

Colantuoni celebrates one year free of cancer with car parade

On Saturday, City Councilor, and candidate for State Representative, Michael McLaughlin and Patti Frati were invited to take part with about 40 friends and family members of Kim Colantuoni of Everett.

Kim's daughter, Gianna, worked tirelessly and quietly behind the scenes to successfully put together the extraordinary event. The group met in the school lot of the Lafayette School and proceeded to Bradford Street in a car parade in celebration of Colantuoni's one-year anniversary of overcoming breast cancer. "Kim is truly a leader among the leaders whether

it is in her classroom at the Madeline English school or in her personal family as a wife, mother, daughter and friend," said McLaughlin. "Kim is the kind of person that we can only hope to call as a friend throughout our lives. She is the first one always on the front line to help any individual who needs assistance. She goes above and beyond daily, to assist her students and ensuring that education is top priority and that they can continue to succeed. She is also the backbone and leader of her family."

Kim's daughter, Gianna, said her mother is a fighter and has proven the saying



Councilor Michael McLaughlin, Patti Frati, Kim Colantuoni and family celebrated Kim's one-year anniversary on Saturday with a festive car parade past her Bradford Street home.

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on the spot...We were going to have that happening, but regulations are much more stringent. Many superintendents have already planned these types of graduations and this is difficult for everyone.

"We thought we had the plan all set, but...we need to take these guidelines into account and really think this through," she continued.

Graduation was supposed to be a grand affair this year, in a socially distant way, and was in place on June 6 because 14 members of the class are leaving for the military. They are required to quarantine for 14 days before leaving, so the latest the district could plan anything was early June.

The meeting with the Board of Health is happening very soon, and it will include a thorough review of the guidelines from DESE, the City's restrictions, and the plans detailed by the schools. There could be some tweaks, or maybe it will be allowed. It could also have to be postponed completely if it doesn't match up in a big way and is considered too risky.

A decision is expected by Wednesday evening.

Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano said they will look at the guidelines and figure out a balance of safety and celebration.

"I think it really has to be, in regards to social distancing, if people stay in their cars, that's ideal," she said. "I think that if they're in the car, they're probably

in there only with immediate family. Having them wear masks might be different than many planned. If they're thinking of a drive-thru or something like that, it could potentially be done, but we have to look at all the guidelines. We are looking at guidelines from the state that look different from what the high school planned. If we all work together, I think we can find a way to celebrate the students and do so in the safest way possible."

The same issues have been playing out in other communities near and far. Chelsea High has gone back and forth with different forms of graduation, and a school in Atlanta caused a major community setback due to the fact that a drive-in graduation ended up causing a serious outbreak of cases.

"It is hard to keep up the distancing, but everything we're seeing confirms the trends that it could come back in the fall," she said. "We could come back in the fall and have another interruption. We may be getting more relaxed, but maybe we shouldn't be. I think it's more exhaustion than curve flattening."

That is one reason they steered away from a drive-in graduation – which was floated as an idea initially last month. School leaders felt they couldn't control people once they arrived at such an event. Many people with the best intentions might arrive, see people they know and get

out of their cars to greet them quickly. There's no guaranteeing such an event couldn't get out of hand, which is why they scaled back to the current plan – which went a bit beyond what the state had wanted.

Tahiliani said they do have the option of having an in-person graduation in August, but there is no guarantee that could happen. If there is a setback, and nothing has happened they could have to resort to a drive-thru graduation again – or worse yet – having nothing at all. Additionally, in August, students leaving for the military couldn't participate, and there is generally expected to be lower participation the further into the summer the date goes.

"We have all the plans in place if it does get approved," she said. "It's not going to be what people would have expected from a typical graduation, but we were going to make it spectacular. We decided this was going to be a unique graduation for a unique year... We were trying to make it an event. It doesn't sound exciting I know. However, if we can do it, I think people will be surprised by what it's really like."

Tahiliani said they had planned for extensive flow-ers, a massive balloon arch, music and special guests – as well as free yearbooks later in the summer.

A decision on whether it is a go will come late Wednesday, once again.

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teams had their online banquet and recognition ceremony at 6 p.m.

Additionally, all seniors are being gifted special Class of 2020 T-shirts from Universal Screening Studio, with the details of the pickup

for them announced later.

•Celebrate-A-Senior program

Already, the Everett Public Schools have announce a Celebrate-A-Senior program – not to be confused with the parent-organized Adopt-A-Senior program – that will be carried out on Thursday and Friday.

Tahiliani said through generous donations, every senior has been accounted for and participants in the program will deliver their seniors gifts of appreciation on Thursday and Friday.

"All of the seniors will have a gift delivered to them by their adoptee," she said. "We were able to ensure everyone was adopted through a generous donation from Everett Bank."

About 300 students out of 490 in the class have been adopted, but working with Everett Bank President Richard O'Neil, the bank has

assured they will fund the program for any that aren't already taken. There is still time for residents, businesses and others to adopt a student in this program.

To do so, go on the Everett Public School website and follow the instructions for the Celebrate-A-Senior program.

•Virtual Tributes

Wednesday will kick off the Virtual Tributes with the World Language Ceremony at 6 p.m. online at on ECTV (Channel 15). The rest of the schedule is as follows:

*Thursday, Senior Spirit Slideshow – running continuously from 4-6 p.m. on ECTV.

*Thursday, National Honor Society and Drama Banquet, 6 p.m., on ECTV.

*Friday, EHS Art Show running continuously from 4-6 p.m. on ECTV.

*Friday, Scholarship Awards, 6 p.m., on ECTV.

**- LEGAL NOTICE -
CITY OF EVERETT**



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

To Whom It May Concern:
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on June 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board's website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk's website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 103 Garland Street
Map/Parcel: M0-07-000208
Person Requesting: Cambridge Health Alliance
10 Presidents Landing
Medford, MA 02155


To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant proposes to install free standing sign 48" wide and 11 feet in height, at the corner of the lot at the address listed above which is located in the Dwelling District. The property is use as a Hospital which is an allowed use in the Dwelling District per section 4 Dwelling Districts A Uses, line 7. But the sign is not permitted in this zoning district.

Reason for Denial:
The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the City of Everett Ordinances Appendix 12A Sign and Bill Board section 53 Signs in Residential Districts.

In any residential district as defined in the Everett Zoning Ordinance, there shall not be any sign except as follows:
(a) One sign, not exceeding two square feet in total area, attached to the building or on a rod or post not more than four feet high and at least three feet in from the street line, and stating only the street number and name of the occupant or occupants of the lot.
(b) One bulletin or announcement board, name-sign or entrance marker for each church or institution not exceeding twenty square feet in area, except that if the street frontage of such church or institution exceeds one hundred feet, one such sign for each hundred feet computed to the nearest hundred but in no event more than three such signs for each church or institution.
(c) One "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign, not exceeding eight square feet in area, advertising the property on which such sign is located.
(d) One building contractor's or developer's sign, not exceeding thirty-two square feet in total area, on a lot where a building is actually under construction.
(e) One sign not exceeding twenty square feet per entrance to a tract of land divided into building lots.
(f) One sign, accessory to a non-conforming use, which conforms to 15-53, provided however that the area of said sign does not exceed one-half of the area allowed in non-residential districts under said Section.

Mary Gerace – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals
May 27, 2020
June 3, 2020

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 100 Garland Street
Map/Parcel: M0-07-000297
Person Requesting: Cambridge Health Alliance
10 Presidents Landing
Medford, MA 02155

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant proposes to install one wall sign 152" x 48" mounted near the upper level of the Parking Garage located on the building at the address listed above. The building is located in the Dwelling District which does not allow for the Parking Structure and it was granted a variance in October 1976

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**- LEGAL NOTICE -
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LEGAL NOTICE
EVERETT PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Hearing on the following application:
43 Corey St
Site Plan Review

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 19 of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>), to consider the above-listed applications in connection with the proposal to build a 50 unit (six story structure) as shown on plans entitled "43 Corey St by Lafreniere Architects" (the "Site Plan") on a parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor's Department as C0-04-000038.

The application with narrative and the Site Plan were received on May 14, 2020. The plans are entitled "43 Corey St" were prepared by Lafreniere Architects, 678 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge MA 02139 and prepared for the owner 140 Tremont St LLC.

A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or during regular City Hall business hours starting June 1st, 2020 (when City Hall reopens).

All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal should appear at the time and place designated above. As items may be continued to later dates, please contact Shane O'Brien of the Department of Planning & Development at Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-944-0236 before attending.

Frederick Cafasso, Chairman
May 27, 2020
June 3, 2020

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and I was predicting 30 to 50,” he said. “It was an amazing turnout. Really, it gave people something to look forward to in these sad times. We will still have a commencement in the summer, but we don’t know when or how. For me personally, I’m the first person from my mother’s side of the family to attend college. When the pandemic happened, no one thought graduation would be impacted or businesses would lose so much money. To some students like me, family members have been really looking forward to this and to have something is an amazing thing in such a sad time...I saw people crying and tearing up, and it wasn’t said – they were tears of joy.”

Said President Keenan, “This drive-by celebration showed that the spirit of commencement cannot be dampened. The class of 2020 has shown tremendous resilience, and it’s no surprise that they found a safe and creative way to come together on what would have been our undergraduate commencement day. It was an honor to be there to cheer them on.”

Centrella, a current Everett resident that attended



Farrah Griffin (left, back seat) and Linda Lucarotti (front seat) cheer on the graduates during the Salem State drive-by graduation, which circled the campus for about 15 minutes.

the Keverian School before graduating from Malden High in 2014, said getting things done involved collaboration with Salem State’s university police and the Salem Police Department. The drive-by was followed by a brief HYPERLINK “https://www.salemstate.edu/commencement” \t “_blank” online conferral of degrees as a way to officially recognize graduates’ success while the university works to reschedule the Class of 2020’s commencement.

“No matter what life throws at you, there’s always a way to find moments of light and joy,” said Centrella, “With everything

going on in the world, we made something great out of nothing. We made it and we did it as one. That little drive-by meant a lot to family and friends. I had so many thank me. I felt it was just the right thing to do. It just worked out and I’m so happy for that.”

The university arranged for students to pick up their caps and gowns before the virtual conferral of degrees, while keeping masks and social distancing guidelines in place. As the university works to reschedule this year’s commencement, celebratory videos and emails have been shared with students.

Centrella graduated with a business major, and a concentration in Management Information Systems, but said he intends to find a job out of college that is about helping people. Since COVID-19 hit – along with the graduation planning effort – he said he really wants his life to be about helping people who are in need in some way.

The more than 2,000 graduates in the Class of 2020 include about 1,600 undergraduates and nearly 600 graduates receiving master’s degrees or certificates of advanced graduate studies. Graduates represent 32 countries and 23 states. This year, 279 students are becoming Double Vikings by receiving their second Salem State degree.



2020 Salem State Graduate Marc Centrella, who helped plan a student-initiated drive-by graduation on May 16. Centrella led the effort and said it was about bringing some happiness in sad times.

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tember 2019, and on Thursday, May 21, the consultant reported back – with mostly good findings for Wynn and it’s revamped organization.

“Our main focus was to look into the culture that trickled down given the events that happened last year,” said Alejandra Montenegro, an independent evaluator with the consultant firm. “We have seen a meaningful shift...We also should give credit to the central leadership of the company. Matt Maddox... and Brian Gullbrants are all recognized by us as credible. The was something we were very deliberate to test in our investigation. They have gained credibility and importance in the organization. Especially...Mr. Gullbrants is being recognized as being present and waling the floor and being visible and having developed different platforms to communicate with employees through things like shift briefings before each shift, e-mail communication. That is a platform we encourage the company to leverage.”

Said investigator Preston Pugh, “Having spent time with leadership in Las Vegas and in Boston, it’s absolutely clear the pain of 2018 is still palpable. They still feel that and have no desire to go through that. They get the message. Not only are they looking at the importance of having sustainable systems beyond this leadership group – but this leadership group get it too. They understand it’s for the long haul.”

One of the key findings in the report is a new leadership in human resources and a devoted, robust budget for developing a “ma-

ture” human resources and compliance team. Pugh and Montenegro reported they were impressed with the hiring of a new senior vice president at the company headquarters in Las Vegas who has the tools to implement all the changes necessary to transform the organization from where it was before – when its leader, Steve Wynn, was accused of several instances of sexual misconduct.

“Creating that position and giving her staff that is equipped, capable and experienced to handle the compliance process is another indicator for us,” said Montenegro. “They are not just filling positions to fill them. The company seems to be very deliberate with the experience it is seeking with its personnel that owns its human resources program and implementation...Most importantly have been some increased transparency in the reporting of sexual harassment and discrimination cases.”

Those complaint are being elevated to general counsel and outside counsel on a weekly and quarterly basis as part of a new protocol – no matter who reports them or who they are lodged against.

One area of risk now, they said, is not so much other employees or superiors, but guests at the establishment. In interviews with employees, it was said there is great risk with the behavior of patrons and the company’s desire to have patrons affirm a five-star experience. The two do not always mix, and it was something they challenged Encore and Wynn to think about.

“The employees inter-

viewed did not perceive a high risk by offending behavior from other employees, but they do raise offending behavior by patrons as something that is quite prevalent,” she said. “It’s not terribly surprising giving the casino industry...Wynn and Encore’s focus on customer service is something they take very seriously and employees take great pride in too...An unintentional consequence is employees perceive they are not empowered in some instances to push back on patron behavior that is offending...”

That brought up many industry-specific issues in the casino industry, such as in-room servers, and they challenged Wynn to be a leader in re-thinking that service in a way that doesn’t leave employees isolated and vulnerable to attack.

“In a way they are swimming upstream in addressing risks tolerated and accepted in the larger gaming industry,” she said. “It is a unique challenge for a company like Wynn to be in a leadership position as it tries to address these more difficult risks.”

Overall, the consultants interviewed 113 people in Boston and 87 in Las Vegas to get an idea of how things were going, and did their work over the last six months. They said they had absolute cooperation from the company, and found that most all of the changes and suggestions given by the MGC one year ago were being taken seriously.

Many of those changes were being implemented well, and stood to benefit from a few tweaks suggested in the report.

Night Shift Brewing discontinues expansion into Philadelphia

By Seth Daniel

Night Shift Brewery has been synonymous with the resurgence of Everett as a place to be, but their dream to expand to Philadelphia as a second home has been cancelled due to the COVID-19-related downturn in the economy.

Founders of the brewery, who hailed from Philadelphia, eagerly announced the expansion late last year, and said it would help them to spread their brand – building up Philly operations while also bolstering their foothold in Everett and Greater Boston.

With COVID-19 shaking

the business’s foundation, founders announced they had to cancel their dream.

“It is with great personal sadness that we at Night Shift Brewing have made the incredibly hard decision to cancel our Philly expansion project,” read a note from the founders. “It wasn’t meant to be. The COVID-19 pandemic shook our business to the core, and obviously almost everything outside of it. In short - we hope to be back at this sooner than later. Thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way.”

The expansion had been in the works for three years,

and the founders told the Independent last year they simply couldn’t find an appropriate space in the Philly area.

Finally, last year, they announced the signing of a lease agreement for a massive space in Roxborough, PA, just outside of Philadelphia. The initial excitement was huge, they said, and they were working to open as soon as possible.

Then COVID-19 hit, and the core of the business needed to stay intact.

The hope, they said, is to pick up the plan later when, and if, the economy returns to the strength it had prior to the pandemic.

Exelon honors two Everett High science enthusiasts with \$5,000 scholarships

Exelon Generation, owner of the Everett LNG Facility and Mystic Generating Station, has awarded \$5,000 scholarships to two Everett High School seniors, Victoria Chaparro and Daniella Alvarez, who will be pursuing careers in science. A committee of Exelon employee volunteers evaluated scholarship applications based on a number of factors, including community service, extracurricular activities, grades/SAT scores, and essays. This year’s scholarship recipients were selected from a total of 17 very qualified applicants.

Victoria Chaparro ranked 26th in a senior class of 520, with a GPA of 4.46. She will be attending Hofstra University in Public Health/Pre-Med. She was described by a teacher in a letter of recommendation as, “...a model student, hardworking, intellectually curious and with the grit to take on conceptually demanding material...” She has already participated in medical research projects at local universities and co-authored a biochemistry article, and is also an EMT



Everett High seniors Victoria Chaparro and Daniella Alvarez received \$5,000 scholarships from Exelon.

trainee.

Daniella Alvarez ranked fourth in a senior class of 520, with a GPA of 4.73. She will be attending University of Massachusetts/Amherst for Animal Sciences. She was described by a teacher in a letter of recommendation as, “...a responsible and motivated student who excels... and has acquired many life-saving skills...” She has had perfect attendance since eighth grade. Daniella is enrolled in Cataldo Ambulance’s EMT Program and will become an EMT this June.

“These are outstanding students who have achieved a lot at a young age, and Exelon is proud

to support their careers in science with these scholarships,” said Archie Gleason, Northeast Region General manager. “Not only have they maintained almost perfect GPAs, but have also participated in community activities and made impressive strides in their chosen fields of study.”

Exelon continues another long-standing program in Everett, awarding monetary prizes to middle and high school students who have excelled in Everett Public School’s science fair competition.

This year, students will receive a total of \$1,200 in awards.

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AMERICANS WILL SURVIVE WITHOUT BACON DOUBLE-CHEESEBURGERS

The decision of the federal government to invoke the Defense Production Act to order meat-processing plants to reopen raises a number of issues about the use of the act for this purpose.

First and foremost, the order ignores the reality that meat-processing plants continue to be hot-spots for the spread of the coronavirus, placing the safety and lives of workers, their families, and their communities at high risk for contracting and spreading the disease. Despite the best efforts of meat processors over the past two months to improve worker safety, the coronavirus continues to explode among workers in this industry. The invocation of the Defense Production Act does nothing to address this issue.

Second, we certainly sympathize with the livestock farmers who have been forced to euthanize their animals, placing these farmers on the edge of bankruptcy. But their economic losses are easily-calculable and should be recompensed by the federal government.

By contrast, what has been more disturbing in our view has been the destruction of fruits and vegetables by farmers who normally supply the restaurant business. Why hasn't the federal government come up with a plan to purchase those foods and distribute them to the millions of needy Americans who are lining up, literally for miles, for distributions from food banks?

Third however, there is an even more basic question: Why has meat production been deemed an essential industry?

We raise this question for a simple reason: The American diet, which relies more heavily on meat than any other nation in the world, has been a major contributor to the death toll in our country for persons under the age of 60 who have contracted the coronavirus.

According to researchers, a person's body mass index -- whether someone is overweight -- is a crucial factor in the ability of an individual to fight the disease. In addition, individuals who consume a lot of animal protein are more likely to suffer from the pre-existing conditions of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and kidney failure that place them at high risk for a fatal outcome if they should contract the coronavirus.

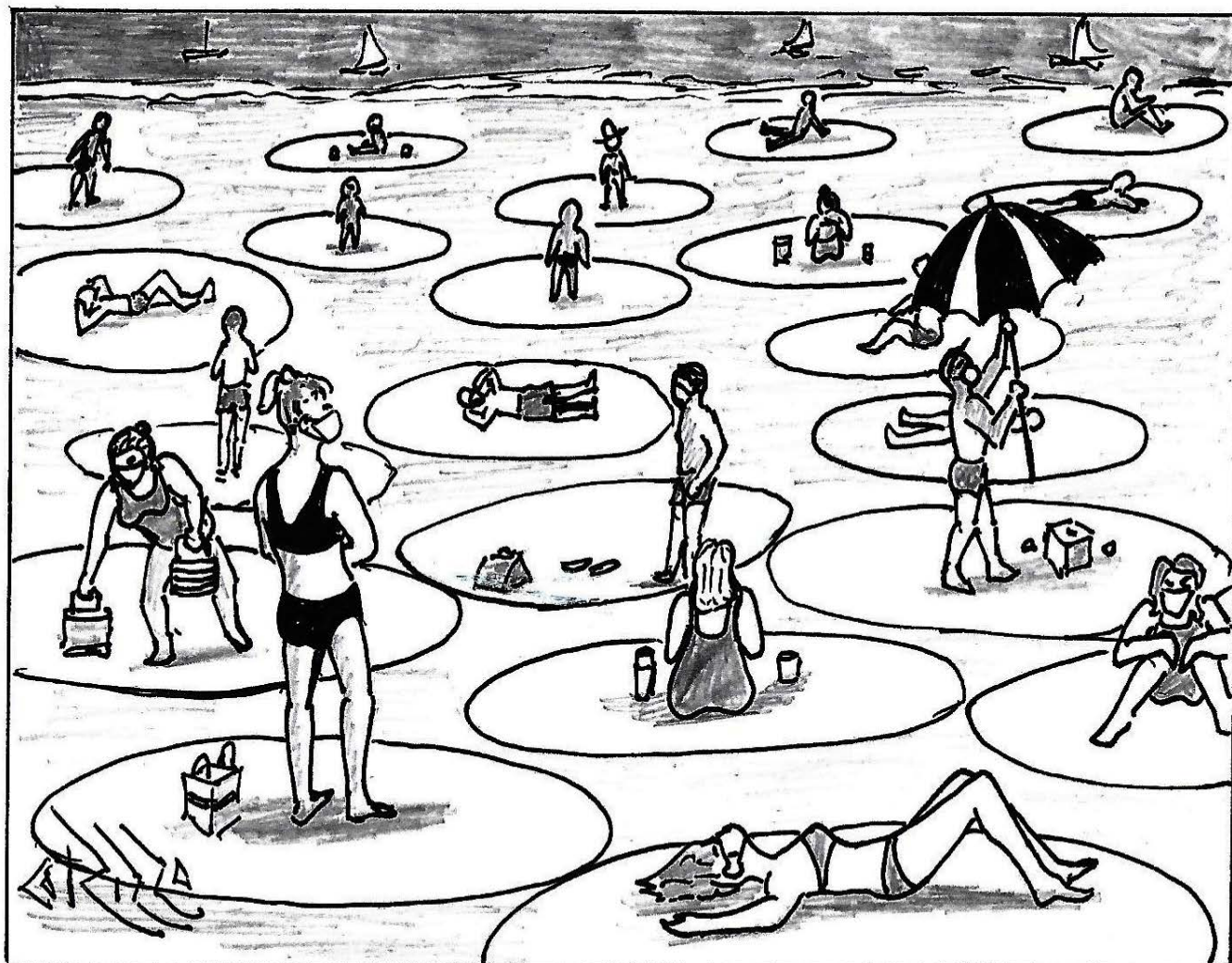
Americans --- who annually consume an astonishing average of 222 pounds of meat per person -- can obtain their protein in many other ways, whether from fish and shellfish or the new food products (such as the Impossible Burger and Beyond Meat) that actually are good for our health.

Finally, we would add that less meat production benefits our environment, thereby reducing air pollution, which is another plus for our nation's overall health. We're sure many of our readers will be surprised to learn that the production of meat and dairy, particularly from cows, contributes enormously to climate change, with livestock accounting for almost 15 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions each year -- roughly the same amount as all of the cars, trucks, airplanes, and ships in the world combined.

In conclusion, the federal government needs to take immediate action to ensure that farmers' fruit and vegetable products do not go to waste at a time when many Americans are in financial distress and in need of food. On the other hand, meat-processing plants should be allowed to reopen only when those facilities are safe for workers.

In the meantime, if the coronavirus changes the typical American's eating habits -- from less bacon, hot dogs, etc., to more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains -- that's a good thing, both for the present and future health of our nation.

Independent Forum



WHEN YOU'RE AT THE BEACH, BE SURE YOU'RE OUT OF REACH

LETTERS to the Editor

WE CAN NOT LEAVE ANYONE OUT

To the Editor,

As an elected official, I am not afraid to speak out about issues that affect our community, and be a voice for the voiceless. Last week, I created a stir of emotions because I addressed the way School Committee and School Leadership handled certain issues during COVID-19.

In the last three months, I've received multiple phone calls, emails, and text messages from students, parents, school employees, and other elected officials concerned about multiple issues in the school system. Examples include parents spending their own money to make up for what the school should have been doing all along, no communication plan to the parents, school employees looking for legal counsel, and students who felt left behind.

At the end of many of these conversations, I felt embarrassed. I happily took the time to listen, and I asked each person, what do you want to see done? Every conversation left me puzzled, asking myself, "Are they doing what is best for the students?" and, "What could I do to help solve this problem?"

I have many examples, but here are four ways in which I feel there was a lack of leadership:

- Lack of equity and communication plan for all parents, including English Language Learners, Special Needs, and Low-Income;
- Food access for all students;
- Seniors Celebrating their Milestone;
- Parent and Employee Confidence in the School System.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, Mayor Carlo DeMaria decided to shut down the schools. Before the shut down, I wondered what the education plan was and how they would communicate next steps to all parents. A few days after the shut-down, students and parents reached out to me, asking what was going on, they had not heard from the schools.

Once we heard food would be distributed to students, no one reached out to me about the logistics. I wondered, how are they reaching out to parents?

A week in, City Councilors were told the number of people coming to pick up food was much lower than anticipated, and asked to help get the word out about the food distribution. Again, I wondered, what was the communication plan and how were they implementing it?

When the schools decided to distribute chromebooks, they explained on social media that parents could pick them up on certain days based on the first letter of their last name. I knew many parents did not get this information, because multiple parents reached out to me to ask how they could get a chromebook. They asked how to access the learning plan. With 7,200-plus students, I did not understand the plan, how many weeks would it take to get every household a computer to learn? Then the number of cases climbed in Everett. What happened next? They decided to shut down distribution of Chromebooks and food to students for three full weeks. Parents were asking, "How will my child learn? Will they be left behind?" I grew up with parents who had no idea what a computer was and wouldn't have been able to afford internet service. When a Spanish speaking Everett parent reached out to a Chelsea City Councilor about receiving the Chromebook but not having internet, not knowing what to do, I was broken-hearted.

Parents reached out about food. I told them, please call 311. I contacted the 311 Director early, knowing the number of calls, many from Spanish and Portuguese speakers, would be high. I asked what the plan was, and how we could find solutions together. I was told everything was being handled.

In other cities (I spoke with other elected officials), they did not stop, they kept going because they did not want any child to be left hungry or left behind in learning. Many Everett teachers told me there was no communication plan for them for almost two months. I watched the video that the Superintendent released to the teachers about the end of year plan. I don't feel it instilled the confidence or clearly outlined the steps needed to ensure that equity would

be achieved for all students in all circumstances. Also, they did not seek input.

Last week, the Everett Independent highlighted Super Mom Shenae Jackson, whose questions about the cap/gown and yearbook (she paid for) were not addressed. Was there a plan in place for the Seniors before COVID-19? There was no communication, so she took matters into her own hands. She spent more than \$2,100 of her own money to help give seniors a sense of pride. I asked my City Council Colleagues to join me in helping to support Mrs. Jackson, instead of yes or no answers, I received backlash in asking for support. Now people are trying to say the School Committee and school leadership were planning activities all along. All any of us really know is that the schools shut down in mid-March. In the first week of May, there were still questions as to what the plan was. When we finally received an update, it still did not address inequities in students' personal situations.

At the end of the pandemic, elected officials will need to ask ourselves:

- Did we treat every student the same?
- Are our students safe and healthy?
- Are our students continuing to learn and grow as school continues remotely?
- What support will they need over the summer or the next school year to be successful?

The truth is, I cannot answer these questions with a 'yes.' My fears are real that we may have, and may continue to, miss the mark.

During the next City Council meeting, I am calling on Everett Public Schools to share information on remote learning, and what is planned for the future. Data is a valuable tool to understand how our students are learning so we can ensure equity, not only in access to quality education, but in how we can address the gaps many of our children will face due to COVID-19. It has been brought to my attention that many students are still not able to access virtual learning and there is no plan to do so.

Thank you to all who have stepped up and created opportunities, possibilities, and smiles for all our students, parents, and employees. Together, we will

get through this, but the keyword is together. Let's work together and not leave anyone out.

Gerly Adrien
City Councilor at-Large

SUPPORT STRUGGLING LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Dear Editor,

(The following letter was sent to Gov. Charlie Baker from elected officials, including Councilors Michael McLaughlin, Stephanie Martins and Gerly Adrien.)

Municipal Sign-On: Support Massachusetts restaurants by capping third-party restaurant delivery fees during the COVID-19 pandemic

We are writing as elected officials representing municipalities across Massachusetts, to encourage you to support struggling local restaurants by passing legislation to cap the fees charged by "third-party delivery services" for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have heard many troubling first-hand accounts of the enormously detrimental effects that such fees can have on local restaurants. We believe that swift action by the Legislature to limit these fees would provide a desperately needed financial lifeline for many local restaurants struggling to survive. We look to you as state leaders to help our local businesses and the many people that they employ.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a complete shut-down of in-person dining in the Commonwealth. Those restaurants that have remained open have been forced to rely entirely on revenue from pick-up and delivery orders. Many local restaurants are newly reliant on a small number of third party delivery services, and in fact will continue to do so following "re-opening" due to necessary limits on in-person dining. Many such delivery services charge fees of up to 25-30 percent per order, representing an enormous burden on an already struggling business. Unfortunately, these high fees are only one of several industry practices that disadvantage local businesses, and the pandemic has served to ex-

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Connolly Center community loses dear friend in Paul Russo

By Seth Daniel

Paul Russo was a staple at the Connolly Center for two or more decades.

Few City events went off without him being present, helping to set up and volunteering to break down the equipment.

Few will forget his laughter, with was always punctuated with the phrase, “You son of a gun,” while he rubbed his hands together and laughed heartily.

Russo, 71, passed away this week after a long illness. In his later years, he lived with and was cared for by his cousins, Carol Puopolo and Janet Stiriti. He would have turned 72 on June 1.

“He volunteered for so many events and did set up and break downs and was happy to help anyone,” said Dale Palma, of the Council on Aging and director of the Connolly Center. “He

was a 20-year volunteer, if not more and very much a part of the community here at the Connolly Center...I can’t begin to say how heartbroken we are. We really are heartbroken that he passed. The whole Connolly Center community is heartbroken.”

Russo was particularly close to Mayor Carlo DeMaria, whom he supported and enjoyed keeping company with. Mayor DeMaria called Russo and ‘Everett Legend.’

“On behalf of my family and I, our prayers and condolences go out to the family of my friend and Everett legend Paul Russo,” he said. “Pauly was a dedicated member of our community. He was kind, thoughtful, and always went above and beyond to help the City of Everett and the Connolly Center. More than that, he was a friend of mine and my families. Thank you for

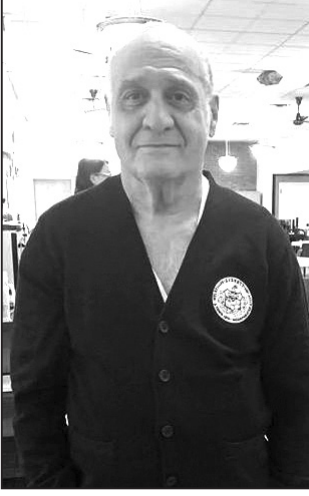
all you did for our community, my friend. May God bless you, Rest In Peace.”

Russo was also close with Councilor Wayne Matewksy, whom he always helped during Matewsky’s annual birthday celebration or at the councilor’s annual Halloween party.

Russo was proud to say he was a life-long Everett resident, and even pointed out he was born in Everett at the former Whidden Hospital – now CHA Everett.

He began coming to the Connolly Center with his parents when they were alive, and continued to attend as a volunteer after they passed away. In his later years, he loved going to casinos. He also enjoyed eating regularly at the Kowloon in Saugus, and at Floramo’s in Chelsea. He was known to be a retiree of the MBTA.

His illness never slowed



Paul Russo, 71, passed away over the last week. A two-decade volunteer at the Connolly Center, his presence there will be sorely missed when the community is permitted to return to the Center for normal gatherings.



Paul Russo shown sitting at Mayor Carlo DeMaria's desk in lighter times. Mayor DeMaria called him an ‘Everett Legend’ – which he was.

him down, if he could help it, Palma said.

“Even through his ill-

ness, he came here and did volunteer work – as much as he could,” said Palma.

“I just don’t have words to describe how much we’ll miss him around here.”

Re-opening for some businesses a slow return to status quo

By Seth Daniel

Driving to Memorial Day exercises on Monday, Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano said it was a little shocking to see beauty salons open along Elm Street and some barber shops on a holiday, but restrictions were lifted on Monday and those businesses – many chomping at the bit for weeks to get the doors open - were allowed to hang out the ‘Open’ sign for the first time in months.

Still, she said, it was a slow beginning according to what she saw.

“So far, it’s been going well,” she said. “Between myself and the Health Department and ISD inspectors, we’ll take any complaints we receive in regard to having too many individuals in a shop or not wearing a mask. For the most part, people really want to get back to work and so they want to do the right thing. I’m hopeful on that and we haven’t received any complaints yet. I’m sure we’ll get some to start trickling in.”

She estimated that 20 to 30 shops opened on Monday, despite the holiday. Most seemed to be follow-



The City, Cataldo Ambulance and Cambridge Health Alliance did wide-spread testing last Thursday of three senior buildings in Everett – including Glendale Towers. Already, wide-spread testing of 66 Main St. showed very few positive cases of elderly residents in the building.

ing the guidelines and she said most businesses are easing slowly into the “new normal.” Gov. Charlie Baker had allowed Houses of Worship, construction and manufacturing to begin on May 18, and then one week later some retail and services like beauty shops and barber shops. The latter two had been clamoring to open in Everett for months, with most owners frequently asking City officials about a date to return.

“There were quite a few

salons and barber shops open on Elm Street and Broadway, but there were only a couple of people there,” she said. “There was maybe one person getting a haircut. I think they’re trying to start slow. This is their livelihood and they don’t want to take it back again. We’re trying to keep from having a start and stop, start and stop.”

City inspectors that get a complaint plan on doing mostly outreach and education rather than punish-

ment. They will visit any place of business that has had a complaint and instruct them on the basics of what has to be done for safety. They will also do the same if they happen to observe something outside the regulations while on their normal inspection routes.

Salons and barber shops – along with other service retail allowed to open under state regulations – are to operate by appointment only. Walk-in traffic is being discouraged as they don’t want multiple people waiting inside for their turn. Firicano said they are having people wait outside, or in cars, until called or texted.

She said Phase 2 of the re-opening is scheduled for June 8 if all goes according to plan, but any setbacks if cases increase would trigger a slowdown in that plan.

“To hit that mark, we have to continue to see the positive per test rate stay steady – it’s at 8 to 10 percent now – but we want to see that decrease as well,” she said.

•First elderly building low on cases

The first wide-spread testing of elderly buildings in Everett proved that social distancing works – with

very few cases at all registered from the large testing pool at the senior citizen building at 66 Main St.

“We did test 66 Main St. and there were every few positive COVID-19 cases that came out of that testing,” she said. “I think a lot of elderly are afraid to go out and haven’t gone out. They’re staying in and had food dropped off and don’t have anyone come into their apartment.”

She said it was a shock to see, as they thought older adult buildings might be ravaged as nursing homes were.

“We thought it would be a lot of positive cases,” she said. “You don’t know when you test. It was shocking, but in a good way.”

Meanwhile, last Thursday, the City and Cataldo Ambulance and Cambridge Health Alliance sponsored widespread testing of three senior buildings in Everett – including Glendale Towers, Whittier Drive and Golden Age Circle.

“They were able to do all three buildings that afternoon,” she said. “We had two teams from Cataldo that did all three sites.”

Results are not yet in and are expected to take five days.

Residents were required to pre-register for the testing for logistical purposes and in order to keep lab tests coordinated. Some were not able to be tested because of this, and Firicano said they might have the team come back to the sites to test those that wanted to be tested.

•Case numbers going down

The numbers of new positive COVID-19 cases continues to go down this week, with six new cases Sunday to Monday, and seven new cases from Monday to Tuesday. That’s down from a high of about 50 per day at the surge point.

There were a total of 1,566 positive cases in Everett since the beginning of the pandemic, and 523 had recovered and were out of isolation.

There have been 27 reported deaths from COVID-19, which is lower than many communities Everett’s size.

Firicano said that is because there is only one long-term care nursing home in Everett. Most others have three to five such facilities, and most deaths from COVID-19 have occurred in those facilities.

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acerbate these issues. Given that the third party delivery sector is dominated by four large corporations, it is nearly impossible for individual small restaurants to negotiate more favorable terms, thus making government action necessary.

The urgency of this issue has led communities across the country to enact Emergency measures to limit these fees. San Francisco, Seattle, Jersey City and Washington D.C. have passed mandates capping delivery fees during the pandemic, and similar legislation was recently passed by the New York City Council. In Massachusetts, Representative Day has filed H.5054, “An act relative to restaurant delivery commissions during the COVID-19 emergency,” which has more than fifty cosponsors, and municipalities including Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and others have passed Resolutions or otherwise taken action in support of such legislation, recognizing that this legislation would provide clear and immediate relief to the local restaurant industry.

We are grateful for the many critical actions that the Governor and Legislature have taken throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and we respectfully encourage you to prioritize action

to support local restaurants by capping third party delivery fees. We believe that it is necessary to do so as quickly as possible, as many beloved local restaurants which are the heart and soul of neighborhoods and which employ a large number of vulnerable workers face an uncertain future.

Signed by 36 community elected officials, including:

Councilor Michael McLaughlin, Everett

Gerly Adrien, Everett

Stephanie Martins, Everett

NEW TOBACCO LAW STARTS JUNE 1

To the Editor,

I want to remind people that starting June 1, 2020, flavored tobacco, including menthol cigarettes like Kools and Newport will no longer be sold in Massachusetts. Last Fall, the Fight All Flavors campaign and many supporting partners worked to build grassroots understanding of and support for a proposed flavored tobacco restriction with an explicit focus on building youth leadership and calling out the tobacco and nicotine industry’s targeting of menthol in communities of color.

The tobacco and vaping industries have allegedly

targeted youth, LGBTQ populations and communities of color with their deadly products, causing many health consequences for these populations specifically. Flavors, like mint and menthol, are a leading reason that young people start vaping and using tobacco.

The law, which goes into effect on June 1, 2020, means that:

- Menthol cigarettes and all other flavored tobacco products like flavored cigars, flavored chewing tobacco, and flavored e-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products will no longer be widely available in Massachusetts.
- E-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products will increase in price.

I’m excited to see that No Menthol. Know Why. is an extension of that work; they’re working with community-based organizations, youth advocates, public health and health care partners, local health departments, churches, regional Tobacco-Free Community Partnership programs, and more to reach out to and support the communities most impacted by the new law. They want to build awareness about the law and provide information about the resources available to help people quit smoking.

You can help spread the word in your community. Visit NoMentholKnowWhy.org to learn more, to share your menthol story and to find tools and resource to share.

For information about how the law will be enforced visit mass.gov/NewTobaccoLaw.

Help for those who want to quit vaping, smoking or using other tobacco products is available for FREE at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) and KeepTryingMA.org.

Contact Edgar Duran Elmudesi at the Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, eduran@hria.org or 617-451-0049 x549 to learn more about the law, how you can support people in quitting and to find out how you can partner with us.

Edgar Duran Elmudesi
Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership Health Resources in Action

WELCOME BACK PARISHIONERS!

Dear Immaculate Conception Parishioners,

After suspending all activities due to the Pandemic, I am very happy to inform you that on May 31, 2020 the Feast of Pentecost, we shall re-open our Parish

of the Immaculate Conception in Everett.

I am very grateful for your support for the Church, especially your continuing your monthly donations whether by mail, by delivery to the Rectory or online. Remember you can register to give to our Parish online by going to the 90 days online through the Archdiocese of Boston at BostonCatholic.org.

While re-opening our Church will give us the opportunity to celebrate Holy Mass at our Parish, I am kindly requesting those who feel uncomfortable returning at this time as well as those of vulnerable age, to remain at home and worship with us through livestream on YouTube (Immaculate Conception Everett MA), Catholic TV or other social media where you are able to follow Holy Mass.

I know that you will cooperate with the work of the Preparation Committee to assure our safety while worshipping together. Among other directives are the following requirements: we may have a maximum of only 40% of the size of the congregation in the Church; we must keep a social distance of 6 feet apart; we must wear a mask before, during and after Mass; the Church must be deep cleaned.

In these early days, we

have limited sitting spaces in the upper Church, only about 78, and in the Chapel about 30 people will be able to attend each Mass. I would not want anyone to be turned away at the door, it is very important that you call the Rectory to indicate what Mass you would like to attend and leave your name. If the Mass you would like to attend is full, we will recommend another Mass that has availability. Please call the Parish number 617 389 5661. Our Mass schedule is:

Saturday at 4:00pm (English), 7.30pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday at 7, 9, and 11 am (English), 1:00pm (Spanish), 4 pm (Haitian)

There will be a basket in the back of the Church for the Offertory Collection since we have been told not to take up the collection in the normal way. Please be as generous as you can.

Daily Masses will be as usual at 7:00am in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Confession will be on Wed and Thurs at 4:00-5:00pm in the Chapel. Funeral Masses will follow the same norms.

Welcome back and we are so glad that you are here so that we may once again celebrate as a Community.

Fr. Chacha SMA.

For Kids Only Afterschool delivers snack packs to children in need

COURTESY PHOTOS

Beginning, Tuesday, May 19, For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) began providing 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 El-iot Family Resources Cen-ter 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 to LUMA.

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

“FKO is incredibly proud to support the tireless efforts of the City of Everett and our dedicated community partners by contributing nutritious snacks to complement their existing meal distribution.” says FKO Executive Director Deborah Kneeland Keegan. “We are grateful to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program for allowing FKO to open our food contract to support our essential food providers in the city.”

Each snack pack contains enough USDA-approved snacks for 7 days, half of the snacks are fruits and the other half will range from granola bars, graham crackers, milk and yogurt.



Members of the Facilities Department and Rana Wehbe drop off snack packs to Lucy Pineda and LUMA to be distributed to children in Everett



Health and Wellness Grant Coordinator/ Mass in Motion Grant Coordinator Rana Wehbe, Natasha Mason from FKO, Facilities Director George Lane and employees of the Facilities department pick up donated snack packs

HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED

Councilor Michael McLaughlin along with his girlfriend, Patti Frati, were once again on the front-line helping families in need. They joined the amazing team of volunteers at the Everett Grace Food Pantry. They wanted to show thanks to Everett's own Irene Cardello for leading an organization throughout one of the most uncharted times we have ever seen. They not only rolled up their sleeves and got to work, but also they made a \$500 donation to continue helping feed families in need throughout the community. Councilor McLaughlin said when it came time to make a donation it was the easiest decision. Grace Food Pantry has been the backbone of our community for several years now but the way they stepped forward when the pandemic hit they truly shined. Thank you to Irene and all of the volunteers at the Grace Food Pantry for all you are doing for others out of the kindness of your heart.



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EHS seniors reflect on lost season and what sports has meant to them

The senior season for any high school athlete always is highly-anticipated. The seniors typically are at the height of their physical and athletic abilities. In addition, as seniors, they will have the opportunity to be leaders for their younger teammates.

The Everett Independent invited the athletes from the Everett High Class of 2020 to reflect upon what would have been their final season in a Crimson Tide uniform -- but which so abruptly was taken away from them by the coronavirus -- as well as to discuss how their years as athletes shaped their high school experience.

Following, in their own words, are their comments:

**CHRISTOPHER ERILUS
BOYS TENNIS CAPT.**
“This entire situation came as a shock...”

Being an athlete at Everett High School has certainly been one of my fondest memories. I can say for sure that my time on the Everett tennis team has been one of the highlights of my high school career. As captain of the boys varsity tennis team, I’ve made many connections that I wouldn’t have.

I’m speaking for everyone when I say that this entire situation came as a shock. I was looking forward to another successful year and an improvement on our accomplishments from the previous one.

Seldom do I see such

a hardworking and dedicated group of teammates who are dedicated to topping their previous efforts. While there certainly isn’t much we can do now, I do want to give a shout-out to coach Bluestein and Mr. Gallagher, as well as my teammates, for the wonderful times.

**GABRIEL GUIMARAES
EHS CREW TEAM**
“I owe thanks to my teammates, coaches”

Throughout my four years at Everett High School, being an athlete undoubtedly changed who I was, and shaped my sedentary lifestyle to a healthy one.

I have learned many things about the importance



Gabriel Guimaraes



Christopher Erilus

of character and dedication by being a high school athlete in Everett. I am particularly proud of being part of our diverse community and how we come together and compete as one.

I am extremely sad for the loss of my last crew season. However, I’ll be forever grateful for everything that Everett High School has provided for me during these past four

years. I owe my thanks to my teammates, coaches, and teachers who supported and helped me to achieve great things by allowing me to reach my potential.

Crimson Tide Pop Warner hopes to begin on schedule

By Cary Shuman

Crimson Tide Pop Warner President Brian Dimond said that the popular youth football and cheerleading organization could possibly begin signups and practices on August 1, which has been the traditional kickoff date.

Dimond, who is a member of the Eastern Mass. Board of Directors, said he is awaiting information from the national Pop Warner organization about the guidelines for the 2020 season in respect to COVID-19.

Dimond has been in contact with city officials about the availability of local parks for practices. The league has used Sacramone Park in recent seasons, although Seven Acres Park, a new football facility in the city, could also be a potential home for practices.

“We’re all hoping to start August 1, but nothing is etched in stone,” said Dimond. “National Pop War-

ner hasn’t given their 100 percent blessing yet. But I know we’re about 90 percent guaranteed that there’s going to be a season.”

Dimond, 49, who is beginning his 20th season as president (29 years overall in Pop Warner) expects more than 300 boys and girls to participate on the five football and six cheerleading teams this season.

Everett’s Pop Warner organization has been a shining example for programs throughout New England. With great coaches through the decades such as Chucky Leo (he remains as director of football), George Paone, and Peter Forte and many others, Everett’s Pop Warner football teams are well-respected throughout the region. Pop Warner graduates have gone to excel for the vaunted Everett High football program, including the respective sons of Coaches Leo, Paone, and Forte.

The Crimson Tide Pop Warner cheerleading program, which Dimond now

directs, has produced several regional and national championships.

The Crimson Tide football and cheerleading teams were slated to unveil brand new uniforms this season, but the funding of the changeover could be a challenge in these pressing financial times.

Dimond has many longtime Pop Warner officers in his administration, including Mike and Jeanne Vitukevich, Lisa Sylvester, and George Castiello, who have all contributed to the organization’s ongoing success story. Colleen Leo is also on board the Crimson Tide express.

Dimond takes pride in the organization’s blue-chip status. “I think we’re one of the top organizations – everyone seems to know us, everyone seems to get pumped up to play us, and we always seem to have winning seasons.”

Dimond said the tentative date for the first game of the season is Sept. 6.

DiDomenico and McGonagle announce bill to provide relief and improve access to unemployment Benefits

Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representative Joseph McGonagle joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a bill that will provide additional Unemployment Insurance (UI) relief to low-income families, non-profit institutions and employers. The legislation now moves on to the governor.

An Act Providing Additional Support to Those Affected by the Novel Coronavirus Through the Unemployment Insurance System builds on UI legislation already signed into law waiving the one-week waiting period to receive benefits. “From the outset of this crisis, our number one priority has been addressing the immediate needs that the people of Massachusetts face, and that includes protecting our residents’ economic stability,” said Senator DiDomenico. “I am pleased that we have once again taken action to strengthen our unemployment system to meet the unprecedented nature of this emergency, and ensure that workers and employers can access the new protections available to them through both state and federal action. Thank you to my colleagues in the House and Senate for their bipartisan collaboration on this critical bill.”

“The passing of this legislation shows great partnership and leadership between the branches of the legislature,” said Representative McGonagle. “We have all seen the worry with unemployment from both sides, so this legislation allows us to address those concerns more thoroughly. I think Speaker

DeLeo and President Spilka did a fantastic job coordinating this effort.”

The legislation builds off the legislature’s ongoing efforts to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its impact on workers and follows the passage of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which significantly increased UI benefits and expands eligibility during the coronavirus pandemic.

The components of the bill are as follows:

- Protection for Employers. Employers who participate in UI pay contributions based on their layoff experience. Like other forms of insurance, employers that are more likely to have workers use unemployment compensation are asked to pay more in the system. The system does not anticipate a situation where employers across a number of sectors have been forced to significantly reduce their workforces due to situations outside of their control. This bill prevents layoffs related to coronavirus from negatively impacting employer’s future UI contributions.

- Extending Unemployment Benefit Period. The number of weeks of unemployment compensation available in Massachusetts is tied to unemployment rates around the state. This trigger did not anticipate a situation, however, in which unemployment grows rapidly in a very short period of time. This bill ensures that the 30-week benefit period is triggered by a significant uptick in weekly unemployment claims.

- Lifting the Cap on De-

pendency Allotment. This bill eliminates the 50% cap for the dependency allotment providing additional benefits to low-income families. This increase will be in addition to the \$600 per week benefit add-on provided for in the CARES Act for all workers eligible for state or federal benefits. This provision is effective for 18 months after the end of COVID-19 emergency and the end of enhanced federal benefits.

Currently, UI recipients are entitled to an additional \$25 per week for each child in the family, capped at 50% of a recipient’s base allotment. The result is that workers with particularly low allotments, such as low wage workers, can easily be capped out of receiving these additional amounts.

- Non-Profit Contribution Grace Period. Presently, many non-profits self-insure for unemployment claims. This means that when layoffs in the sector occur, non-profits pay the cost of those benefits dollar for dollar at the next billing period. This bill provides a 120-day grace period for non-profits to make these contributions. This delay will allow the state to review additional changes that are warranted to mitigate the impact on non-profits. The CARES Act provides 50% reimbursement for self-insured benefit payments during the Coronavirus crisis.

An Act Providing Additional Support to Those Affected by the Novel Coronavirus Through the Unemployment Insurance System now moves to the governor for consideration.

House passes technology investment bill; McGonagle secures \$1,550,000 for Everett

Rep. Joseph McGonagle and his colleagues in the House of Representatives passed legislation in their third remote formal session that would invest up to \$1.63 billion in the governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth.

The legislation, An Act financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth, ensures that Massachusetts invests in large-scale projects related to technology, education and public safety, as well as directs funding to specific regional and municipal projects in need of improvement especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Over the last several months, thousands of public employees have been working from home,” House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz said. “While this has

certainly helped us flatten the curve, it has also put tremendous pressure on our IT infrastructure like the commonwealth has never seen before. These funds will help ensure that employees can continue to work remotely as needed while still providing vital services to our constituents.”

“This pandemic has created a set of challenges we did not initially expect, but so far we have done a fine job of rising to the occasion,” said McGonagle. “Many in the Commonwealth quickly switched to virtual work which helped the health data trend positively and allowed us to continue doing our jobs and serving the people of the Commonwealth. Despite some technical glitches, I believe we have been successful in adapting to these issues. I’m grateful to

Speaker DeLeo and Chair Michlewitz for prioritizing this bill, and I’m very excited for the benefits Everett will gain.”

Everett is slated to receive:

- \$250,000 for improvements to Everett virtual city hall operations to include additional equipment, capital related services and upgrades to better serve the public.

- \$1 million for electronic learning devices for all Everett students and OTIS for educators.

- \$150,000 for capital repairs, utility upgrades and emergency backup power generators at the Ferry Street fire station and 911 Call-Center in Everett.

- \$150,000 for the feasibility, design and engineering for a new police station headquarters in Everett.

The bill will now go to the Senate.

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OBITUARIES

Robert McEvoy

Retired stagehand, member of the I.A.T.S.E, former racehorse owner and trainer

 Robert J. McEvoy of Chelsea, formerly of Revere, passed away peacefully on May 25, at the age of 67 after a long illness. Robert was a Vietnam veteran, a member of the DAV, and a proud former member of the U.S. Air Force, working on the crash and burn rescue squad. He was a retired stagehand and a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (I.A.T.S.E.), Local 11. Robert had a love for racehorses and visited many racetracks around the country. For a brief time, he owned and trained horses



at Suffolk Downs. Robert spent his last year living at the Chelsea Soldiers Home where he received wonderful care and the love and respect from their excellent nursing staff. He was the husband of the late Darlene (Fiorillo) McEvoy and the devoted father of Joseph McEvoy

and his wife, Tenley McEvoy of Chelsea, and the late Jill McEvoy of Revere; the loving son of the late Joseph and Rita McEvoy of Malden, the dear brother of Karen McEvoy of Malden, and Susan McEvoy and her partner, Neal Proman of Gilford, NH and the late Richard McEvoy of Revere. He is also survived by many dear family members and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Patient Activities Fund at Chelsea Soldiers Home, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

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, Lorraine 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 Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett.

To place a memorial in the Independent, please call 617-387-9600

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Everett youth group wins Peer Outreach Award at virtual Kick Butts Day

This year, the annual Kick Butts Day event at the Massachusetts State House could not take place. However, youth from The 84 Movement still wanted an event to celebrate their efforts to reduce the influence of the tobacco and vaping industries in their communities. So the young leaders created and participated in a virtual training and awards ceremony via Zoom on April 29. The 245 participating youth and adults from around the Commonwealth all work to educate and mobilize young people in their communities about tobacco and vaping industry targeting. The 84 Movement virtual event celebrated the groundbreaking legislation in Massachusetts that restricts the sale of flavored tobacco products, including mint and menthol products. The im-

portance of the new law and other efforts to protect youth is heightened during the time of the coronavirus as evidence grows that smoking and vaping can harm the body’s ability to fight COVID-19. Opening remarks at the virtual Kick Butts Day: Take Down Tobacco awards ceremony were delivered by Senator John Keenan and Representative Danielle Gregoire, co-authors of An Act to Modernize Tobacco Control. They emphasized that youth activism played a pivotal role in the development and passage of what Senator Keenan called “the nation-leading law.” Senator Keenan explained that the strong bill became a law because “quite simply we had an incredible group of young people standing up for their generation.” During the awards cere-

mony, awards were presented to individuals and chapters of The 84 Movement for their dedication to reducing the impact of tobacco in their communities and across Massachusetts – including Everett’s chapter. The 2020 Peer Outreach Award went to TEASA/Teens in Everett Against Substance Abuse, a project of the Cambridge Health Alliance. The Peer Outreach Award is presented to a chapter for demonstrating exemplary effort in reaching young people with The 84 Movement message. Since 2005, TEASA has been active in doing local outreach work and for the last 6 years they have been represented on The 84’s Statewide Leadership Team. This year, TEASA grew in size to 30 active members, thanks to the passion and

commitment of the group. They conducted surveys in three schools about perceptions of tobacco use, attended meetings at City Hall and worked to change city policies around where tobacco is sold to protect youth from nicotine addiction. TEASA is credited with leading by example in Everett and proving that youth voices can play a major role in improving public health. The youth were very excited to learn that TEASA won the award. Diana Fiesta, a graduating senior of Everett High stated, “I feel like we deserve the award, but I was shocked. Everyone works hard to come up with ways to advocate around our community, even when schools were closed, and we stopped having in-person meetings. I was given the amazing opportunity to be a

part of TEASA and The 84 Statewide Leadership Team where I learned so many important skills. Although I will be graduating and no longer a member, I know that this award will always be something great to look back on, not only for me but for the current and future members of TEASA as well.” Sandra Le, another graduating senior, also shared her excitement and a similar sentiment. “I believe that this award was well-deserved and I am more than proud of TEASA for all we have done. It would definitely not have been possible without the dedication and hard-work that the members of TEASA have put in and I appreciate all of them.” At previous Kick Butts Day events at the State House, hundreds of youth from The 84 Movement vis-

ited their legislators telling stories of tobacco industry influences that concern them and explaining their work to pass protective local policies in their communities. Following this year’s online event, The 84 Movement chapters are virtually thanking their legislators for hearing their voices, listening to their local stories over the years, and doing their part to protect youth from a lifetime of nicotine addiction. The 84 Movement is a program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program, developed and managed in partnership with Health Resources in Action. Created in 2007, The 84 represents the 84% of Massachusetts youth who did not smoke cigarettes (in 2017 that number was 93%).

AG Healey brief: Environmental pollution contributes to disparate impact of covid-19 pandemic on communities of color

Attorney General Maura Healey released a brief on the environmental factors that compound the COVID-19 pandemic’s disparate impact on communities of color in Massachusetts, and outlines steps the state should take to address the longstanding impact of environmental injustice on families, including investing in clean energy jobs, strengthening regulatory procedures to protect vulnerable communities, and fighting rollbacks of federal environmental protection laws. “Longstanding injustices and inequities in our approach to environmental regulation have contributed to the fact that communities of color have been disparately impacted by this pandemic,” AG Healey said. “We need to work together to address the biases that this crisis exposes, including strengthening regulations, enforcing important environmental laws that fight pollution and protect public health, and advocating for a clean energy future.” The brief – called “COVID-19’s Unequal Effects in Massachusetts” – features a Boston University School of Public Health analysis of data compiled by AG Healey’s Office and shows that communities with the highest percentage of Black, Brown, and immigrant residents – including Chelsea, Everett, Brockton, Lawrence and Lynn – are “hotspots” for the COVID-19 pandemic. These cities and towns have long been among the poorest and most polluted in the state, with higher than average asthma-related hospitalizations. These com-

munities are also among the most vulnerable to climate change. “Environmental justice communities have been disproportionately burdened by COVID-19, because of a combination of factors ranging from workplace exposures to overcrowded housing to environmental exposures that lead to higher rates of respiratory and cardiovascular disease,” said Jonathan Levy, Professor and Chair of the Department of Environmental Health at Boston University School of Public Health. “Only by understanding the influence of environmental exposures can we protect vulnerable populations from this pandemic and future crises, including climate change.” Massachusetts ranks fourth nationally in the total number of COVID-19 cases and third in total deaths, with the recent number of cases per 100,000 people in Chelsea (5,958) eclipsing those in New York City (2,257), according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the New York City Health Department. Environmental factors are exacerbating COVID-19 in the state. According to the brief, industrial facilities, highways, and other sources are heavily concentrated in lower-income areas and communities of color, leading to high rates of air pollution, including fine particulate matter pollution. Last month, researchers at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health issued a study linking long term exposure to fine particulate matter with increased COVID-19

death rates. The BU School of Public Health recently released a mapping tool for COVID-19 vulnerability in Massachusetts, showing that the areas with the lowest environmental quality are communities of color and COVID-19 hotspots. The brief argues that COVID-19 health disparities in Massachusetts, and across the nation, are the result of policy choices that have failed to protect vulnerable communities. As a result, the state’s current regulatory system allows for polluting industries and facilities to concentrate in environmental justice communities without the necessary safeguards in place or a level playing field in permitting and siting processes that favor parties with greater legal and technical resources. “I’m delighted to see the Attorney General’s Office highlight the connections between the structural inequality imbedded within the design of the current energy system and the co-morbidities that contribute to the complications of COVID-19,” said Shalanda Baker, Professor of Law, Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University School of Law and Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Initiative for Energy Justice. “These revelations should counsel the Commonwealth to prioritize investments in locally-sited clean energy to reduce the health burdens disproportionately borne by our state’s communities of color.” Said Brad Campbell, president of Conservation Law Foundation, “The Attorney General’s report makes

clear that Chelsea and Everett are hit first and worst by COVID-19 and climate disruption because of decades of choices embedded in law and policy. Redlining by lenders decades ago and today’s standard-setting, siting, and enforcement practices for pollution have been lethal and unjust for low-income and minority communities, and this report is an overdue call for sweeping change.” Said Roseann Bongiovanni, of Chelsea GreenRoots, “Chelsea, the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak in Massachusetts, has an infection rate that is six times the state’s rate. Our residents are getting sick and dying in unprecedented numbers. Low-income communities and communities of color cannot and should not shoulder the burdens for the benefits realized by the entire region. Toxic facilities cannot continue to be sited in low-income communities of color. Now is the time to take swift and aggressive action to right years of wrongs.” The existing environmental disparities that make communities of color particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 also make those same communities particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The effects of climate-driven extreme heat, extreme weather events, sea level rise, and degraded air quality are considerably amplified for vulnerable communities who often live near hazardous waste sites and industrial facilities that pose risks of explosion or leaks, struggle with chronic health conditions and lack economic stability.

In order to remedy these longstanding environmental injustices and to make Massachusetts more climate resilient, the AG’s brief recommends: •Invest in Clean Energy Jobs to Promote Economic Recovery These investments will create green jobs, build a more resilient climate and more healthy and equitable communities. The state should also prioritize incentives for rooftop solar and community-owned energy in environmental justice communities. Improving energy efficiency in buildings across the state will reduce reliance on polluting energy resources and make electricity more affordable for families across the state. •Halt Rollbacks of Federal Environmental Protections and Enforce Existing Laws During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trump Administration has rolled back critical environmental protections, putting public health at further risk. In response to a request from the American Petroleum Institute, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a policy on March 26 that effectively suspended enforcement of certain federal environmental laws, even in situations where noncompliance poses an imminent threat to public health. AG Healey issued a statement last month pledging to uphold critical environmental and public health protections during the crisis. She also joined 13 attorneys general in sending a letter to EPA calling on the agency to withdraw the dangerous policy.

•Strengthen Requirements to Protect Environmental Justice Communities The brief calls for a more robust network of air quality monitoring sites that can better track hot spots of particle pollution within vulnerable neighborhoods, with the goal of providing regular updates to communities on public health threats. The brief also calls for stronger environmental justice criteria and procedural safeguards in connection with regulatory permitting and siting decisions to ensure communities will not be disparately exposed to pollution. In response to the growing needs around the COVID-19 crisis, AG Healey has called for more data on current access to testing, medical care, and rates of infection, in order to better target needed resources and support. The AG’s Office has expanded resources for Black, Brown, and immigrant communities and ramped up outreach efforts to these communities that are disproportionately impacted. Last week, the AG’s Office announced the distribution of more than 20,000 resource flyers in multiple languages to communities with high rates of coronavirus cases including Brockton, Chelsea, Lawrence, Randolph, Revere, Lynn, Everett, Stoughton, Worcester and communities across Boston. Visit the AG’s COVID-19 resource page for information about how the AG’s Office can provide support during this crisis.

Malden Catholic High School graduation schedule 2020

Ceremonial Lighting of Brother Gilbert Stadium – Senior Monday Spotlight

In honor of the Class of 2020, our stadium lights are illuminated daily from 8:20 p.m. (that's 2020 hours military time) to 8:40 p.m. until June 20, 2020. This symbolic lighting of the stadium for the duration of 20 minutes starting at 2020 hours demonstrates our pride for the Class of 2020. On Monday evenings, we will take photos of some of our senior class leaders including our Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Student Council, etc. Our Communications Department will contact these individuals directly.

Senior Gift – Delivered During the Week of May 25

Seniors will receive a special gift delivered to their homes over the week of May 25 from Gingerbread Construction Com-

pany.

Adopt-A-Senior

Plans are underway for parents in our MC community to provide a special token of appreciation for our seniors. Look for more information to be shared soon.

Virtual Senior Christian-Service Prayer Service – Monday, June 15, at 4:00 p.m.

The annual Senior Christian Service Prayer Service will be held virtually on Monday, June 15, at 4:00 p.m. This is one way in which we can preserve our Prayer Service tradition and allow seniors to reflect prayerfully on the great service they rendered to the community over 4 years. Our survey responses supported a virtual event.

Senior Virtual Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Senior

Awards Ceremony will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m. Based upon the survey data, our seniors indicated that a virtual ceremony was an appropriate format for this event. We will set up a stage and backdrop in the gym, and school administrators will host the event. (Awards, certificates, honor cords, moms' flowers and other memorabilia from this event will be distributed at our MC Live Rolling Rally on Saturday, June 20.)

The MC Live Rolling Rally – Saturday, June 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Rain date is June 21, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

We will be transforming our back parking area into a senior celebration site for our first-ever Senior Rolling Rally! Seniors and family, traveling in one car, will follow a parade route around the School, making

way to a stage where seniors will exit the vehicle for a photo opportunity with administrators and receive their MC Senior Graduation Package with awards, certificates, honor cords, flowers for their moms and other memorabilia. We encourage seniors to wear their "quarantine t-shirts" for the event. Additionally, MC administrators will host a short program. The event will be live-streamed for those gathered, as well as for other family members and individuals from the community to follow along and enjoy.

Malden Catholic Live Commencement/Conferral of Diplomas – Saturday, August 1, at 4:00 p.m.

In response to our survey, we plan to host live our Class of 2020 Commencement Exercises in Brother Gilbert Stadium, as permitted by state and local

health organizations and government officials. Malden Catholic will follow all social distancing guidelines as established by the CDC to ensure the safety for all involved.

If for some reason, we are not able to hold the event as outlined above, our "Plan B" is to conduct a drive-up conferral of diplomas on Malden Catholic grounds or personally deliver each diploma to the homes of our seniors by our lead administrators, while maintaining social distancing.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Malden Catholic is proud to announce the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian for the Class of 2020.

Valedictorian - Michael Sekenski

Salutatorian - Ciro Carbone

Live Senior Baccalaureate Mass and Reception

– Tuesday, November 25 (time to be determined)

During Thanksgiving week, when our seniors typically come home, visit the school to pick up yearbooks, and rekindle old friendships, we will host our Senior Baccalaureate Mass. The Mass and Reception are scheduled for Tuesday, November 25. The time will be announced as we move closer to the date.

We have much to celebrate in the achievements of our Class of 2020! Though we cannot do it in our usual fashion, we hope that the events we have planned will convey our love, thanks, and appreciation to each senior and his family for the partnership we have shared and for the relationship that will continue as our graduates join the ranks of Malden Catholic alumni.

DiPierro says 'Thank you postal workers'

Last week, City Councilor Anthony DiPierro paid an early morning visit to Chelsea, where the Everett letter carriers meet to sort their mail prior to heading out to their routes. DiPierro showed up with 40 prepared breakfast bags to thank them for their essential work throughout this pandemic.

DiPierro said the idea came about one day while talking with Council President Rosa DiFlorio as they brainstormed some differ-

ent ways to thank essential workers around the city.

"Many local leaders and businesses have stepped up in tremendous ways by feeding and thanking front-line workers such as Police, Fire and Healthcare Professionals across the city," he said. "I realized that our letter carriers have still been out each and every day and I wanted to simply say thank you."

The Square Deli of Everett prepared 40 bags, each stocked with a breakfast

sandwich, a fresh fruit cup, a chilled coffee and a juice.

Everett resident, and Post Office employee, Steven O'Connor helped DiPierro coordinate the effort.

"On behalf of the Everett letter carriers, I want to thank Councilor DiPierro for stopping by and recognizing us" O'Connor said. "It truly meant a lot to the men and women I work with and we are all grateful for his generosity and support."



Councilor Anthony DiPierro recently paid a visit to the USPS sorting facility in the New England Produce Market to encourage the Everett letter carriers – who gather at the facility every day before going out to deliver the mail. DiPierro combined with the Square Deli to provide a breakfast pack to the Everett letter carriers as a 'thank you' for continuing their work diligently through the pandemic.

32BJ SEIU & the Maintenance Contractors of New England Agree to a One-Year Contract Extension

In a moment of employer and labor unity during the Coronavirus crisis, 32BJ SEIU and the Maintenance Contractors of New England have agreed to a one-year extension of their 2016-2020 contract. The new contract—which covers approximately 14,000 janitors who clean commercial office buildings and public spaces throughout Metropolitan Boston, Central Massachusetts, and Rhode Island—was scheduled to expire this September but will now be extended through September 30, 2021.

Both parties agreed that coming together in this unprecedented economic and public health crisis is crucial, especially as people start coming back to work at the office buildings these workers clean. The extension will allow management, union officials, and workers to strategize together on protecting the health and safety of all as Governor Baker's administration rolls out his four-phase reopening plan, and making sure that building owners are doing the same. The extension also maintains quality, union healthcare for the janitors and their families, which is crucial for this vulnerable workforce and the general public in the face of COVID-19.

"The cleaning contractors of Massachusetts and Rhode Island put tremendous value in our employees," said Michael White, President/Chairman of the Association. "We are glad that this agreement will enable the industry to continue and maintain our focus

on providing our clients with the services they need in this unprecedented moment as well as to ensure the stability they and our employees depend upon."

"The pandemic has forced all of us on both sides of the table to unite around economic stability and workplace safety as the Bay State slowly reopens," said Roxana Rivera, Vice President of 32BJ SEIU and local leader of the union. "Our commercial cleaners come from some of the most impacted communities in our state—they are primarily immigrants and people of color living in places that have been ravaged by the disease, such as Chelsea, Lynn, and Mattapan. Right now, they need stability and collaboration with management, and I'm very pleased that the Contractors Association agrees. By coming together, we will do our part to make the Bay State's working families safe and secure as we fight this terrible disease."

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SINDURAKAR GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Princy Sindurakar, of Everett, received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross on May 22, 2020.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, Holy Cross hosted a virtual celebration for its Class of 2020, featuring a special message from Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Anthony Fauci '62, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Sindurakar was among 707 students who received electronic diplomas as part of the event.

The virtual celebrations will be followed by an in-person commencement ceremony for the class of 2020 to be held in spring 2021.

The College of the Holy

Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

DUPERIER RECEIVES OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD

Saint Anselm College student Julie Duperier of Everett, was honored along with the members of the 2020 class council with

the Student Engagement and Leadership Outstanding Student Organization Award for the 2019-2020 academic year in recognition of their community service and involvement.

Duperier, a natural sciences major in the class of 2020, served as the council's Class Treasurer. The members showed exemplary service and leadership throughout the last two years but in particular during the senior year challenges.

College president, Dr. Joseph A. Favazza, began the evening offering a few thoughts saying, "Service is at the heart of what it means to be Anselmian. It's at the very heart of our mission. It's who we are and I can't be more excited than to be here with you, to celebrate with you." The ceremony was held virtually on April 28th due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Everett Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the 200-3 Roof Replacement and Chimney Repairs, #093074 in Everett, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Winslow Architects Inc. The Project consists of: Replacement of roofing shingles, felt paper, ice and water membrane, gutters, downspouts, chimney re-pointing, repair, rebuilding and installation of new attic insulation and eave baffles on 8 - 2 story buildings in the base scope of work and 7 - 2 story buildings in seven add alternates. The contractor is responsible to acquire approval for COVID 19 safety plan as required by the town of Everett and adhere to safety measures and state and local government guidelines during the construction. The work is estimated to cost \$447,200. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §826 to 27H inclusive. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocs.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the

"Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer). General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, Roofing, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement. General Bids will be received until 10:00 AM on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 and publicly opened online, forthwith. Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until on and publicly opened online, forthwith. SUBTRADES - NONE. All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified above. General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Everett Housing Authority. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocs.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167). There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc. Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general

bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), non-refundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs. General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (David.McClave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost less than \$500,000 OR 10 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost \$500,000 or more - NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE BID DATE. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders. PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Wednesday, 10 June 2020 at 10:00 AM Address: 26 Cherry Street, Everett MA 02149, Everett Instructions: Pre-Bid

Conference will be conducted over a 3 hour period. Please contact Tej Vashee - tej@winslowarchitects.com for available time slots. SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at: Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167

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On April 29, 2020, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. requesting its consent to the assignment of license of Station WKOX(AM), Everett, Massachusetts (1430 kHz), from the Ocean Station Trust II LLC to Delmarva Educational Association. The sole member of the Assignor, the Ocean Station Trust II LLC, is Digital Drake LLC. The sole member of Digital Drake LLC is Barry Drake. The officers and directors of the Proposed Assignee, the Delmarva Educational Association, are Nancy A. Epperson, Stuart W. Epperson, Jr., Kristine E. Pringle, Beatrice Ward, Pamela Davis, Mark Gunn, Karen June Deneur, John Fonville, and Roger Stark. A copy of this application is available on the Internet at <https://publicfiles.fcc.gov>.

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

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Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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Pastor’s Office Hours:
Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.
Other times by
appointment.**

Grace Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3pm Haitian Creole. We have Sunday school during the 1pm service in the Children’s Room. Coffee Hour starts after the 10am service in the Parish Hall (entrance on 11

Liberty St.)

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

**Grace Anglican
Episcopal Church
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Everett, MA
Church Phone
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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 at 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 Cannon

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Each Thursdays’ adoration will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

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

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

Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates,

visit us at www.foreverett.church to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Teaching about Holiness .

Sunday 10:30 AM Worship service.

Wednesday hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study. We are studying about God, come join us.

Come join us in prayer every Friday at 6 am.

Saturday, 12-3, Women’s Fellowship. Join our sisters in worship, fellowship and prayer.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,” Colossians 3:23

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• Domingo 9:30 am Escuela Dominical de Adultos. (en inglés)

Servicio de Alabanza y Adoracion a las 10 am (en inglés)

• Miercoles Hora de Poder, Oración, alabanza y Estudio de la Palabra de Dios a las 7 pm (en inglés)

• Ven unete a nosotros para orar todos los viernes a las 6 am

• Domingo Servicio de alabanza y adoracion a las 4pm (Servicio en español)

Mayores informes de los servicios en español (617) 306-3518

“No temas, porque yo estoy contigo; no desmayes, porque yo soy tu Dios que te esfuerzo; siempre te ayudaré, siempre te sustentaré con la diestra de mi justicia.”

Isaías 41:10

“En busca de la excelencia espiritual

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“In light of this virus, there is no better way to demonstrate our constant and unrelenting determination to win the battle against this virus than by honoring our fallen soldiers and their families even during a pandemic,” she continued.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria delivered a short, but emotional, oration where he said the community has come together as it did in previous war times.

“I can think of nothing more important than honoring our fallen heroes here today,” he said. “But, I would be remiss in not acknowledging that life for millions of people has changed radically across the world over the past few months, and thousands of people are dying every day – killed by an invisible army...We are not up against another army or nation, but the enemy is right here and elusive. As with wars in the past, we have come together again as a community to protect and assist those most vulnerable. I have been inspired by the shared sacrifice and the personal responsibility that our residents have taken.”

He added that the virus has awakened ideals within everyone consistent with the soldiers of the past who died on the battlefield – those ideals being duty,

personal responsibility, sacrifice, endurance, hope and faith.

The exercises were held at the new gazebo in Glenwood Cemetery, with a mostly empty audience around it. Yet, hundreds in cars packed the pathways of the cemetery in what was likely a record attendance for recent years.

Prior to the exercises, City officials and veterans from World War II to Afghanistan gathered at the Everett High parking lot in their cars. Adorned with American flags, a rolling rally drove behind police cars and fire trucks up Elm Street and down Washington Avenue to the cemetery.

As they entered, patriotic music blasted for all to hear, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and First Lady Stacy DeMaria welcomed everyone as they drove by, and City employees passed out sanitized American flags.

Even a City employee wiped down the podium and microphone with disinfectant between speakers. Precautions were everywhere, but they didn’t seem to distract from the purpose – to ‘Never Forget.’

The war dead from Everett include:

- World War I – 44
- World War II – 144
- Korean War – 18
- Vietnam War - 9



Everett's Sgt. Major Tom Ardita says the Pledge of Allegiance.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria delivers the Memorial Day address as First Lady Stacy DeMaria looks on.



Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano said Memorial Day would have a different significance this year.



School Committeeman Frank Parker takes in the exercises at a safe distance from the action.



Council President Rosa DiFlorio.



Nurse Jo shows off 'Henry the Hand,' a character she uses to teach about the importance of hand washing.



Florence Ryan arrives at Glenwood Cemetery in her car to participate in Memorial Day Exercises.



From the solicitor's office, Matt Lattanzi, Keith Slattery, and Colleen Mejia.



Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Mayor Chief of Staff Kevin O'Donnell, and Councilor Peter Napolitano.



Teacher Cassie McDonald and Music Director Gene O'Brien get ready for the vehicle parade.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and First Lady Stacy DeMaria welcome the cars to Glenwood.



Music Director Gene O'Brien plays 'Taps.'



Sen. Sal DiDomenico pulls his mask off for a smile.



School Committeewoman Cynthia Sarnie, Councilor Michael McLaughlin and Patti Frati.



School Committeewoman Millie Cardello and Bob Cardello.



Council on Aging Director Dale Palma, Sandra Jackson, Celia O'Brien, Marion Matewsky, Councilor Wayne Matewsky (with Tommy the dog), Council President Rosa DiFlorio and Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Anthony Ammouri waves a flag from the back seat of the car as his family arrives for Memorial Day.



The Rolling Memorial Day Car parade arrives at Glenwood Cemetery.

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