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A PERFECT '10

Everett HS named team of the decade by Max Preps

By Cary Shuman

Everybody in this city and this state knows that Everett High had the greatest coach and the greatest program in Massachusetts over the past 10 years.

But it's always nice when someone outside the Crimson Tide community acknowledges and confirms your superiority.

And Max Preps, a highly regarded national organization that will soon be in charge of seeding teams for MIAA Tournaments, has determined that Everett High - led by head coaches John DiBiaso (2010-17), and Theluxon Pierre (2018-19) - was No. 1 in Massachusetts football for the entire decade.

And it wasn't even close.

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Joyful and Careful

Churches prepare to return the right way

By Seth Daniel

When Gov. Charlie Baker announced that Houses of Worship would be able to open up this week in Phase 1 of the state's re-opening plan, it was a 'Hallelujah!' moment, but most churches are not rushing back to the pews just yet.

Bishop Robert Brown of Zion Church Ministries said this week it was great news to hear that the church could re-open, but he said they would likely not be returning to the old way of having church – a sentiment that was shared by Cardinal Sean O'Malley in guidance issued Monday for the entire Archdiocese of Boston with most Catholic Churches hoping for in-person masses on Pentecost (May

Churches had been excluded from many of the discussions about re-opening, to the discontent of

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FLAGS FOR VETERANS



City plans rolling Memorial Day tribute, with ability to remember outside cars

By Seth Daniel

The City of Everett has announced it will hold a rolling rally of private vehicles and City vehicles to commemorate Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, concluding with a ceremony in Glenwood Cemetery.

The short ceremony in the cemetery will include music and a message from Mayor Carlo DeMaria and those in attendance can participate from inside their parked vehicles or they may get out of them and adhere to proper social distancing with masks.

"Veterans and residents

will remain inside vehicles during the ceremony to ensure proper social distancing," read directions from the City. "Those able to properly socially distance while wearing a mask may stand outside of their vehicles during the ceremony."

The rally will begin with a line-up in the Everett High parking lot at 10:30 a.m., with Police and Fire vehicles leading the rolling rally to the cemetery for the short exercises.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. and will include the following schedule:

Memorial Day Program:

Brief Welcome:

Glenwood Cemetery

Jeanne Cristiano, Commissioner of Veterans Services

- Star Spangled Banner • Pledge of Allegiance
- God Bless America
- Greetings from the City of Everett: Honorable Mayor Carlo DeMaria
 - Roll Call
 - Taps: Gene O'Brien

The program will be live-streamed on Mayor DeMaria's Facebook page, and then streamed on ECTV shortly after the ceremony concludes.

Already, volunteers have been in Glenwood Cemetery and Woodlawn Cemetery this week marking the graves of veterans with

On the other side of the curve

Ramping down and preparing for the fall

By Seth Daniel

Make no mistake, the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) are still steadily full of COVID-19 patients, but more patients are now coming in with traditional ailments as well, and the overwhelming surge situation is now starting to ramp down as medical

professionals march into a 'new normal' and prepare for what could be a difficult fall and winter.

All over the hospital, plans are being put in place to ramp down from the "all hands on deck" situation where every available corner and resource was used to potentially treat sick pa-

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Woodlawn Cemetery prepares historic grounds

The newly-restored sculpture at the gate of Woodlawn Cemetery features four ornate angels with brass horns, using the reference to the Book of Revelation in the Christian Bible whereby the four angels call back the dead to

It is a stark symbolism in any time for humanity, especially at a cemetery, but it is incredibly poignant now as the cemetery has seen a surge of burials related to COVID-19 illnesses and at the same time scurries to prepare its remarkably historic grounds for the crowds that usually come on the Memorial Day holi-



Visitors will be greeted by a newly restored sculpture at the gate of the cemetery this year. The brass horns have not been in place for more than 50 years.

day weekend.

"We're probably averaging triple the interments we

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Seniors from EHS boys track reflect on lost season

Special to the Independent

"We aren't just a

team...we are a family" With the coronavirus pandemic forcing the closure of schools across the state for the remainder of the 2020 school year, the Everett High athletic season also was canceled, taking away from the members

of the senior class the opportunity to compete for the last time in a Crimson Tide uniform.

The Independent invited the coaches and members of the EHS spring sports teams from the Class of 2020 to reflect on the season that was taken away

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East Boston Neighborhood Health Center opens COVID-19 testing to all

By John Lynds

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic more than two months ago East Boston has emerged as one of Boston's 'hotspots'. The virus rapidly spread through the densely populated neighborhood infect-

ing over 1,000 residents since mid-March. Other surrounding communitites like Chelsea and Revere also had become a virus hot

The team at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) has been on the frontlines fighting the

pandemic in East Boston and rapidly changing and adapting their approach as each week passes.

One of the biggest tools to combat the virus has been to increase testing for as many residents as possi-

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Adopt-a-student

Everett mother motivates city to encourage members of the Class of 2020

By Seth Daniel

When Jacob Jackson walked into his first kindergarten class in Everett around 12 years ago, his mother, Shenae, dreamed of the day he would graduate from high school - how it would be for him to walk across the stage and celebrate with family.

Now, that has all been taken away from students and families in the Class of 2020, and Shenae Jackson has started a fast-growing movement in Everett and



his mother, Shenae Jackson.

Adopt a 2020 Everett High School Senior gift he received as part of an effort started by

beyond to Adopt-a-Student

Jackson shown with the

in the Class of 2020.

To soften the "raw deal" so many senior students have gotten, they are calling on the community to adopt members of the class and provide them with a gift to encourage them in their final days of high school which is now online.

"I started this out about 10 days ago and it's up to 831 people and going very well," she said. "With everything that has happened in the last two months, it

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COVID Relief Coalition offers pro bono legal work to state's small business and nonprofits

By Dan Murphy

One neighborhood lawyer has joined a number of fellow attorneys to provide pro bono work to the state's small businesses and nonprofits in the age of COVID-19.

Christian Westra, an attorney with the Ropes & Gray and a Charles River Square resident, helped establish the COVID Relief Coalition - an alliance of Massachusetts law firms, nonprofits and government agencies established in late March to help small businesses and nonprofits statewide access emergency loans and other sources of relief during the pandemic. As of May 16, the Coalition had already received 200 requests for pro bono legal work, he said.

"We're eager to help as many people as we can," he said. "Small businesses and nonprofits can go fill out an intake form on our website (at covidreliefcoalition.com), and that will go out to the law firms, Then we'll contact you and set up an appointment, assuming you qualify and most people qualify."

Westra added, "We're a pretty broad-based group,

so we try to be as inclusive as possible and get the word out to as many people as we

Through the Coalition, referrals are shared between participating law firms, and they communicate on how to help guide clients through the process with the Small Business Administration, among other enti-

"We also help people how to deal with challenges of not being able to pay rent or utilities, and help with situations that are specific to their businesses," Westra said.

But, as Westra concedes, even the Coalition members are trying to grasp how the constantly changing and seemingly ambiguous process works. "Our guidance is con-

tinuing to evolve," he said. "People don't have a clear understanding of how loan forgiveness works so we help people assess the risks and figure out what makes the most sense for their business and organizations."

Of particular interest to many of the Coalition's clients are the terms of the Small Business Administration's Payment Protection Program (PPP), which

provides forgivable loans to small businesses to help pay employees during the pandemic. "We expect to get more questions as people start to think about loan forgiveness for the PPP," Westra said.

To help small businesses and nonprofits navigate this terrain, the Coalition has "tried to capture some key documents," as well as providing contact information for other sources of relief specific to their circumstances. The Coalition also provides information on how to access unemployment benefits and other resources to help individuals.

Westra said his commitment to the Coalition was spurred by his desire to help the neighborhood he loves recover from the ongoing pandemic. "As a neighbor and

someone who lives right next to Charles Street, it was heartbreaking to see all the closed shops and how it impacted people in such a significant way,' he said. "But one of the things I can do as a lawyer is help marshal my colleagues to give free legal advice through the coalition."

To learn more, visit covidreliefcoalition.com.

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Everett easily took the No. 1 spot ahead of Xaverian, St. John's Prep, and Duxbury.

Max Preps assigned

points to the categories that really matter most, putting its biggest emphasis on state championships. Everett won five rings three Super Bowls in a row in 2011, 2012, and 2013, and two more in 2016 and 2017. There was also a John DiBiaso-engineered, 25-game winning streak, four end-of-the-year No. 1 and a pair of No. 2 designations among all Massachusetts schools playing high school football.

"That's nice," said DiBiaso, reacting humbly, as usual, to seeing Everett selected as the state's best program in a landslide. "I'm very proud. We had some good teams. I was very lucky. We had some great assistant coaches whom I had the pleasure to work with, some great players, and a great administrator in Mr. [Fred] Foresteire."

All-Scholastics at quarterback

Everett's decade of dom-

inance began with Jonathan DiBiaso as the starting quarterback. All Jonathan did was throw more than 100 touchdown passes in his career, lead Everett to back-to-back Super Bowl titles (2010, 2011) and the aforementioned 25-game winning streak while earning the 2011 Gatorade Player of the Year Award. Jonathan, who went on to Dartmouth and later Tufts, became the state's all-time leading passer during his reign as QB. He is currently a graduate assistant at Boston College.

Some of the other standout performers during that amazing era were 2010 Gatorade Player of the Year Matt Costello (Princeton), Manny Asprilla (BC), Vondell Langston (UMass), Jakarrie Washington (Wisconsin), Jalen Felix (Eastern Arizona), John Montelus (Notre Dame) and Jaylen McCrae (who caught Jonathan's state record-breaking touchdown

In addition to DiBiaso, the other featured quarterbacks have been Raheem Wingard, Jordan McAfee (UConn), Jake Willcox (Brown), and Duke Doherty, who returns this fall for his senior year.

Meanwhile, All-Scholastics and All-Stars Lukas Denis (BC), Lubern Figaro (Wisconsin), Jason Maitre (BC), Isaiah Likely (Coastal Carolina), the Miller twins Jacob Miller (AIC) and Josh Miller (AIC), and Mikey Sainristil (Michigan) are among the terrific Tidesmen who also brought glory – and many victories - to the program.

"There were a lot of kids that went to great colleges and did very well in football, but most importantly we had a lot of great people," said John DiBiaso, whose wife, Maureen (current EHS cheerleading coach), and daughter, Kristina (a former EHS cheerleading captain) are also esteemed members of the First Family of Everett

High football. Further reflecting on what the foundations were to Everett's gridiron greatness, John DiBiaso added, "First and foremost, it was being a good person, then came the academics, and then came the athletics."

DiBiaso said a combination of several factors helped Everett to the top of the interscholastic football mountain.

"It was the whole school system, the kids and the program," said DiBiaso. "We had great coaches like Mike Milo, who was there the whole time with me. And Mr. Foresteire was the

It was the Hall of Famer coach himself, John DiBiaso, who once said, "there's no place you'd rather be on a Friday night or Saturday afternoon" than Everett Memorial Stadium.

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has completely stolen Jacob's spirit. I wanted to do something to make these kids happy and to feel special and to know they aren't forgotten. I feel our city forget them a bit too - especially seeing all the other cities around the state honoring their seniors."

As soon as the page went up, it began to gather steam in Everett, and then it took off beyond the city lines.

Jackson said she has been delivering gifts to cities and towns all around the area even places she had never heard of. "I felt bad making it just

for Everett because in real life all seniors in the Class of 2020 are getting a raw deal so I made it for Everett and any senior graduating," she said. "It's like a fulltime job because every day I look to see who needs to

to fifty (50) square feet and

the total area of all wall signs

to one hundred fifty (150) feet

in area. As shown on Plan

Sheets Nos. 01, 02 and 04

proposed blade sign together

wall sign and the canopy sign

provide a total of 236 sf of wall

sign which requires a variance

As shown on the Plans, the

of the building is 78'-4." The

average grade plane of the

he building height is 70.'

8. Section 26(f)(2)—Free

Project site is 8'-4," therefore

Standing Sign Area: Section

26(f)(2) limits the total area of

all free-standing signs identify-

ing on-site tenants to fifty (50)

Sheets No. 03 of the Signage

Plans, the proposed two-sided

total free-standing sign area of

166 sf requiring a variance of

9. Section 28(4)—Land Distur-

bance Permit: Section 28(4)

provides that no person shall

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perform any activity that results

monument sign provides a

feet in area. As shown on Plan

elevation of the top of the roof

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of the Signage Plans, the

be adopted. I want to make sure no one is left out and my little babies are taken care of.'

The idea is that all of the seniors on Facebook, and those they know that aren't on Facebook, can be "adopted" on the 'Adopt a 2020 **Everett High School Senior** or Any 2020 Senior!' page, after joining the group and being approved. Students are listed and those that adopt them are privately given the student address, and are asked to deliver them a gift of some sort by mailing it or dropping it off

Councilor Gerly Adrien had heard of the effort and asked all of her colleagues to help support the adoption campaign by donating or adopting students.

in a non-contact fashion.

Everett "Our Senior Class will remember 2020 for COVID-19, ruining their senior year plans," she wrote. "As a way to help make them happy, an Everett parent, Shenae Jackson, stepped up and created a group for people to adopt EHS Seniors, where the individuals can surprise the student they 'Adopt' with a gift. She has created 2020 baskets that she has personally dropped off to the students' homes, costing her over \$2,000. I think it would be a great idea if we, as a City Council, can send Shenae a gift of love of \$25-100 each for all of the baskets she has made for students. My husband, David, and I will be donating \$100 check in the mail to her. We are also adopting two students." So far, many students

have been encouraged by the effort, and many said they felt the community hadn't forgotten them. For parents, it has helped

"I want to thank every-

one that has adopted a senior and it is appreciated," she said. "I've been planning this graduation since Jacob was born. It's heartbreaking for the students, but also for the moms as well."

- LEGAL NOTICE -**CITY OF EVERETT**

sf (5.66 acres). The Project will provide approximately 500 parking spaces and, if the reserve parking area is constructed, up to 545 parking spaces. Plans and documents submitted as follows: 1. Application for building

3. Civil Plans prepared by

prepared by Bohler dated to EXH-2);

dated March 10, 2020 (Sheets

tecture dated March 10, 2020 (Sheet L1); and 7. Signage Plans prepared by

Reason for Denial: Permit was denied in accor-

dance to the City of Everett as follows: Special Permit 1. Section 26(c)(6) – Floor Area

Ratio: Section 26(c)(6) provides that the floor area ratio ("FAR") of a project shall not exceed 2.25, except by grant of a special permit from the may allow for a maximum FAR of 4.0. As shown on the Project includes a proposed

Variances Section 17(I)—Parking Space Dimensions: Section 17(I) requires parking spaces be not less than nine (9) ft. in height and eighteen (18) ft. in length. As shown on Sheet A1.01, Overall Floorplan Level 1, and Sheet A1.02, Overall Floorplan Level 2. A variance is required for one hundred (100)

wide x 17 ft. deep). 2. Section 17(I)—Curb Cut Width: Section 17(I) states that no driveway or curb cut shall exceed thirty (30) ft. in width. As shown on Sheet No. C-1, there is an existing curb cut that is 40.9' in width and an existing curb cut that is 45.6' in width. These curb cuts may be modified during the Project construction. 3. Section 17(L)—Screening of Parking Area: Section 17(L)

provides that a wall, barrier, or fence of uniform appearance at least five (5) ft. high, but no more than six (6) ft. above finish grade, or above roof level is required to protect abutting properties from headlight glare from a parking lot. Such wall, barrier or fence may be opaque or perforated, provided that no more than fifty percent (50%) of the face is open. Detail 30 on Plan Sheet No. A5.01 shows a screening wall in the parking garage that is 3.5 ft. in height. While some areas of the wall are more than 50% open, on average, the wall is less than 50% open.

4. Section 26(d)(2) and 26(d) (3)—Landscape Buffer (Rear Yard): Section 26(d)(2) requires an area of landscaping ten (10) ft. in depth as measured from the rear lot line toward the front of the lot provided in accordance with Section 20(c)(3), or a substantial opaque fence six (6) ft. in height in the rear yard. Section 26(d)(3) requires all landscaping areas consist of trees or shrubs at least three (3) ft. in height when planted covering at least sixty percent (60%) of the landscaping area with the remaining forty percent (40%) planted at any height. As shown on Sheet No. C-1, Overall Site Plan and the Landscape Plan, the Project does not include the required ten (10) ft. landscaping area

across the full width of the rear yard or a substantial opaque fence six (6) ft. in height in the rear yard. a. Section 26(c)(5)—Height of Building: Sections 26(c)(5) limits the height of a building to sixty-five (65) ft. with a

maximum of five (5) stories. As shown on Plan Sheets No. A4.01 and A4.02, Building Elevations, the proposed building height is 70' and six (6) stories. The proposal requires a height variance of 5' and a variance for one story. 5. Section 26(e)(2) and 17(A) (2)—Number of Parking

Spaces (Multifamily Dwellings): Section 26(e)(2) and Section 17(A)(2) require two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit for multifamily dwellings. As shown on the Zoning Analysis Table on Sheet No. C-1, Overall Site Plan, the Project's residential units would require 792 parking spaces and the Project includes 500 parking spaces for a proposed parking ratio of 1.26 parking spaces per residential unit. The proposal requires a parking variance for

a. Section 26(c)(2)—Front Yard Setback: Sections 26(c) (2) requires a minimum front yard setback of ten (10) feet. As shown on Setback Exhibits Sheets No. EXH-1 and EXH-2, the proposed building's canopy encroaches 4.9' and projecting sign encroaches 2.0 into the front yard setback

292 spaces

more of land unless granted a requiring variances for those Land Disturbance Permit by the dimensions. Zoning Board. In consultation 6. Section 26(e)(2) and 17(A) with City planning staff and as (5)—Number of Parking recommended by the Planning Spaces (Restaurant Uses): Board, it was determined that As shown on the Zoning LMC should request a variance Analysis Table on Sheet No. from this provision as the Proj-C-1, Overall Site Plan, the ect is subject to the provisions of Chapter 15 and 15A of the General Ordinance. 10. Section 29(4)—Stormwater

Project is designed to include ground floor commercial space in the southwest corner of the building, which may be a restaurant use. The parking ratio for restaurant use is one (1) parking space for every four (4) seats in a restaurant. As shown on the Zoning Analysis Table on Sheet No. C-1, Overall Site Plan, a restaurant area in this space will require 13 additional parking spaces that will not be provided on site. The proposal requires a

Area: Section 26(f)(1) limits

the area of any single wall sign

parking variance for 13 spaces associated with the restaurant. 7. Section 26(f)(1)—Wall Sign

Management Permit: Section 29(4) provides that no person shall alter the drainage characteristics of an acre or more of land unless granted a permit by the Zoning Board. In consultation with City planning staff and as recommended by the Planning Board, it was determined that LMC should request a variance from this provision as the Project is subject to the provisions of Chapter 15 and

15A of the General Ordinance. Mary Gerace – Chairman **Board of Appeals** Roberta Suppa - Clerk

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2. Applications for sign permits (one for each building sign and one for the monument sign); Bohler dated March 13, 2020 (Sheets C-1 to C-2);

Setback Exhibits March 13, 2020 (Sheets EXH-1 5. Architectural Plans prepared

by The Architectural Team T0.01 to A5.01); and 6. Landscaping Plans prepared by Verdant Landscape Archi-

Natural Graphics Inc. dated March 12, 2020 (Sheets 01 to

Zoning Ordinance Appendix A

Zoning Board. A special permit Zoning Analysis Table on Sheet No. C-1, Overall Site Plan, the FAR of approximately 2.5.

parking spaces designed to be compact parking spaces (8 ft.

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According to EBNHC Vice President Michael Mancusi testing leads to quick identification of cases, quick treatment for those people and immediate isolation to prevent spread. Early testing also helps to identify anyone who came into contact with infected people so they too

can be quickly treated. Mancusi said EBNHC is now able to test anyone who wants to be tested for COVID-19 in the communities of East Boston, Winthrop, Revere, Chelsea and Everett--even if you do not have symptoms, or if you are not an EBNHC patient.

"We started testing back on March 28 by testing first responders," said Mancusi. "Then we opened the testing to EBNHC patients and now we are opening up testing to non-patients of the Health Center. We are really hoping to increase broad testing in our service areas of East Boston, Chelsea, Withrop, Revere and Everett."

Mancusi said the steps to get a free COVID-19 test at one of three EBNHC testing sites is easy and hassle

"All someone has to do is call 617-569-5800 to pre-register whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic," said Mancusi. "And the testing sites are open 7 days a week."

The easiest way to get testing is arguably at EB-NHC's Suffolk Downs 'drive-thru' testing site at 525 William F. McClellan Highway after pre-register-

"This site is open daily from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.," said Mancusi. "Once you are registered you simply drive up to check in. The staff will print a label that we put on your windshield. Then you drive up to the testing tent and get tested. It is a very streamlined and quick process that takes only a few minutes by our experienced staff."

Mancusi said the Health Center had a day last week where they tested 149 people at Suffolk Downs.

"We are averaging 80 to 100 people per day with the numbers being a little lower on the weekends," said Mancusi.



Drivers in their cars lined up in the queue to receive the COVID-19 test at the Suffolk Downs testing facility run by

However, Mancusi said the Health Center wants to give residents as many opportunities as possible to get tested.

"For those who do not have a car we have set up a 'walk-through' testing site 79 Paris Street," said Man-

This site is open daily from 8 a.m. to noon and residents can pre-register through the same phone number (617-569-5800).

"Paris Street is the same as Suffolk Downs with the only difference being it is a walk-through testing site," said Mancusi. "This process also moves quickly and we've been testing over 100 people a day at Paris Street." All together EBNHC

is approaching 8,500 or so individuals tested for COVID-19 in the area with a goal of reaching 10,000 people tested over the next week or two.

"East Boston was identified as a 'hotspot' so we really wanted to do our part during this public health crisis," said Mancusi. "We absolutely wanted to increase the testing across the communities we serve because the more testing that gets down the more we can do to manage community suppression."

Mancusi said the third testing site is for residents with COVID-19-like symptoms at EBNHC's Emergency Department Influenza Like Illness Clinic at 10 Gove Street.

Once tested Mancusi said patients should receive test results in 4 to 5 days or less but should quarantine

in their home pending the results. Results will automatically be reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission

"If your results are positive, a health care provider from EBNHC will call you to discuss your results and give further guidance," said Mancusi. "Being positive brings up all kinds of issues and questions for people. We provide a hand out at all the testing sites. If someone is positive we have an entire support network to help with housing, food insecurities or other issues people may face. So there's a solid plan in place to help people navigate the most proper care for their condition."

Mancusi said the Health Center is also exploring more testing options like 'mobile-testing'.

"Through mobile testing we can target areas that haven't had a level of robust testing yet," said Mancusi. "There may be certain areas, for whatever reason, where the number of residents tested is very low. Using geo mapping tools we can look at the data and pinpoint places or a population in these 'cold-zones' that should have barrier-free testing."

Mancusi reminds residents that all are welcome at EBNHC's testing sites regardless of immigration status, insurance status, or ability to pay. You will not receive a bill for COVID-19 testing or treatment.

Visit www.ebnhc.org for COVID-19 information and community resources.

Afterschool program donates food to children in Everett

May 19, the For Kids Only Afterschool program will provide the City of Everett with snack packs to be distributed to children in need in the City of Everett. "I want to thank the For

Kids Only Afterschool Program for their generosity. This is a challenging time for many families, and it is reassuring to see organizations stepping up to the challenges facing us to make sure kids and those

facing hunger are fed," Mayor Carlo DeMaria said.

FKO will provide the Eliot Family Resources Center with 1,000 snack packs to be distributed to children in need who are living in the City of Everett, ages 1-18; and 600 snack packs

Employees of the afterschool program will be putting together the snack packs for the children starting on Monday, May 18, at the The Youth in Motion

center in Revere.

Each snack pack contains enough snacks for seven days, half of the snacks are fruits and the other half will range from a granola bars, graham crackers, milk and yogurt.

City of Everett Office of the Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Jr. 484 Broadway EVERETT, MASSA-CHUSETTS 02149

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Traffic impacts for railroad crossing work in Chelsea and Everett

The MBTA is building a new, fully accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail Station next to the final SL3 stop in Chelsea. When complete, the new station will connect Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines to the SL3. While building the new station, we are also upgrading the rail signal system and replacing the railroad crossings at Eastern Avenue, Third Street, and Everett Avenue in Chelsea, as well as 2nd Street in Everett. To prepare for the railroad crossing work, the MBTA's contractor will continue utility work in the coming weeks as described

UPCOMING TRAFFIC IMPACTS To safely perform work

at the railroad crossings, traffic will be impacted in the following locations at these scheduled* times: •Everett Avenue

Chelsea - Monday, May 18, through Wednesday, May 27, from 7 AM to 3 PM each day (no work on Memorial Day, May 25). Northbound traffic will be detoured around the railroad crossing. Southbound traffic will not be impacted. Northbound traffic on Everett Avenue will be directed to follow this detour route: *Turn right on Spruce

Street. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn left on Beech Street. Turn left on

Maple Street, then turn right to continue north on Everett Avenue.

•2nd Street in Everett -Thursday, May 28, through Friday, June 5, from 7 AM to 3 PM each day. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane with alternating traffic in each direction.

Work takes place on weekdays only. If work is completed ahead of schedule at one crossing, work will immediately commence at the next scheduled crossing (Monday through Friday). Police details will help direct traffic around all railroad crossings while construction is in progress.

MBTA Commuter Rail riders will not be impacted by this work.

Senior Week will feature online tributes, Drive-thru graduation on June 6

By Seth Daniel

Everett Public Schools have scheduled a Drive-Up Graduation ceremony for June 6, yet another frontier in an ever-changing educational landscape defined and limited by COVID-19. Everett

Originally, schools and may other neighboring districts thought the pandemic dangers would subside a bit before graduation season, but that has not happened. In Everett, they've turned to a drive-up graduation so students can be present, speakers can give speeches and photo boots and festivities accessible while staying in the car.

"To commemorate such an important milestone for our seniors, we are providing a drive-thru graduation event," read an announcement from the schools. "To make this experience special for our students, we are providing photo booths and other festivities that graduates can enjoy, all while remaining in their cars."

The event will be on Saturday Tune 6 and will start at 11 a.m. in the Mystic Street parking lots across from Encore Boston Harbor. More details on the event will be coming in the weeks ahead.

graduation Drive-thru will be preceded by Senior Week, most of which will be virtual or non-contact, and will run from May 26-

The events include:

•Senior Salute Parade Seniors decorate their front doors, yard areas or find other ways to show EPS pride. School and City leadership along with other partners will ride a designated route to honor seniors

in Everett. Celebrate-A-Senior

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Medical staff are shown at the Suffolk Downs drive thru testing facility.

EBNHC ofrece pruebas de COVID-19 abierto todos los días de

By John Lynds

East Boston se ha convertido en uno de los de lugares más vulnerables al coronavirus. El virus ha infectado a más de mil residentes desde mediados de marzo. El equipo del East Bos-

ton Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) ha estado en primera línea de la pandemia. Una de las herramientas más grandes para combatir el virus es aumentar las pruebas.

de probar cualquier persona en East Boston que quiera una prueba, aunque no tenga síntomas. No tiene que ser un paciente de EBNHC.

"Llamen al 617-569-5800 para preinscribirse", dijo el vicepresidente de EBNHC Michael Mancusi. "Los sitios de prueba están



abiertos los siete días de la

Los sitios incluyen Suffolk Downs en 525 William F McClellan Highway, abierto de 1pm a 5pm. Para aquellos que no tienen vehículo, hay un sitio para

peatones en 79 Paris Street,

8am a mediodía. Un tercer sitio de pruebas es la Clínica de Enfermedades en 10 Gove Street. Los residentes están in-

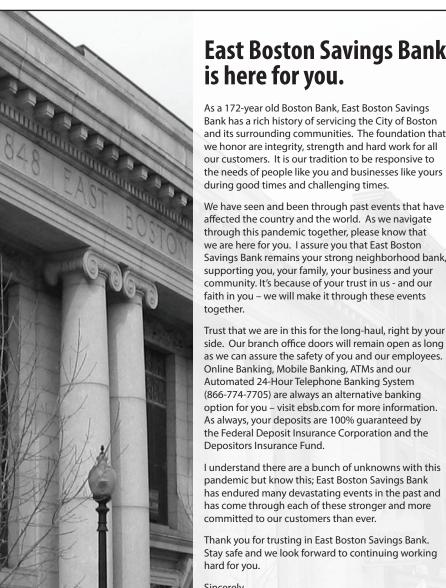
vitados a los sitios de prueba sin importar el estatus de inmigración, la falta de seguro médico o la falta de dinero. No recibirán una factura por las pruebas o el tratamiento de COVID-19. Los pacientes recibirán

los resultados en cinco días, pero deben ponerse en cuarentena en su hogar mientras esperan los resultados. EBNHC tiene el objetivo

de evaluar a 10.000 residentes en total dentro de dos semanas. El centro también está explorando más opciones de prueba como sitios de prueba móviles.

Visita https://ebnhc.org/ es/ para COVID-19 información y recursos de la co-

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MEMORIAL DAY, 2020

This will be a Memorial Day unlike any that Americans

Ever since the official inception of the holiday on May 30, 1868, when the practice of decorating the graves of the fallen Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths, and flags officially became recognized by the order of General Logan at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) has been a time for all Americans to come together to commemorate and honor those who made the Supreme Sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

When Memorial Day was moved to the fourth Monday of May starting in 1971, the three-day weekend also came to mark the official start of the summer season for Americans of all ages, who gathered for cookouts and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

But in this year of the coronavirus pandemic, all of the usual parades and festivities have been cancelled. With much of the nation still sheltering in place, gatherings of families and friends have been limited to the faux-reality

The pandemic also has brought another set of challenges to our nation, however. The stress we all are feeling, both from the threat of the virus itself and from the economic anxiety it has created, has brought into full view the many, deep fissures in our society which have been lurking beneath the surface for decades.

It is fair to say that America is as disunited as we ever have been since the end of the Civil War itself 155 years ago. This pandemic, rather than bringing us together to face and fight the common challenge of the coronavirus, is threatening to tear us apart and bring to an end the great American experiment.

In searching for appropriate words to capture this moment in which we find ourselves, the Gettysburg address that was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on the site of the battlefield on November 19, 1863, rings most true, both in terms of honoring those who gave their lives in our nation's wars and for healing the wounds created by the current pandemic crisis.

We hope our readers take a moment to absorb Lincoln's words and reflect upon the meaning of Memorial Day in light of our current situation:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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GUEST OP-ED

Census 2020 - Don't forget to be counted

By Peter A. Napolitano

The past several weeks has been unprecedented. On behalf of my family and myself, our hearts go out to you, your loved ones and everyone who has been directly or indirectly affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19). As bad as this has been, it will be worse if aid to Everett is reduced due to an inaccurate census count this year. Currently Everett has one of the lowest response rates in the Commonwealth. This can adversely affect all of us for the next ten years.

Every decade our great Nation conducts a census,

and while the reasons in the past for not filling it out have been pretty weak, there are really no excuses in 2020. Most residents are at home. The 2020 U.S. census is the most important count of the decade. Every resident in the United States needs to be accurately counted to provide valuable statistics to determine how the government runs the country and on the local level, how to gauge adjustments to vital programs like housing, education, transportation and even the health care industry. The census impacts a lot of different spheres in our society but it will critically hurt our City if we are

documented with a smaller population than we are actually serving. Many of our residents have been struggling to keep a roof over their heads, food on the table and a quality education for their families. Federal funding provides us with the means to address some of these issues and that is why accuracy is critical. An uncounted population negatively affects our ability to address issue and impacts everyone.

How do you respond if you have not completed the Census by now? You can respond on-line at https://2020census.gov/, by phone in English (844330-2020), Spanish (844-468-2020), Haitian Creole (844-477-2020) and Portuguese (844-474-2020) or simply mail back the form sent to you in April. While the nation is coming to grips with this national crisis, the census is not to be taken lightly. It is crucial to the government's function, and we have been doing it for 230 years. The census helps shape many different aspects of our community. Do your part and complete the census today. Everyone needs to be counted. Continue to stay safe and stay healthy.

Peter A. Napolitano, is Councilor-at-Large.

DiDomenico, Senate pass bill to collect vital public health data

Sen. Sal DiDomenico announced that the state Senate has passed bipartisan legislation to promote equity and transparency the Commonwealth continues to confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill, An Act Addressing COVID-19 Data Collection and Disparities in Treatment, would increase the amount of statewide, publicly available data as it relates to the coronavirus, and establish a task force to study and make policy recommendations to address health disparities for underserved and underrepresented communities, including gateway cities like Chelsea and Everett.

"These reporting requirements are critical to ensuring we have a full and up-to-date understanding of the pandemic's impact on

our communities, and the inequities that exist across our Commonwealth," said DiDomenico. "Our district has been especially hard hit by COVID-19, and any additional information that we have at our disposal will be key to tailoring our response to this pandemic. These new reporting requirements will also help to determine our long-term recovery efforts and inform our ongoing work to address systemic inequities in our healthcare and safety-net systems. I am pleased that the Senate has taken action to implement strong data collection and reporting requirements, and it is my hope that this bill makes it to the Governor's desk in the very near

Under the bill, the Department of Public Health (DPH) will be required to

compile, collect and issue daily online reports on the number of people tested for COVID-19, positive cases, hospitalizations and deaths along with the gender, race, ethnicity, primary residence, occupation, disability, age and primary language of each case.

To ensure a comprehensive understanding of cases statewide, the legislation also requires that daily reports include data and demographic information from municipalities and counties with more than 25 positive cases, all DPH licensed nursing homes, assisted living facilities licensed by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, as well as state and county correctional facilities. Facility-specific information will be made publicly available while maintaining individual privacy. In addition to requiring greater data collection, the bill requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to describe the actions it is taking to address disparities identified through

the data collected. In response to increasing concerns about the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and disproportionately impacted populations, the legislation also establishes a task force to study and make policy recommendations for how to address these health disparities. The task force will be required to issue an interim report by June 1, 2020 with a final report due August 1,

The bill is the latest action by the Senate to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its effects on Massachusetts.

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LETTERS to the Editor

SAY 'THANK YOU' TO THE FRONT LINE WORKERS

To the Editor,

As the week we have all been waiting for over the past few months has come. As the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enters into Phase One of the re-opening period. The time now is more important than ever that we say thank you to

the men and women working on the front line at CHA Everett Hospital. These true heroes entered the building every day without question and did the unthinkable. They worked tirelessly day after day helping individuals regain life and seeing many of them come out of this to regain strength and recover. My family, friends and I stand strong in saying

thank you to every Doctor, Nurse and Individual that calls the medical field there career. I am proud that our banner hung out front of CHA Everett for weeks throughout the pandemic thanking our true heroes. Michael McLaughlin

Candidate for State Representative and Ward 6 councilor

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CITY OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY LEADERS CELEBRATE HAITIAN FLAG DAY

Everett City officials gathered with community leaders from the Haitian community on Monday morning to celebrate Haitian Flag Day, which falls on May 18 annually. Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, of the Everett Haitian Community Center, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria were on hand to raise the ceremonial flag at City Hall in a sparse, socially distant event. The Haitian Community Center honored John Tocco, formerly of Encore Boston Harbor, for all of his work in the community over the past several years.



Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers speaks as Mayor Carlo DeMaria looks on.



Kam Sylvestre prepares to raise the flag on Monday.



The Haitian flag is raised on the ceremonial flag pole on Monday.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, John Tocco, Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, Council President Rosa DiFlorio and Councilor Stephanie Martins at the celebration on Monday.



Council President Rosa DiFlorio.



John Tocco received an award from the Everett Haitian Community Center.



A resident decked out in the Haitian flag colors – with mask – stands ready for the flag raising.

EVERETT COMMUNITY PARTNERS WITH BREAKTIME TO DELIVER MEALS TO EVERETT FAMILIES

The City of Everett, several community partners and a new non-profit called Breaktime has jumped into the fray to feed the residents of Everett at least 300 meals per day, Monday through Friday, for the

past two weeks.

Last week, Breaktime made the offer to the City, and LUMA on Ferry Street was ready to start the effort. ON Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 300 meals per day were distributed out of the LUMA offices, and home delivered by volunteers. On Thursday last week, La Communidad distributed 300 meals via home delivery.

This week's deliveries from Breaktime included:

- •Monday Eliot Family Resource Center
- •Tuesday LUMA •Weds. – North Shore
- Evangelical Church
- •Thursday La Communidad

•Friday – LUMA

Breaktime prepares and delivers the meals to Everett, and identifies non-profits who are able to accept the deliveries of 300 meals. Then, those non-profits use volunteer drivers to deliver

the food door-to-door. "Breaktime was founded on a belief that every young person has the talent and potential to make an impact in the world," said Connor Schoen, co-found and co-executive director. "In 2018, during my freshman year at Harvard, my friend Tony Shu and I started working at the Y2Y Shelter for 18-24 year-olds experiencing homelessness, 40 percent of whom identify as LGBTQ. Having grown up in a small town in central Massachusetts, the term 'LGBTQ' wasn't even in my vernacular by the time I got to college. Working with amazing LGBTQ individuals in Y2Y, however, illuminated that the thing that always felt 'different' about me was the queer identity I'd been bottling up my whole life. The shelter guests at Y2Y were the first people I came out to, and they supported me in accepting who I truly am. I am now committed to

paying their kindness forward by working to break the cycle of chronic homelessness and to fundamentally change the way our society interacts with these high-potential young peo-

Schoen said he is Harvard's 2020 Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Public Service Fellow and as a Harvard Kennedy School Cheng Social Innovation Fellow, he will be graduating from Harvard a year early to continue this work postgrad and commit his life to radically reforming the systems and structures that inhibit the success of these individuals.

"Tony Shu and I actually met while working at the Y2Y Harvard Square Shelter as a freshmen in college," said Schoen. "While working at this shelter, Tony and I learned that while there are numerous foundational work training programs in Boston; however, many homeless graduates of these programs are still unemployed one year later. Tony and I saw a clear need for more 'last mile' training and support to

launch sustainable careers and stable lives for these young people. Therefore, we founded Breaktime in 2018 and officially incorporated it as a nonprofit in

2019."

The non-profit was beginning work in March on a café in Boston at its building, but COVID-19 made them pivot and begin to use their acumen to prepare meals and deliver them to communities in need.

"In the last 3 weeks. we have served more than 7,000 meals and generated tens of thousands of dollars in wages for our young adults along with returning citizens and formerly furloughed staff at CWS," he said. "We are so grateful to be supporting the work of incredible organizations in Everett - like the Connolly Center, LUMA, Eliot Family Resource Center, La Communidad, and the Everett Haitian Community Center. As our neighbor, Everett is a community that Breaktime is so proud to support in any way that we can.'



LUMA Director Lucy Pineda gets a box of snacks ready.



In front of the LUMA offices, where meals were packaged for delivery.



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LUMA volunteers prepare to distribute Breaktime meals.

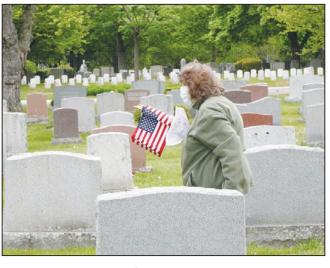
VOLUNTEERS PLACE FLAGS ON THE VETERANS GRAVES AT GLENWOOD CEMETERY

With Memorial Day exercises cancelled, the City and a group of volunteers set out to mark all of the graves of veterans in the Glenwood Cemetery on Monday morning. The volunteer group of residents and City workers took out on foot around 8 a.m. Monday to honor the veterans buried in Glenwood even though the regular exercis-

es were not able to be held.

"We're here today because in light of the circumstances, we have had to cancel Memorial Day exercises," said Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano.

"The Mayor and I thought it would be important to place flags on the graves of veterans at least and I can't think of anything more important right now."



Wendy Pritchard places flags through Glenwood.



Kathy Allen places one of the flags on a grave marker.



Mike Pritchard with a bundle of flags.



Tammy Turner, athletic director for Everett High, searches out veterans.



Camille DiPerri says hello to those handing out flags on Monday morning, as she grabs a bundle for herself and her husband, Chuck.



Rob Scott, of the City's ISD, looks for veteran stones in Glenwood.



Nicole Capra has a bunch of flags for veterans.



Natalia Chay has a handful of flags to place.



Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano explains to the volunteers how to appropriately social distance while placing the flags.



VFW member Rick LaPointe looks through the stones for veterans.



Naiara James places a flag in Glenwood.



Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, and Human Services Director Jerry Navarra.



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from them in order to give these young athletes the recognition that they deserve.

We also asked that they provide some insight into what it means to be a Crimson Tide varsity athlete and briefly to discuss their plans for the future.

Last week, we featured the comments of EHS head coach Jehu Cimea and members of the girls track & field team. This week we are publishing the comments from some of the senior members of the boys' track team.

We are certain that our readers will be as impressed as we were with these outstanding young men and join us in wishing them the best in their future endeavors:



I am so proud and happy that I decided to join the Everett High track team starting in my freshman year. It definitely showed the value of a team and how much it means to me. I am saddened to see our last season go like this, but the experience will always be a part of me and because of that I am grateful for our Everett track team and everyone who was involved.

Thank you to all the coaches, athletes, and all the fans who supported us throughout our journey.

RONALD CRUZ



I have been on the Everett High School track team since my junior year. While I was only on the team for two seasons, those two seasons were truly my best experience throughout my high school career. The team was always so energetic and it was just a wonderful environment to be in. Everyone was so helpful and positive, I will honestly miss everyone on the team. My only regret was not joining as a freshman.

Being an athlete for EHS was a great feeling. I take great pride in having represented Everett as well as the team. The Everett track team always had a winning mindset against any other team, This is what made Everett's track team so great. Everett itself is a great and prideful city. I am glad to have represented Everett as I wouldn't have it any other way.

Unfortunately with the closure of schools for the rest of the year it comes with great sadness that the spring season has been cancelled. Once I had heard that the season was cancelled, I was both shocked and heartbroken at the same time. This would have been

my last season ever as I will not continue track throughout college. I would like to thank Coach Cimea and Coach Hahesy for having me on such a great team, as well as for the amount of work and effort they put into every athlete.

FABRICE JACQUES



I remember when I came into EHS, there were a lot of things I felt like I had to do. However, track was one of the first things I did because I genuinely enjoyed it. It was not always easy because there was a lot of sweat and pain and sometimes even blood and tears, but without a doubt it was worth it.Whenever I entered the gym or stadium, my stress and problems would be pushed to the back of my mind and my focus would shift to running and pushing through the hard workouts with my fellow track athletes. Coach Cimea and my teammates became a second family.

As a senior captain, it deeply saddens me that our spring season got cut before it even started, especially since many of us will not be running track in college. It was the last time we not only would be able to run with each other, but also competitively, and we were looking forward to making it our best season yet. I will always cherish the wonderful memories I created during my time as a track athlete and will continue to apply the values of teamwork, discipline, and hard work in all the other areas of my life as I continue on my journey.

EDUARDO CHAPARRO



Being an athlete at Everett High is one of the greatest privileges to have. Ever since I joined the EHS track & field team back in 2016, I knew I was where I wanted to be. During these four years everyone has grown and all of us have become a big family. From growing up in separate middle schools to reaching the bustling hallways of high school, everyone came together and ran towards a

It means everything to me to be an athlete at Everett High. Track allowed me to make new friends and to grow as an athlete, as a student, and as a person. As a captain I've created bonds with my coaches and teammates that could've never been made without the sport. Coach Cimea has not only been an amazing coach, but also a kind friend who cares about everyone and is even there for

you outside of practice and the meets. With that being said, finding out that our 2020 spring track season was cancelled was a really hard hit. I wasn't upset about

missing prom, senior ac-

tivities, or graduation even, but knowing that my last season of spring track was cancelled was the biggest punch to the gut ever. Even now I think about how we could be practicing in the field instead of being stuck at home. I know that it's nobody's fault and this is all for our safety but it still hurts really badly that I won't be able to run outside one last time with the team I've grown so much with.

I miss the cheering from the stands, the huffing and puffing, the congratulations and everything that comes with it. I wish this never happened.

I'm thinking of doing track at Suffolk University this fall while I study there and I'm very excited. Running and competing has become such a big part of my life that it would be really hard to give it up. Since college is my next step, I want to bring all the memories with me as I pursue my career as an author.

I want to thank my coaches, my teammates, and everyone who has made sports at Everett High special. I'm becoming a better person now thanks to my amazing experiences from high school, and thanks to the beautiful lessons and moments from being a varsity track athlete at Everett High.

TONY THANG



I am disappointed that our final season of track is cancelled. Although I wasn't a part of the track team for four full years, it meant a lot to see my progress over time. I shifted from sprinting to long distance running and even took part in cross country my senior year. Spring season would have been where I could see my development as a runner, but now it feels wasted. Over the seasons I would see my mile time go down but now I won't get to see my true race pace. I'll likely still run in the future, but it's not the same as competitively running with friends and rivals.

RYAN VU



ic group at EHS has taught me many valuable lessons that will help me towards life and my future career. I was able to be appointed captain of the track & field team and being in the shoes of this role taught me how to be a leader. But we aren't just a

team...we are a family. Many amazing memories were made with an amazing group of people and I'll never forget seeing the improvements being made by each individual member. It's devastating to have my last season taken away from me, the last time I would be able to run with my fellow teammates. I won't be able to lead them in the direction where they can reach their

fullest potential. But know-

ing them, they will be able

to carry on the legacy of the EHS Track & Field team and I know that they will do great things in the near future. After all, without them, I wouldn't have been able to be a captain.

ISAAC LENESCAT



Having the opportunity to be a track athlete for all four years at Everett high school has been the best experience of my life by far. It all started as a freshman walking into winter track practice for the first time, not knowing what I've got myself into. I was a JV athlete for my freshman and sophomore years and a varsity athlete for my junior and senior year of winter

In my first year in spring track, I was a junior, and I ended up being on the var-

sity team doing the triple jump event. I am proud that I had the chance to be a part of the track team for all these years. When

I didn't get the last season of my high school career, I was distraught, mostly because I had to cut my winter track season short due to my physical expiring and it was just my last year to shine, and I lost my senior year of track.

I am proud of what I've

left with -- friendships with my teammates and also with the fantastic coaches. I am going to UMass Lowell to continue my education in Premed and become a pediatrician in the future -- and I'm going to miss the tremendous practices at Everett High and the fantastic

CHRISTIAN SIMEON

chants.



Being an athlete while attending Everett High School was by far one of the best decisions I could have ever asked for. Having an amazing coach that tried his hardest to bring out the best in every single one of us mattered to me. Coach Cimea wasn't ashamed to be real and honest -- he pushed us during every practice and cheered us on during every meet.

Joining track at the beginning of my freshman was something that I'll always be thankful for. I was introduced to so many people and made an abundant amount of connections with each and every single one of them. Though the season was cut short and I never got to say my proper farewell to everyone on the team for everything, I am still grateful and happy that I was brought into an amazing and welcoming family who gifted me endless amounts of memories and experiences I'll never forget.

> A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

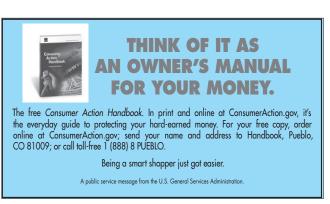
POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease. But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive

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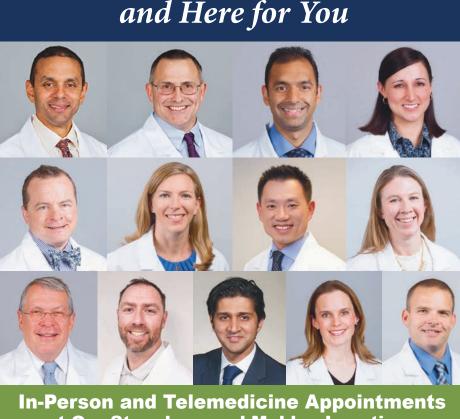
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City leaders scratching their heads on drop in water sales

By Seth Daniel

There seems to be no end to the secondary effects of the COVID-19 virus, and now City officials are at a loss to figure out why water sales for home and commercial ratepayers are

The MWRA has taken steps to reduce rates this month to help cities and towns handle this year's coming budget complications, and that will be helpful as Everett copes with having lost revenue due to lost water sales.

Water sales for Everett through May 8 were down 1.1 percent, something that was unexpected as people stayed home from work in greater numbers than before. The same was true for Boston, which was down an astounding 13.7 percent. Losses in Boston and large cities like Everett could skew rates in the coming

"The question becomes is this a long-term thing or will it settle down and even out," said Fred Laskey, MWRA Director. "We will want to know if there is a permanent change in the water usage. If Boston and other large communities are down, then it could result in an increase for suburban communities. It's too early to push the panic button. We are looking at it, as are other communities.'

Everett CFO Eric Demas said they will be watching usage to see if it continues to decline, as other nearby communities like Revere (down 3.6 percent) have also declined.

"I was a little surprised

with water usage being down given everyone is home," he said. "It doesn't correlate. We want to make sure we understand why... We're still trying to monitor our usage locally. We are analyzing the data."

The water and sewer system in most cities, like Everett, is fully funded by ratepayers. If less water is sold, but costs on improvements continue to go up, it could mean a rise in water bills. For Boston, one of the key potential reductions comes due to the slowdown of Logan Airport, which uses a lot of water. In that same vein, Demas said it's possible the closure of Encore could be part of the reduction, as well as some industries locally.

Meanwhile, on May 6, the MWRA Board voted to reduce base rates to cities and towns significantly. MWRA proposed a 3.6 percent increase in February, but with reductions to its operating budget and capital financing, the rate increase, which goes into effect July 1, was lowered to 1 percent. These cuts will not result in any loss of service, and amount to \$29 million in reductions through the MWRA membership communities.

"We're in uncharted waters," said Laskey. "The finances are up in the air. They're talking about a state shortfall in funding and local challenges will be apparent too. We thought it was the appropriate time to do this. The thing is we did this early. We usually don't set water rates until the end of June. These communities wanted to know and we did it early so they could plan."

In addition, the MWRA agreed to potentially defer over \$71 million in community loan payments. That stipulation – which will help communities with cash flow problems - allows them to defer payments on any Local Water Pipeline and Infiltration/Inflow loans with repayments due to MWRA in FY2020, FY2021 and FY2022.

Demas said the rate reduction will be a major help for the City and for ratepayers, though he doubted they would utilize the loan deferrals. "The rate reduction is

certainly going to help," he said. "We are taking a look at the potential loan modifications payments to help with cash flow...We're going to have to pay the loans back anyway. They are not forgiving them. It's just re-adjusting for cash flow. There are a lot of municipalities looking to take advantage of that program, but not everybody is...On the rates, we're always one of the lowest rates for all MWRA communities. We expect that will continue and won't change. Ultimately, every tool helps. The MWRA actions are just another tool that allows us to ease the burden."

The MWRA also received an allocation this month from the state to help debt service, which is typically used to pay off the Boston Harbor cleanup costs. This year the \$891,535 will be directed to communities to help reduce assessments further.

Everett's share that funding came out to \$16,681.

would normally have since the COVID-19 started," said Woodlawn CEO Francis Larovere III, who came on as director about three years ago. "We're fortunate to have a seasoned crew and they've kept up with the burials. We're probably deferred a little maintenance the plantings we normally do because we're putting all the crews on the interment demand. That's been the only thing we've given up. Our winter was pretty mild, and so far so good... We have 5,000 flower beds here and we usually start before Memorial Day. We've got deliveries in the greenhouse, but there isn't time to devote to planting everything. We'll probably start that next week."

Woodlawn // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Larovere, Director of Operations Bill Monahan and Foreman Alan Giangregorio have been preparing for visitors to come to the cemetery over the Memorial Day holiday, and just how that might work is – like all things – a little new this year.

This year, the cemetery will be ready on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Memorial Day crowds, and expect to be open until 6 p.m. Since COVID-19 restrictions set in on March 24, they've only kept the gates open until 4 p.m.

There will be double security on the grounds to make sure everyone is social distancing, Monahan said. He also said that will be particularly important in the mausoleums where they will limit the numbers of people that can go inside at one time.

He said they believe numbers will be lighter than normal, based on Mother's Day crowds earlier this month. But he also said there is more of an opportunity to spread visits out this year as so many are not working, or are working from home, on Thursday and Friday.

"We experienced this with Mother's Day," said Monahan. "We had traffic Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It's probably more spread out. We didn't have as many visitors here on Mother's Day as in past years. You can always tell by the numbers of flowers left on the gravestones...We'll probably see the same thing on Memorial Day weekend."

So many in the area get used to visiting or seeing loved ones interred in Woodlawn Cemetery that it can almost become typical. However, the cemetery is anything but typical, and is one of the most historic in the nation.

"It is one of the three premier garden cemeteries in Greater Boston, with Mt. Auburn and Forest Hills," said Larovere. "The first directors were all the prominent Everett families like the Fullers, the Parlins and the Sweetsers. All those families came together to start this in 1850 and it is very historic. In fact, the family that started Converse rubber here donated the money for our chapel, which is a beautiful signature building. They were also on the Board of Directors. The cemetery has had that kind of leadership for generations."

Meanwhile, Foreman Gi-

Mark Twain. We even have angregorio has some history to celebrate as well. the first woman to have circumnavigated the globe -After graduating Boston College, he took a summer Mary Ann Patton. She went around the Cape of Good job at Woodlawn. That morphed into a career on the his-Hope and stopped in San toric grounds that will mark Francisco. There are urban

Operations Director Bill Monahan, CEO Francis Larovere

III, and Foreman Alan Giangregorio are ready to welcome

visitors safely into the Woodlawn Cemetery for Memorial

Day weekends. While they've been busy with increased

interments due to COVID-19 deaths, they have still done great work in preparing the grounds for the holiday, add-

a 50-year milestone this Fri-

the resident historian of the

cemetery, and has quite a bit

to share in regards to those

buried there, the amazing

horticulture and the history

particularly proud of the re-

stored entry gate, where a

family in 1904 had funded

the sculpture of the four an-

gels – a relief sculpture that

symbolized the Christian

tradition of death and also

featured the likenesses of

the family's children. That

relief sculpture was a fan-

tastic piece of art featured at

the entrance but it had fall-

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and hadn't been fixed in 50

ize the Book of Revelation

where they are calling the

dead back to God from the

four corners of the Earth,'

After many fruitless calls,

Larovere was able to find

someone that would come

and repair the sculpture,

and they were also able to

use one of the damaged

brass horns as an example

for fabricators to make four

new ones - which Giangre-

gorio pointed to proudly and

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Woodlawn, and it's history

often escapes those that vis-

Honor winners in here and

probably a seventh," he

said. "We have a general

that fought in Tippecanoe

with William Henry Harri-

son. We have friends of Ed-

gar Allen Poe and friends of

"There are six Medal of

He said there are a num-

which are now in place.

he said.

"The four angels symbol-

This year, he said he is

of the place.

Giangregorio is seen as

ing extra security and some common sense precautions as

witches buried here also." There is also the story of the first burial, which actually happened before the cemetery opened.

legends, such as us having

The cemetery actually opened on a Sunday in 1851, but there was a man who had died of typhoid fever just prior at the Charlestown Naval Hospital. People were so scared of typhoid in those days, that they brought him to Woodlawn one day before opening and buried him away from everyone else.

"By the time the cemetery opened, they already had one person buried the day before," said Giangregorio. "On his tombstone, it reads 'First Tenant of Wood-

lawn." Then there are some more sad pieces of history, like a plethora of unmarked graves from the 1918-1920 era that Monahan points out.

There are about 150 to 200 and we assume they were from the Spanish Flu, he said. "They are all in unmarked graves. We know who is in there, but they aren't marked."

Giangregorio said there used to be iron fences around every plot at Woodlawn, and it was like having one's own little yard. However, during World War II, the government came in and stripped away all the fences for the war effort - eliminating one of the key elements in the

'garden' cemetery aspect. They also have veterans from every war starting at the Civil War and going up through the Gulf War.

through the old parts and the history is everywhere," said Giangregorio.

"You can just walk

School Committee votes for resolution calling for federal funds

The Everett School Committee joined Boston in votto call on the federal government to provide funding for public schools districts like Everett that provided COVID-19 relief measures.

School Committee Vice President Frank Parker introduced the measure and noted it was the same version of a resolution passed by the Boston School Committee recently as well.

The matter passed 7-0, and pointed out some specifics for Everett in terms of

Key in those costs was the expenditure of \$400,000 by the City of Everett to buy extra ChromeBooks for students suddenly have to learn remotely. Additionally, the district has kept 936 employees on the payroll, and provided an average of 350 meals per day to students in the City. That has come at a great cost and it is expected to cost the district \$200,000 by the end of the school term.

Glenn Koocher, of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, said getting federal funding in this fourth round of federal stimulus is critical for school districts. He said the state will not have the money to help schools, as they cannot spend in deficit and have to have a balanced budget by law.

"We're anxious about Round 4 of the federal stimulus package," he said. "That money is going to be critical to public schools

across the country. There's a lot in that bill. We're focused on the public eduversus dramatic cuts is in the hands of Congress. The state doesn't have the kind of money it takes to fill that gap alone and the state is not allowed to deficit spend." •In other news, the

School Committee took its annual vote to decide on School Choice for students coming outside the district. By law, every year, the School Committee must vote on whether to allow students from outside the district to attend Everett Public Schools.

It was a unanimous, and certain, vote of 7-0 to not allow it.

Members said they have heard from parents and teachers repeatedly that the district is too crowded just with the students from within Everett.

Member Dana Murray asked if it would prevent students from being able to go to vocational schools outside of Everett, and that is not the case. It is only to allow students from outside the district to attend Everett Public Schools.

Parker noted that schools built in the early 2000s were designed for a district that had a total of 4,500 students, and Everett now has approximately 7,200 stu-

Allowing more students in, Members said, would not be a good decision.

•As a follow up to the large Feb. 13 Forum on the Student Opportunity Act

held by the Everett Teacher's Association, the School Committee heard a report cation stuff, which ought on the priorities identified ing unanimously Monday to be non-controversial... at the forum and in a parent night in an online meeting Whether we modest cuts and teacher questionnaire. That data revealed that the most common issues were class size, and adequate space in buildings - as well as resources for English Learners and Special Education.

> Prior to COVID-19, those were the main issues identified for priorities on spending for the Student Opportunity Act. Now, it is uncertain if that money will actually come from the state as promised this year, given the massive shortfalls beginning to take shape in the State Budgets and state revenues, said Randy Boudreau – a teacher at Everett High.

President Kim Auger said professional development is also a key priority for teachers and staff in for Student Opportunity Act funding – as well as teacher retention.

Training will be even more important, she said, given the advent of remote learning. That new type of learning isn't expected to fade into the past once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Proper training for teachers to work in the world of in-person and remote learning will be essential to keeping them and making them better teach-

"It's a challenge, but a good challenge," she said. "It really opens up another whole world of educating a

Conservation Commission to begin discussions on Market Street flooding

By Seth Daniel

The fix on one of the most persistent long-standing flooding problems in Everett is about to get its first public airing at the Conservation Commission Thursday, May 21.

neighborhoods. That has

in an online meeting on The Market Street Culvert issue has come up for years and years, and is the source of major flooding in the Parkway and adjacent

been the case for years, but the Boston Market Terminal and the City of Everett and City of Chelsea have been sparring as to who is responsible.

Earlier this year, The Davis Companies bought the terminal for a potential distribution facility - which will be brand new construction. As part of that, they pledged to fix the massive culvert - which has totally collapsed and open the

channel where they can.

The first airing of that will be at the Con Com in a Notice of Intent filing on May 21, to be held in an online meeting at 7 p.m. via For more information on

how to view the meeting. check the City's website for the agenda. The Zoom meeting ID is 858 9940 1618, and more information can be had by emailing Rachel Kelly at Rachel.kelly@ci.everett.ma.us.



OBITUARIES

James Frontero Retired educator

James S. "Jim" Frontero, 84, of Lynnfield and Naples, Florida passed away on May 7.

Jim was the son of the late John and Bettina (Sutera) Frontero. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jeanette (Tempesta) Frontero and is survived by his wife, Elaine Frontero: daughter, Cheryl O'Keeffe; sons, John (Connie), James (Susan) and David (Jennifer); stepson Adam Sassone: 12 grandchildren, Michael, Nicole, Jackson, Julia, Greta, Abigail, Sammy and Lily Frontero, Brendan and Lauren O'Keeffe, Victoria and Chase Sassone; and his sisters, Pauline Bullard and Ann Marie Garron. He was predeceased by his sisters: Rose McDonald and Theresa Frontero.

Jim was born in Boston and raised in Everett. He was a star athlete on the High School football team playing quarterback. He also played on the HS baseball team and ran track. He graduated from Everett High School, attended Cheshire Academy in Connecticut, graduated from University Northeastern with a bachelor's degree and received his master's degree from Salem State University. Jim worked as an adjustment counselor, an English teacher and, for the last 20 years of his career, as the assistant principal at Melrose High School.

He raised his family in Lynnfield where he was active in the town's sports program, helping and coaching many teams. Jim was a member of the E Club in Everett. He was

Dorothy Marotta of Re-

Dorothy was an em-

ployee for over 40 years

at American Biltrite where

she retired as payroll su-

pervisor. Dottie's faith was

extremely important to her.

She was a devoted parishio-

ner at St. Anthony's Church

in Revere and a past mem-

ber of the Lady's Sodali-

ty. She enjoyed bingo and

an occasional trip to Las

Vegas. Dottie will be re-

membered for her kind and

generous spirit, always one

to pick up the tab for both

Born in Malden on Feb-

ruary 18, 1941 to the late

Pasquale and Theresa (Sar-

ni), she was the beloved

sister of Virginia Mullen

and her late husband, Bill

of Revere, adored aunt of

Michael Mullen and his

wife, Kim Chin of Saugus,

Therese Mullen and her

partner, Gino Marino of

Saugus and Steven Mullen

J.F. Ward

family and friends.

vere died on May 7 at the

age 79.



that led The Malden Catholic Football team to win the 1965 State Championship.

He enjoyed golf and after his retirement he was able to pursue this sport spending winters in Naples, Florida at the Royal Wood Golf and Country Club. He especially enjoyed golfing with his sons.

Jim enjoyed spending time at the beach both at Nahant and in Naples. He loved to cook and spent many hours cooking Italian meals for his family while listening to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. He could sing the first line of any

The family would like to thank the staff at Sunrise at Gardner Park for their support and care of Jim over the past 10 months.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Maria Goretti Church in Lynnfield at a later date due to the Covid-9 restrictions.

Donations in Jim's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or Sunrise at Gardner Park, 73 Margin Street, Peabody, Ma 01960

Arrangements are by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett.

Dorothy Marotta

American Biltrite retiree,

will be remembered for her kind

and generous spirit

John Joseph Johnson

Nicknamed "A Ray of Sunshine," "Oscar the Grouch "and "The Grinch"

John Joseph Johnson, the son of the late Walter "Cecil" and Mary (Day) Johnson, 76, died on April 28. He is survived by his

brother, William "Mickey" Cromwell and his wife Lucy of Mashpee, Walter Johnson and his wife, Lenora of Revere and his "baby" sister, Martha of Everett. John was pre-deceased by brothers: Richard Cromwell and Charles Johnson and his sisters, Charlotte, Ruth and Mary Theresa. John is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

John spent the last three years at the Lighthouse Nursing Center in Revere where was was the life of the "party." Prior to that, John was a security guard at the airport and before that worked for many years as a bartender in Boston's Combat zone. John loved to travel to

Cape Cod and Maine, loved sitting on the front porch talking and joking with the neighbors, decorating for the holidays, especially Christmas, and gardening. He had great pleasure hanging out with nieces and nephews and their friends, especially when they were having get togethers or parties in the yard.

Most people thought John was a grumpy and mean person. But as you got to know him, you knew that was his way of telling you he loved you otherwise he



or being around you. As many people say John

"always kept it real" or as one of his niece's called him, "Oscar the Grouch with a Big Heart.'

One of the things John did was to chase all the kids with his Bamboo stick, if they weren't behaving and sometimes if they were; and he didn't care how big or small you were either; if you were an adult or a child. John was all about respecting your elders, manners, and having fun...he was honest generous loving and loved. His nicknames were "A Ray of Sunshine", "Oscar the Grouch " and The "Grinch."

In lieu of flowers send donations to the charity of your choice.

In light of the recent development with COVID-19, all funeral services will be private. Arrangements are by Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home: www.roccofuneralhomes.com.

Mildred Reutter

Beloved longtime first grade teacher at the Lafayette and Devens Schools in Everett

Mildred (Listernick) Reutter of Everett passed away Saturday, May 16 at Rosewood Nursing Home in Peabody at the age of 93.

Born in Everett on June 27, 1926, she was the beloved daughter of the late Dr. Sidney S. and Beulah (Savage) Listernick. Mildred was predeceased by her husband, Maurice J. Reutter and they resided in Lexington for over 50 vears.

Mildred was a graduate of Everett High School, Class of 1944 and earned a B.S. degree from Tufts University in Biochemistry (1948), and a Masters degree in Education from Boston University. She was a beloved, lifetime teacher in the Everett school system, where she taught 1st grade at the Lafayette and Devens schools until her retirement. She was an active member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and the Eastern Star.

Mildred and her husband loved to travel and visited many countries in Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. They enjoyed spending their free time in St. Thomas and Cape Cod. She was an avid piano player and enjoyed sharing her music with her students and family over the years.



brother, Dr. Stanley E. Listernick and wife, Roselyn of Peabody, nieces Debbie Listernick of Maynard and Julie (Listernick) Estrada and her husband, Ruben of North Andove, and nephew, Glenn Listernick and his wife, Denise of Duxbury. She also leaves grandnieces: Nicole, Caroline and Christina and grandnephew, Brandon.

COVID-19, private burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Mildred Reutter to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Boston, with deep appreciation https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.

org/shc/donate. Arrrangements by Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home: www.roccofuneralhomes. com.

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Lorraine Bray

Former Everett resident

Lorraine E. (Lowry) Bray of Westford and Acton, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest, Monday, May 18 in the Lifecare of Acton Nursing Care Center after being in failing health. She was 88 years old. Born in Chelsea, Lor-

worked for many years as a nurse's aide in the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett. She was the daughter of the late Hazel (Quigley) and Charles Lowry, beloved wife of the late Clarence "Don" Bray, dear and devoted mother of Kevin D. Bray and his wife, Cheryl of Westford and the late Susan Bray, sister of the late Joan DeGilorma and loving grandmother of James Bray and Sarah and Maddie Russell. Due to the restrictions



placed on all of us because of COVID-19, all services will be privately held for the immediate family at the Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Lorraine's memory to Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oakes Road, Waltham, MA 02452 would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett.

Board of Health readying businesses for proper re-opening May 25

By Seth Daniel

It is going to be a busy few weeks for Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano and the Everett Board of Health as they prepare to work with businesses all over the city to prepare for a safe and orderly opening next week. Firicano said they have

a lot of guidelines to get in place for businesses like beauty salons, which have been chomping at the bit to open in Everett for weeks. Those businesses will be able to re-open in a limited way on May 25. For now, Firicano said they will continue to work with churches, construction and manufacturing businesses that were able to re-open this week. "We work with ISD in-

spectors and they are the enforcement agents for the Board of Health and distribute the messages we send out," she said. "There has been messaging on churches, but in regard to helping them open up. I think a lot of beauty shops thought they could open this week, but the inspectors are good at telling them they need to remain closed for another week. We want to make sure they have everything in place for customers going in and for employees to be trained in what to do so everyone is safe and we open safe and don't get an increase in cases.'

She said they will be monitoring cases carefully and tracing any new cases locally and with the state regarding openings. If a case is traced to any particular business, the Board of Health will have protocols in place that include tracing who has been in the busi-

to be going out and doing that education and enforcing these places," she said. There will also be some

"The inspectors are going

restrictions on retail stores and beauty shops as well, including no more than 10 people in the business and also keeping a six-foot distance between customers. She said that will mean fewer people in businesses at one time, much like is done now at grocery stores and corner stores. Masks will also be re-

quired, as signage and a suggestion that places oper-

ate on an appointment sys-"We think the best way to go about beauty salons is to work on appointments," she said. "You call or text the shop when you arrive and

wait in your car until it's

your turn. When they call

you in, you go in and have

the service performed and then leave. That will prevent customers from sitting around and waiting." She said restaurants are

in the phased plan, but they will probably be further out in the phased plan, but there are opportunities to work with the warm weather for earlier openings.

"The weather is going to be on our side," she said. "We're going into the summer months and there's a lot more potential to do things outdoors, but I think we have a little ways to go before we see indoor restaurant seating.'

Funeral Homes and wakes will likely remain in the 10 person or under restriction, and wouldn't likely see any lifting of that, she said, until Phase 2 or 3.

"We have to see what happens in Phase 1 and analyze what the data or numbers show us," she said. "We need to see what works well and what didn't work and improve on it as we go into Phase 2."

Meanwhile, City Hall has an aspirational goal of opening for limited operations on June 1.

On May 18, the following businesses were eligible

Essential businesses stay open and continue to operate.

Manufacturing

•Construction.

 Houses of Worship Hospitals and communi-

tv health centers who attest to specific public health/ safety standard can provide high priority preventative care, pediatric care and treatment for high risk pa-

On May 25, the following businesses are eligible •Laboratory and life sci-

ences facilities. •Offices, excluding those

in the City of Boston. Work from home strongly encouraged, and businesses should restrict workforce presence to <25% maximum occu-•Hair salons and barber-

shops by appointment only.

•Pet grooming by appointment only (curbside pet drop- off and pick-up). Car washes exterior car

Recreation and outdoor

washing allowed.

with guidelines. Other health care providers who attest to spe-

cific public health/safety standards can provide high priority preventative care, pediatric care and treatment for high risk patients.

•Retail remote fulfillment and curbside pickup.

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tients over the last 10 weeks. For instance, right off the bat the post-surgical recovery rooms were transformed into overflow ICU units and all surgery was cancelled or shipped to Cambridge Hos-

That is now changing, said Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett.

"The ICU and our overflow ICU are still at capacity, but we're now entering the phase of looking to be able to disassemble the overflow ICU and return it to be the post-anesthesia care unit in anticipation of a very thoughtful, well planned out return to what things might be like when we return to elective surgery," she said. "In mid-May CHA is planning a staged return to elective surgeries, and more in-person visits to primary care and the ambulatory side beginning in June. Unless we have a dramatic swing in patterns we've seen here for two weeks, it will be our plan to very carefully move forward with the staged re-opening across the

That decision, she said is based in part on the better supply chain of PPE and the hospital's ability to secure what they need - which has been a challenge at times over the last 10 weeks.

"A lot of this is related to how the supply chain for PPE has started to better even out at our hospital," she said. "We are not out of the woods though."

The PPE issue was one of the reasons emergency surgery was routed to Cambridge during the surge of patients starting in March. To do such surgeries would have taken up equipment that needed to be used for patients fighting COVID-19and also would have taken up the time of doctors who needed to be on the floor attending to the endless emergency situations involved with COVID-19 care. Now, they are moving back to doing those emergency surgeries again.

"One week ago we opened one operating room that is prepped and open to be able to do emergency surgery," said Lai-Becker.

That was accompanied with the breaking down of the Comfort Care Unit, where patients who were dying of COVID-19 were taken when they had decided not to be resuscitated. That transition began two weeks ago, and the area has now been returned to its original use. That is a good sign, she said, as it signals the initial surge of patients is on the downslope and other medical care can now take place.

The changes also include a slow shift to a more manageable patient load, which has led to more space available in the hospital and fewer transfers of patients to other CHA campuses or into Boston's major hospitals. That had become common as patient loads overwhelmed the hospital over the past 10 weeks, but it has slowed, and that is a relief.

We are still continuing our rhythm, the new normal here," said Dr. Lai-Becker. "We are now seeing a steady slow change...We really are now on the other side of the flattened curve.

"We no longer have to play that game of Tetris in scrambling to move patients because we have bed space in our own facility," she continued. "That's a big relief from the operational movements as well as the cognitive load."

Still, every patient that comes in is suspected of COVID-19, as symptoms seem to morph, change and new discoveries are reported about the virus every day. It has led to a great deal of skepticism as to whether every patient might be infected and, perhaps, a new symptom is emerging. That said, Dr. Lai-Becker said they have to remember that there are sometimes just simple reasons for patient ailments, which requires 10 weeks of unlearning the COVID medical mindset.

"Sometimes back pain from lifting a heavy box is simply back pain from lifting a heavy box, and has nothing to do with COVID-19 whatsoever," she said.

The biggest piece of planning in the ramping down puzzle is the fact that the hospital is actually preparing for the fall - when there is great speculation that COVID-19 cases could spike along with the traditional influenza and cold

"It's good to feel we can much better see the trajectory of how we need to continue with preparedness and go forward into the summer as the second phase is probably going to be in the summer," she said. "We can continue to prepare and gird our loins for the fall...We are grateful to the City of Everett and the surrounding communities and the state. We need to take this opportunity because the community as a whole bought us the time needed to be ready and to not be scrambling for resources needed in what is anticipated to be something really different when we have the flu running around with COVID-19 as well."

RIGHT WHERE THEY WANT TO BE

Dr. Lai-Becker they often get well-wishers who feel bad that medical professionals - including doctors, nurses and techs - have to work around the clock through such an unprecedented outbreak of a dangerous and unknown disease.

Many have said such professionals didn't sign up for this kind of care, but Lai-Becker said across the board everyone in the hospital wants to be there fighting this virus and caring for people.

"This is exactly what we signed up for," she said. "For the majority of physicians, nurses and techs, this is exactly what people want to be doing. They want to be here taking care of patients...This is what we

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trained for and what people want to be doing."

Like many medical professionals, Dr. Lai-Becker said she spends her life either at the hospital, or at home. There is no longer any in-between or personal time. However, she said most at the hospital feel fortunate to be still working and doing what they trained to do. She said she sympathizes with those who are out of work, who are living lives of Zoom meetings and who are trying to take care of children now at home

"When I am at the hospital I am with my colleagues doing our work and it's actually very fulfilling to be with them and to have the opportunity to do what you trained to do," she said.

SOME KIDS HAVE REACTIONS

Dr. Lai-Becker said the staff is watching and monitoring the reports of some children having adverse effects to COVID-19, particularly inflammation of the blood vessels that feed the

The situation is rare, she said, but mimics what is called Kawasaki Disease - which is something very well-known in pediatric medicine and has to do with children suffering inflammation of the blood vessels around the heart.

In some kids, she said, doctors are seeing a similar reaction after they have had COVID-19.

"That's what they're seeing," she said. "Kids who have had COVID-19 are mostly mildly symptomatic or asymptomatic, but there is a subset where this inflammation – like Kawasaki's – is related to having COVID-19. It's not often, but we're starting to be aware of it."

It is, she said, just another characteristic of a virus that shows up in so many different ways in so many different people.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STARTS TO EMERGE One setback in what has

been a good two weeks at CHA Everett is the uptick in behavioral health issues and the struggle to get beds for those suffering from such issues.

While it has always been an issue, there is an uptick in associated issues brought on by COVID-19 and also a lack of space for those patients because of the surge.

"The pandemic has a lot of secondary behavioral health impacts," she said. "When our patients without COVID-19 are experiencing stress, anxiety and disruption of how people are living or working - or not working - we're glad patients are coming in and seeking help."

She said the behavioral health team has ramped up efforts, seeing patients with full PPE on and also resorting to a lot of tele-health appointments. She said it has been inspiring to see how that treatment, including for the ongoing opioid crisis, has continued through the pandemic.

Mayor, City officials to broadcast update on COVID-19

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce he is hosting a COVID-19 update with Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano, Police Chief Steven Mazzie

and Fire Chief Tony Carli. The program will highlight the City's response to the COVID-19 crisis and provide updates on health and safety measures. The

program can be viewed on Channel 22 this Thursday at 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. It will also be rebroadcast at various times throughout the next few weeks.

Churches // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a lot of pastors in the area (some from Everett) that submitted a letter to Gov. Baker two weeks ago asking for at least a seat at the table. So, with the exclusion in the early discussions, many were surprised that churches were given the leeway to open last Monday along with construction and manufacturing.

Gov. Baker's order for churches allows them to have 40 percent of their legal occupancy for worship services, and there have to be masks and proper spacing between them. There are no fellowship dinners allowed and none of the other social engagements that are part of normal church times.

Brown said they have a lot of precautions to work on, and he has a team of ushers and personnel that will help clean the building and get it ready for worshippers in the COVID-19 era. With all that on hand, he said this coming Sunday - Memorial Day weekend - is just too

Instead, they are aiming for May 31.

"The restrictions do work for us," he said. "We have a lot of logistics to work out. I want to make sure people feel safe when they come in and know the proper restrictions, like in the fellowship. There won't be hugging or lingering after services. We'll come in for service and spend our time and then depart. It will be different. Personally, as a pastor, I'm happy. I did get tired of preaching to my congregation on YouTube and Facebook. It will be nice to look out and see some real people in front of me...This is good news, but I don't want to become so overjoyed that we forget what we need to do to stay safe and prevent this from flaring up again."

One of the strategies will be to spread people out. Already, Zion has the ability to have people watch service from downstairs, and that will be an option. They will also use pre-prepared communion cups and wafers, a departure from the normal way they celebrate communion on Sundays.

And they won't move too fast.

"We could have services this Sunday, but I want to get in all the precautions," he said. "If I've waited this long, I can wait another Sunday. This is like the new frontier in a way."

The Archdiocese of Boston is taking a similar tack, and has been working with the state for several weeks along with an internal working committee - to come up with the best practices for safe worship. "The announcement by

the Governor this morning that the Commonwealth was beginning the process of re-opening is welcome news," read a statement from Cardinal O'Malley on Monday. "The Archdiocese has consistently stated we will work collaboratively with local and state officials during this crisis and we will continue to comply with their guidance and mandates devised to restart community activity while continuing to fight the virus and keep people safe.

"Shortly after the Governor's announcement we communicated a series of steps to our parishes that they must follow to adhere to both the state and Church requirements to re-open," read the statement.

While Masses could begin as early as Saturday, May 23, many church leaders in the Archdiocese are shooting to have some sort of re-opening – perhaps using a ticket system if need be – on May 31.

The working committee was made up of priests, deacons, lay leaders and it has come up with an extensive document and checklist for Parishes to consult before scheduling their first ser-

"If a parish within the Archdiocese of Boston, after careful and deliberate preparation, considers that they are able to meet all of the State, Municipal, and Archdiocesan guidelines, they may request permission from their Regional Bishop or Episcopal Vicar to begin Masses as early as Saturday evening, May 23," read a statement from the Cardinal. "Many, or even most, parishes may well need more time to prepare, and may choose Sunday, May 31 (the Feast of Pentecost), as the date for their reopening. Parishes should not resume Masses before they are ready, and the decision to delay the resumption of Masses until May 31 may very well be the best decision for a parish. No matter what the start date, no parish should have Mass unless they can do it safely, and in compliance with the guidelines."

Even with the re-opening of Catholic churches, there are many guidelines and it is suggested that the elderly and medically vulnerable populations stay home, where online and cable broadcasts will continue as they have since March. Being ready is going to be

a major task at most Catholic churches.

The document from the Archdiocese's Office of Risk Management calls for a number of measures to be put in place, including a Corps of Volunteers to be formed and trained so as to direct the flow of people safely into and out of church, and to clean up afterward.

Other suggestions in-

•Church deeply cleaned, according to methods out-Hymnals and missalettes

•Volunteers in place to as-

sist with traffic flow. •Signs clearly posted, letting people know:

*That they must wear

*A distance of six feet must be maintained.

*No congregational sing-Socially distant seating

marked out. •Hand sanitizer available.

•Holy water fonts empty. •Markers on the floor in-

dicating the direction of traffic flow and spacing off six feet in places where people might be in lines.

•Some method in place to restrict the number of people who enter the church to below 40% capacity, and no more than the number of socially distanced seats avail-

•Plan and volunteers and materials in place to clean church between Masses.

 Permission of Regional Bishop or Episcopal Vicar if starting Mass before May

Bishop Brown said he thinks there might be a resurgence in church attendance in the coming months,

similar to after 9/11. "After 9/11, the church had a resurgence," he said. "It spiked up and went down and leveled out. I would suspect a lot of people are re-evaluating their lives and are grateful. There are no guarantees and I think we are beginning to see that. We don't have the control we thought we did over things."

Tributes // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

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favorite moments from athletics, clubs, theatre, friends, or snap a pic in Everett gear and flood social media using #CantstoptheTideEverett2020. The photos will be captured in a special digital video presentation.

 Senior Virtual Tributes – The schools will be streaming the Senior film, speeches from students and school/city officials, virtual banquets, virtual awards ceremonies and more.

Cases Slowing Down In Everett

cal and state contact tracing has been rolled out this week in Everett, with the state effort combining with and School Nurses.

efforts between Firicano At the same time, new cases have slowed down this week, as they have in

itive, confirmed cases, and that was up by 96 over one week before. That is a major slowdown from the 50 or so cases a day that came in during the surge a few weeks ago. There are 24 resi-

dents that have died of COVID-19 complications. Firicano said new guide-

an infected person be test-

state's Partners in Health efforts are contact tracing positive cases with the City's effort as well. That, Firicano said, is the only way for now the outbreaks will be contained. If people and their con-

Contact tracers from the

tacts follow the 14-day quarantine, it will only speed up the phased opening for businesses and the economy.

Health // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

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Mystic Side Congregational Church 422 Main Street Everett, MA

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Sponsor the bulletin! For

a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions. Boy Scout Troop 814:

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

NA Meetings – Mon. Bring Your Own Book 7:30

- 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 -AA Meeting - Saturday

evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 Pastor's Office Hours:

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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 PastorDavidJack-

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Grace Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming

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Come all and let us walk together in this season of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church 67 Norwood Street, Everett, MA **Church Phone** 617-387-7526 or 617-389-5765 or 617-381-9367

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

via their facebook page, "Zion Church Ministries."

For more information, they can be reached online zionchurchministries. com or via email at office@ zionchurchministries.com

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 Can-

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

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