0-05-.(0)(0)048</div><div>Book:68696,Page:396</div><div>Owner: 7 Thorndike Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>17. 11 Thorndike Street</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000044</div><div>Book: 70013, Page: 228</div><div>Owner: 11 Thorndike Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>18. 21 Thorndike Street</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-.(0)(0)040</div><div>Book:69172,Page:419</div><div>Owner: 21 Thorndike Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>19. 10 Gardner Court</div></div>	<div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000058</div><div>Book: 70106, Page: 227</div><div>Owner: 10 Gardner Street, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>20. 2 Jerome Court</div><div>Parcel ID:H0-05-000052</div><div>Book:72105,Page:494</div><div>Owner: Everett Broadway, LLC</div><div>1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149</div><div>Tel# 857-770-7000</div><div>The owner/applicant proposes to combine the above properties into a single lot under Subdivision Control Law MGL 41 § 81P (ANR). Once combined the single lot will be located within the Lower Broadway Commercial and the Lower Broadway Employment districts. The proposed use of the lot will be for purposes of handling and storing snow to be removed from the Encore Boston Harbor development. The snow handling and storing process shall include the use of heavy construction equipment and office trailers to support operations.</div><div>It has been determined that the prior uses of these properties within the last two years are non-conforming as to the current zoning requirements. The proposed use is not allowed within either of the adjoining zoning districts and therefore a change of use to a pre-existing nonconforming usc. Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A Section 30 Lower Broadway Economic Development District subsection I.Non-Conforming Structures or Uses as follows:</div><div>2. Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a special permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals after a public hearing and a finding that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non conforming use or structure.</div><div>BOARD OF APPEALS</div><div>FOR THE CITY OF</div><div>EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS</div><div>Mary Gerace - Chairman</div><div>Robert Suppa Clerk - Board of Appeals</div><div>November 26, 2019 and</div><div>December 4, 2019</div></div>
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Headmaster's List – Scores of 90 and above in all classes

First Honors – Scores of 85 and above in all classes

Second Honors – Scores of 80 and above in all classes

The following students at Malden Catholic are Everett residents and have achieved the following honors:

Headmaster's List

Christopher Machado –

Grade 10

Martynas Gravell – Grade 11

Shiqian Hao – Grade 11

Siyuan Bao – Grade 12

Ciro Carbone – Grade 12

Chinh Dang – Grade 12

Angelina Ang – Grade 9

First Honors

John Moraes – Grade 9

Vincent Carbone – Grade 10

Modesto Rodriguez – Grade 11

Junming Tai – Grade 11

Luis Rubiera – Grade 11

Jerry Nguyen – Grade 12

Wilhelmine Remy – Grade 9

Neija LeBrun – Grade 10

Evelyn Maradiaga – Grade 10

Second Honors

Michael Kahsai – Grade 9


Jonathan Beauvoir – Grade 10

Yamileh Falaise – Grade 9

About Malden Catholic High School:

Founded in 1932, Malden Catholic offers a unique Codivisional model among Catholic schools in the greater Boston area. Codivisional education is an educational model that offers children the best of both worlds, rigorous single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. With 565 students currently enrolled in the private, Xaverian-inspired educational institution, Malden Catholic boasts a proud history of academic excellence and leadership. It has graduated a Nobel Laureate, a U.S. Senator, business leaders, and students who have gone on to attend Harvard, Cornell, Columbia, the University of Chicago and Georgetown in recent years.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: **Property Address: 14 Harding Ave Lot#9**

Map/Lot: N0-04-000016

Person Requesting: Marcio & Thais Tolomelli

14 Harding Ave. Everett, MA 02149


To the said Board of Appeals, The applicant seeks to separate and convey the merged lots (9 & 10) being held in common ownership as shown on a Certified Plot Plan by Atlantic Engineering Associates, Inc. dated December 26, 2018, located within the Dwelling District. Pursuant to the Doctrine of Merger lots 9 & 10 being contiguous and held in common ownership have merged into a single lot of 8403 sf with 122.68 feet of frontage on Harding Ave and 61.26'offrontage on Elm St. containing a two family dwelling constructed in 1932. The proposed plan would create a new non-compliant (illegal) lot #9 with 3700 sf of land area and so of frontage containing a two family dwelling..

Reason for Denial:

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

1. Appendix A section (4)(B)2.b- Requires a minimum of7000 sf for a two (2) family dwelling.
2. Appendix A section (17)(A)1- Requires one and two family dwelling to have two (2) parking spaces for each dwelling unit. Proposed plan shows no parking on lot #9 where four (4) parking spaces are required. Applicant must seek relief in the form of variances from the City Everett Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: **Property Address: 110 Tremont Street LotB**

Map/Lot: D0-04-000007

Person Requesting: 120 Tremont Street LLC

140 Tremont Street
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, The applicant seeks to subdivide the existing 47,964sf lot located within the Riverfront Overlay District. Proposed Lot "A" contains 18,207 and Lot "B" with 29,757sf. Lot "A" contains a 46 unit residential multifamily structure currently being constructed. These lots are shown on a plan by Edward J. Farrell dated November 6, 2019. The structure on Lot "A" & B are pre-existing nonconforming as to the dimensional regulations for front, side and rear yard setbacks. A subdivision of the single existing 47,964sf lot will create two (2) new distinct lots. Structures on the new lots no longer have the protection of nonconformity and cause structures to be in compliance with current zoning.

Reason for Denial:

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

Violations:

Lot "B" aka 110 Tremont St.

1. Appendix A Section 26 (c)(3) Side yard (north) - Requires a setback minimum of 10'.
- Current setback of 7.5' requires a variance of 2.5'
2. Appendix A Section 26 (c)(3) Side yard (south)- Requires a setback minimum of 10'.
- Current setback of 1.6' requires a variance of 8.4'
3. Appendix A Section 26 (c)(3) Side yard- Requires a side yard setbacks to total a minimum of 30'. Current total setbacks of 9.1' requires a variance of 20.9'.
4. Appendix A Section 26 (c)(4)Rear yard- Requires a setback minimum of 25'. Current setback of 10' requires a variance of 15'

Applicant must seek relief in the form of variances from the City Everett Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: **Property Address: 178-180 Hancock St. Map/Parcel C0-01-000155**

Person Requesting: Timothy Penso

178-180 Hancock St. Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, The applicant proposes to convert the existing accessory structure garage into a single family dwelling by renovating the interior and installing new windows and doors. There are no exterior build outs or additions proposed. The existing lot is 6000 sf and is located in a Dwelling District and contains an existing principle structure two family dwelling. The applicant proposed adequate parking for the additional dwelling unit. The existing garage is pre-existing nonconforming structure as to dimensional regulations.

Reason for Denial:

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

Violations :

Appendix A Section 4(b)(2)c - limits the floor area ratio for "all other uses" to a maximum of 0.5 (FAR). The lot is nonconforming as to its lot area dimension of 6000 sf where the current zoning ordinance requiring a 7000 sf for a two family dwelling. The proposed change to include two (2)residential structures requires the lot to comply with the FAR requirements for "all other structures" (.5), therefore requiring the lot to be 8120 sf. to comply with the dimensional regulation (existing building/ structures = 4060sf). The proposal will cause the lot to have an FAR of .67 once changed. The applicant and must therefore seek relief to further increase the nonconforming nature of the lot area pursuant to Appendix A Section 3 General Requirements

(C) below:

Appendix A Section 4(b)-Dimensional Requirements-The existing garage is nonconforming as to required setback from property lines. The change of use from a garage to a single family residence requires an increase in the size of the setback and causes the structure to become more nonconforming. The applicant and must therefore seek relief to further increase the nonconforming nature of the structure setbacks pursuant to Appendix A Section 3 General Requirements (C)below:

Appendix A Section 3 General Requirements (C):which states the following: "Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non conforming use or structure.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: **Property Address: 602 & 596 Broadway**

Everett, MA 02149

Map/Lot: B0-04-000091 & B0-04-000094

Person Requesting: Volnay Capitol

63 G Street
South Boston, MA 02127

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks to combine the two lots and raze the existing structures. The 28,651sf lot will be located within the Business zoning district. The mixed use proposed project will include 85 residential units on floors 2-6 with roof deck access/amenities. The first floor will include a 4000sf restaurant and a 3000sf retail space. The project will provide parking for 37 vehicles. A plan has been submitted by Context with Survey Plans by Framingham Survey Consultants, Inc. dated November 20, 2019.

Reason for Denial:


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

Violations:

1. Appendix A section (6) B.2 - Lot Area: Requires a maximum floor area ratio of 2 to 1.
- The proposed plan includes a floor area ratio of 2.75 to 1.
2. Appendix A section (6) B.3 - Height: Requires a maximum height of 65' and four (4) stories. The proposed plan includes a height of 68' and six (6) stories.
3. Appendix A section (6) B.4- Front Yard: Requires the minimum of 10' setback for residential uses. The proposed plan includes a residential front yard setback of 0'.
4. Appendix A section (17) Off Street Parking: Requires two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit, one (1) space for each 300sf of retail space and one (1) space for each four seats in the restaurant.
- 85 Residential units x 2 spaces = 170 spaces required
- 3000 sf of retail + 300 sf per space = 10 spaces required
- 2670sf restaurant seating area+ 15 no. persons per sf= 178 seat
- 178 seats + 4 seats per space = 45 spaces
- Total spaces required for project 225
- Total spaces proposed 37
- Parking space variance required 188
5. Appendix A section 6(a)(8): Requires the City Council to grant a Special Exception when mixing residential and retail uses. The "Special Exception.. may only be granted by the City Council and is subject to specific regulations. The following regulations have not been satisfied by the proposal and therefor prohibit the grant of the "Special Exception., by the City Council:
- a. Minimum lot area of 30,000 square feet
- b. Minimum frontage of 200 feet
- c. The Applicant must seek a variance from these regulations to allow the Council to grant the "Special Exception..

Applicant must seek relief in the form of variances from the City Everett Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: **Property Address: 120 Tremont Street**

Lot A

Map/Lot: D0-04-000007

Person Requesting: 120 Tremont Street, LLC

140 Tremont Street
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeal, The applicant seeks to subdivide the existing 47,964sf lot located within the Riverfront Overlay District. Proposed Lot "A" contains 18,207 and Lot "B" with 29,757sf. Lot "A" contains a 46 unit residential multifamily structure currently being constructed. These lots are shown on a plan by Edward J. Farrell dated November 6, 2019. The structure on Lot "A" & B are pre-existing nonconforming as to the dimensional regulations for front, side and rear yard setbacks. A subdivision of the single existing 47,964sf lot will create two (2) new distinct lots. Structures on the new lots no longer have the protection of nonconformity and cause structures to be in compliance with current zoning.

Reason for Denial:

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

Violations:

Lot "A" aka 120 Tremont St.

1. Appendix A Section 26 (c)(2) Front yard- Requires a setback minimum of 10'. Current setback of 8' requires a 2' dimensional variance
2. Appendix A Section 26 (c)(3) Side yard- Requires a setback minimum of 10'. Current setback of 3.53' requires a variance of 6.47'
3. Appendix A Section 26 (c)(4) Rear yard- Requires a setback minimum of 25'. Current setback of 10.6 requires a variance of 14.4'
4. Appendix A Section 26 (c)(7) The maximum number of units shall be 70 units per acre.

The current project contains 46 units and with the reduction in lot size the project can only maintain 29 units requiring a variance for 17 units. Applicant must seek relief in the form of variances from City Everett Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Map/Lot: N0-04-000016

Person Requesting: Marcio & Thais Tolomelli

14 Harding Ave. Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, The applicant seeks to separate and convey the merged lots (9 & 10) being held in common ownership as shown on a Certified Plot Plan by Atlantic Engineering Associates, Inc. dated December 26, 2018, located within the Dwelling District. Pursuant to the Doctrine of Merger lots 9 & 10 being contiguous and held in common ownership have merged into a single lot of 8403 sf.

The proposed plan would create a new lot (#10) containing 4703 sf of land area and 72.68' of frontage on Harding Ave. The applicant proposes the construction of a four (4) unit residential structure on lot #10. The project plan proposes eight (8) off street parking spaces.

Reason for Denial:

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

Violations:

1. Appendix A Section 4(a)-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 allowing the construction of a four (4) unit residential structure within the Dwelling District.
2. Appendix A Section 4(b)(2)c - limits the floor area ratio for "all other uses" to a maximum of 0.5 (FAR). The proposed project has an FAR of 1.95 (9174sf/4703sf). The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance allowing the FAR to exceed the maximum required under "all other uses"

Applicant must seek relief in the form of variances from the City Everett Zoning Board of Appeals.

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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

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.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

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

Thursdays' 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

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. Brink 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

Immaculate Conception Parish
489 Broadway
Everett, Mass 02149
Phone 617-389-5660

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

– 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We 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.

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

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PastorDavidJack-
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News and Notes

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Grace Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3 p.m. Haitian Creole. We have Sunday school during each service in the Children's Room. Coffee Hour starts after the 10am service in the Parish Hall

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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‘ONCE ON THIS ISLAND’ PRESENTED BY THE EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE CO.

Photos by Katy Rogers

The Everett High School Theatre Co. performed ‘Once On This Island’ last Friday evening, Nov. 22. The musical is set on a Caribbean island and follows

the story of a peasant girl named Ti Moune in love with an upper-class young man.

In addition, a live pit band performed beneath the stage, consisting of teachers from the Everett Music Department.



Phillip Fonseca led the ensemble as Young Daniel.



The Everett High School Theatre Co. performed ‘Once On This Island’ on Friday evening.



Marck-Hens Jules, as Papa Ge: Demon of Death, joined fellow cast members acting as gods and goddesses on stage.



Maya Jamison Walsh and Darnell Hall portrayed the parents of the main character, Ti Moune.



Jhalyshka Feliciano and Raeliyah Previlon took to the stage, depicting young girls playing with dolls.



Everett High School students, Daicia Eugene, Jhalyshka Feliciano, and Raeliyah Previlon, performed in the school play on Friday night.



Jhalyshka Feilciano pleaded with her on stage parents, Darnell Hall and Maya Jamison.



Daicia Eugene performed as Asaka, Mother of Earth.



Carl Durham and Christian Vernet shared the spotlight for a moment in “Once On This Island.”



Anthony Villatoro performed as Daniel Bouxhomme, the love interest of Ti Moune.

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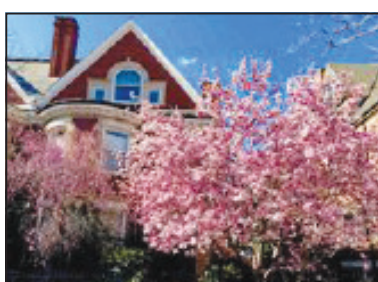
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