

EATING OUT IN EVERETT



Liz Kiraly of Bone Up Brewery said they are having great success at the beer garden they created for outdoor dining – which supplements the indoor spaces that are now allowed under the Phase 2.



A new parklet that will help service Bakes and Cakes has popped up on Norwood Street in a partnership between the restaurant and the City. Finding space outside is critical and the City is in fast forward trying to help restaurants and eateries get approved and running again.

City streamlines outdoor dining process to help enliven community

By Seth Daniel

As restaurants throughout the City have the green light from the state to begin using indoor spaces to serve, the popularity and creativity for outdoor dining spaces has picked up to an even greater degree. It seems counterintuitive,

but City officials and some establishments in Everett indicated they have had tremendous response from patrons to their outdoor dining options, and there is also some speculation that not all patrons will be comfortable inside eating – though they might take a stab at summer dining outside.

There is also the case of regulations, which severely impact the numbers of tables inside that a restaurant can use – slashing indoor capacity by 50 percent in some cases. To make up for that, restaurant owners and the City of Everett have turned to being creative in order to “recover tables”

lost inside at the outdoor space.

“We’re up to close to 15 establishments that are already doing it or looking to do outdoor dining and we expect that number to grow,” said Tony Sousa, planning director. “We do

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Total Swish

Carlo DeMaria Jr. says he will donate basketball hoop

By Seth Daniel

The DeMaria family has had to often live with the criticism and, often, cheap shots that are directed at their father, Carlo DeMaria Sr., being the Mayor of Everett.

That has gone on for years since the casino debate more than a decade ago, but in a recent controversy over a new basket-

ball hoop, Carlo DeMaria Jr. said he will simply give up the gift his parents gave him rather than let the controversy stew around his father.

“I got this net as a gift,” he said. “However, I’ve seen this story go around about my dad and it’s totally the opposite of what happened. It’s right in front of the house and pretty big. Everyone sees it and I was

excited to get it. But with all the stories going around, I decided I’m going to donate it and let it make someone else happy. I’m 21 now and work all the time and go to school. I don’t really have time to play basketball like I used to do. I’m going to talk to the Housing Authority and I have an idea for where it can go and maybe they’ll agree.”

DeMaria Jr. was a huge

basketball fan and played all the time, he said, mostly on his old net at his house. He also played and coached in the Everett Youth Basketball League, and ran a daily summer basketball workshop for kids a few years ago.

He said, however, with school and work, he doesn’t have as much time to play

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Members of proposed Diversity and Equity Advisory Board announced

Staff Report

Following his declaration of racism being a public health crisis last week, Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced on Monday 10 members of a new advisory board that will navigate a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories to advise the administration on policy changes to address structural racism.

Last week Mayor Carlo DeMaria reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that racism and discrimina-

tion both remain intolerable in the City of Everett.

In DeMaria’s promise to the City, he committed to former President Barack Obama’s Mayor’s Pledge in which he promised to engage the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories into the policy making decisions of the City. Through this, the City of Everett’s Diversity and Equity Advisory Board was formed.

The Everett Diversity and Equity Advisory Board will be an independent

group of community members chaired by Senior Pastor of the Zion Church Ministries and Presiding Prelate of the Covenant Christian Church Alliance Inc., Bishop Robert G. Brown.

The Board is made up entirely of people of color, including a wide range of races, and includes:

- Dorothy Martin Long, Former School Committee Member, Devens School Board Member, and Elections Committee Member.
- Kim Tsai, Deputy Superintendent, Everett Public Schools.

•Reverend Myrlande DesRosiers, Director, Everett Haitian Community Center.

•Stephanie Martins, City Councilor, City of Everett.

•Oswaldo Constanza, Teacher, Everett High School.

•Gerly Adrien, City Councilor, City of Everett.

•Jermaine Bellard, President, Everett Police Patrolmen’s Union, NEPBA Local 94.

•Michelle Fenelon, Communications Special-

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Pieces of a Puzzle

School layoffs, reorganization try to strike a balance

By Seth Daniel

The School Department has concluded the first of what they hope will be the final round of reorganization and layoffs at all levels of administration and support services in the schools – moving many of the administrative duties into teaching positions, changing the academy structure at Everett High School (EHS), opening up more positions for teaching and also leveraging large amounts of grant funding from outside the city.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani and her administrative team have entered a reorganization that looks to shed more than 90 jobs at the administrative level, but at the same time they are looking to hire some back into teaching positions that will be critical as the COVID-19 restrictions come down for the fall semester. To preserve teachers and those directly serving students, they chose to begin their 5 percent budget cuts in the administration.

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500,000 pounds of food distributed

Special to the Independent

On June 17, Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined Everett staff and volunteers at the City of Everett Connolly Center to distribute food to Everett residents who are experiencing food insecurity during the COVID-19 health pandemic. The distribution was a milestone

in that it was the day that the City surpassed 500,000 pounds of food distributed since the pandemic response began.

Overall, the City of Everett has distributed more than 500,000 pounds of food since the city was forced to lockdown during

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined City of Everett workers at the weekly Grab-N-Go in the Connolly Center last Weds., June 17. The mayor helped to commemorate the City surpassing 500,000 pounds of food distributed to residents who are struggling under the COVID-19 shutdowns. Scores of organizations have joined the City to help feed those who are not able to get food because of the pandemic.

City raises Pride flag for the first time in history

By Seth Daniel

School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros has taken to the podium at City and School events – and even state events for the Attorney General’s Office – many times, but none were as intensely personal as when he stepped to the microphone on Monday afternoon as the City’s first openly gay elected official to see the Pride flag raised for the first time in City history.

“For me as the first openly gay man elected in the City’s history, it is a special moment today,” he said. “It’s been a long journey since the Stonewall riots on June 28, 1969...Since that fight, the fight for equal rights brought marriage equality rights to Massa-

chusetts in 2004. That is the year I met my husband in City Hall – right behind us. I arrived from Brazil in Everett and met my Everett born husband in Everett City Hall...It is a special moment not only for me as a gay man, but for the City also.”

On Monday, the City of Everett held their 1st Annual Pride Flag raising ceremony in honor of Pride Month. Led by Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the ceremony featured a short speaking program, and then the raising of the flag on the ceremonial pole outside the Church Street entrance.

“The City of Everett has come a long way – I am proud to stand with you today as we turn a corner as a community,” said the mayor, noting that the first time

the flag was raised was 41 years ago in San Francisco. “Everett is a melting pot of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. In Everett- everyone is accepted, welcomed, and at home.”

The flag will be flown on the Church Street entrance of Everett City Hall throughout the month of June.

City officials, Mayor DeMaria, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Representative Joe McGonagle and Almeida Barros all spoke in front of a crowd of approximately 50 people.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico talked about his fight to pass the Transgender Bill in the State House only a few short years ago, and the pushback he got from with-



PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros spoke on Monday, June 22, during the City’s first-ever Pride Month flag raising ceremony outside City Hall on the Ceremonial Flag Pole. Barros told the crowd he was the first openly gay elected official in the city, and had met his husband in City Hall many years ago.

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Police Chief, Union president tell Council of initial policy changes

By Seth Daniel

The City Council held a four-hour online meeting on Monday – the third meeting in a row to stretch late into the night – and covered scores of topics, addressing police matter, internal conflicts between councilors and new construction guidelines

The Council had voted unanimously for Councilor Gerly Adrien’s request to have Chief Steven Mazzie and Police Union President Jermaine Bellard appear before an online Council meeting to discuss policies regarding use of force and reporting such things. Also, Bellard – who is a certified trainer – reported on training done by the Everett Police.

“I wanted to know what policies we have going on in the police force and I also wanted to make sure they are the best policies for our residents,” said Adrien.

Chief Mazzie said the four requests were covered in two major EPD policies, including the Use of Force Policy and the Use of Force Reporting Policy.

“Obviously, we have started looking at our policies over the last several weeks,” he said. “We have looked at our Use of Force...to see if we need to make amendments to it.”

Already, the chief said they have changed their policies to more readily define de-escalation of situations – using more specific language and including it in the policy and the rules and regulations.

“We tried to build some redundancy on that because stresses to officers the importance of it,” he said. “I do want to make sure people understand these techniques of strangleholds or choke holds are not trained or taught in Massachusetts...Strangleholds and choke holds have never been trained and taught here and so they were nev-

er contained in our Use of Force policy. We decided to take it a step further and put it in there that it was not to be used as a compliance technique in non-deadly force encounters.”

Mazzie said they – as well as Mayor Carlo DeMaria – are continuing to look at their policies and policing strategies under the proclamation last week by the mayor of racism being a public health issue.

As they do implement these immediate changes – which were done on June 15 – and any other new one, it will require training, the chief said.

“You don’t just change a policy and that’s it,” he said.

That’s where training comes in, and Union President Bellard is in charge of officer training in the EPD now. Bellard said the state requires 40 hours of training per year, but the EPD routinely does far more than that. Much of that is in the classroom, he said, with about six hours per year devoted to actual physical technique training.

“We’re required to do 40 hours per year, but usually go over that and do more than the minimum training hours,” he said. “When it comes to the Use of Force and defensive tactics, each officer has six hours of training to include training for use of force as a last resorts and practicing verbal techniques and using words to de-escalate.”

Firearm training is a separate training and subject, Bellard said.

Mazzie said officers also train on topics picked by the state police chiefs and law enforcement organizations. That includes every officer being trained on “Mental Health 101” to prepare them for dealing with those in the field who might be dealing with mental health issues and not able to comply. They are also trained thoroughly in

suicide prevention, how to slow confrontations down, stress indicators, violent extremism, racial/cultural bias and bullying on social media.

•ADRIEN VS. DIFLORIO

It is clear that Council President Rosa DiFlorio and Councilor Adrien have come to an impasse when it comes to getting along or even civil discourse – with both on Monday night entering into impassioned speeches about how the other was disrespecting them.

There has been a strained relationship between the two since inauguration night back in January when Adrien refused to vote for DiFlorio as Council President because she wasn’t officially asked for her vote. As the only councilor not voting for DiFlorio, it created a natural tension.

On Monday night, during a piece regarding requests for information from the schools, Adrien lost her patience with DiFlorio, who was interrupting her as she displayed her disdain for the ruling to not allow the motion.

“I will speak and use my time,” said Adrien. “Do not cut me off. You don’t cut anyone else off.”

Later, DiFlorio alleged the same treatment when Adrien interrupted her.

“I’m 65 years old; you need to have respect,” she said. “Plus, you raising \$2,000 (to help people with groceries) is against ethics.”

At that, Adrien demanded an apology.

“I request and apology,” she said. “That was out of line. It was not ok...You accused me of an ethics violation.”

No apology came.

•MATEWSKY PASSES CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE

Councilor Wayne Matewsky was able to codify and get first passage of

a City ordinance that would roll back the end of construction hours from 9 p.m. to 7 p.m. – and prohibit work from taking place on Sundays.

The ordinance leaves work hours Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“Sunday is a day of rest, or it used to be,” he said. “This is only for residential areas, not commercial areas...It’s a quality of life issue and brought up because of Chestnut Street where a guy worked until 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. It’s not painting or landscaping, but construction. When the police are called, they can now fine them and stop the work... After 9 p.m. at night, you shouldn’t be re-doing your roof, I’ve got news for you.”

Matewsky said the policy already exists for anyone who gets a permit or variance from the Zoning Board, and he hopes to codify it for all of the City. He said officers called to a scene would have to assess the situation and use common sense if it’s just a neighborhood dispute.

Councilor Adrien said she was worried it could disproportionately affect people of color and incite racism, particularly with the police having to enforce it.

“This is about construction for any people,” said Matewsky. “This isn’t about racism. I don’t care who you are, we don’t want you working after 7 p.m. or on Sundays.”

Emergency work, as determined by the Building Inspector, would still be allowed under the ordinance. The ordinance will come up for a final vote at the next Council meeting in July.

•SCHOOL DEPARTMENT INFO RECALLED

A controversial measure to call the School Department and the School Superintendent before the Council for more information was recalled and defeated, after having passed last meeting.

Councilor Adrien had called for information about online learning to be disseminated to the Council in a meeting before the Council by the School Committee and superintendent. That has been done in Boston where there are regular updates.

However, other councilors felt the information was already being shared on weekly calls with the administration and schools – which Adrien has said she cannot participate in due to her school schedule. It is also not within the

power of the Everett City Council to call either the superintendent or School Committee to a meeting to give out information. Boston schools are unique in their accountability to City government in that they do not have an elected School Committee – it is appointed by their mayor – and they also have a superintendent appointed by the mayor. In Everett, the schools are far more independent and are run by elected officials.

Several councilors called for reconsideration of the matter after it was narrowly approved last meeting.

Councilor Peter Napolitano said the information is important, but Adrien needs to seek it from the School Committee at their meetings or through an information request. He said in his many years on the Council, such requests of the schools have been reconsidered a few times.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said he agreed that she should have the information, but needed to go through other channels.

Councilor Stephanie Martins said she felt the request was a personal attack on the new superintendent.

Adrien denied that, saying she is concerned about students who may be left behind due to lack of internet, improper special education plans or language barriers.

•WEHNER PARK, WASTE OF MONEY?

Councilor Fred Capone got an update on Wehner Park on Monday, finding out the \$1 million rehabilitation was fully funded and ready to be complete in the fall.

Capone said he feels like the renovation was unnecessary, and probably a mistake given the current circumstances where dramatic job cuts are looming at City Hall.

“I have always said we were making pretty, prettier, at that park,” he said. “And at a cost of \$1 million...This is \$1 million to a park we didn’t need to spend money on and now people are talking about layoffs and losing jobs. We need to have more discipline as a City Council. I’m disheartened we spent \$1 million on a park that didn’t need it.”

•COUNCIL VOTES DOWN INFRASTRUCTURE BORROWING

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas appeared before the Council on Monday to request \$3 million in new borrowing that would fund water infrastructure work and street/sidewalk work through the spring,

but the Council rejected the bid and left critical work now unfunded.

It was a surprise move, in fact.

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) usually features several million dollars in infrastructure work and other projects, with a typical expenditure at more than \$20 million. In fact, the upcoming CIP calls for more than \$20 million in projects, but Demas said the financial times don’t allow them to be comfortable to bring that kind of spending to the Council.

So, they had asked for a borrowing of \$3 million to do only the most critical work. Water work was to be done one streets like Green, Vine, Wedgewood and Morris, among others. Sidewalk/Paving was to be done on Appleton, Floyd, Hampshire, Revere, Spring and Wyllis.

It was a vote that required eight affirmative votes, but the Council was only able to come up with 7. Councilor Fred Capone voted against it, leaving the measure defeated. Several councilors recused themselves because of conflicts of interest, including Michael McLaughlin, Gerly Adrien and Mike Marchese. There was not an opportunity to bring it back for reconsideration.

•NO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilor Gerly Adrien asked for a special Council committee to be formed to look at race and equity issues that come before the Council, but had the matter voted down by her colleagues – as well as getting a long speech by Councilor Wayne Matewsky, who took offense to Adrien saying some people consider Everett City Hall a “racist place.”

The committee request failed 1-9, but the news was Matewsky’s discussion, saying he had never heard of City Hall being a racist place. He said Everett is a pretty good place and people are taking that for granted.

“City Hall being a racist place, I’ve just never heard that,” he said. “No one has ever told me that. If the councilor knows of someone who is acting in a racist way, she should inform human resources and take care of that problem... Maybe there is racism in other places, but I don’t think I’ve heard that about Everett. Everett is a pretty nice place, and I think people are taking that for granted.”

There was no rebuttal to his discussion.

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COVID-19 IS A PREDATOR -- AND WE ARE ITS PREY

The media, politicians, and others have likened our on-going battle with the corona virus as the equivalent of “going to war.”

The doctors and nurses in the overburdened ERs in New York City, when its hospitals were being overwhelmed with corona patients in March, put it this way in discussing the stresses and challenges they were facing when they lacked personal protection equipment, ventilators, and other essential medical needs: “It’s like going to war, but without being given guns and ammunition.”

But as we enter the fourth month since the start of the lock-downs in many of our states, the “going to war” metaphor does not seem entirely appropriate.

Rather, the corona virus, which is stealthy and unseen except under a microscope (it is 1/1000th the width of a hair on our heads), is more like a hunter seeking its prey -- and its main prey is the human race.

We like to think of ourselves as kings of the world, sitting atop the food chain. Even if we cannot match a shark in the water or a lion in the jungle, we have weapons readily at our disposal to cope with any threats we may face from the natural world.

But the corona virus has humbled us. We as a species have proven no match for this pandemic that Mother Nature has thrust into our midst.

As with any predator in the wild, the corona virus seeks out the easy targets, the old and the weak. Per Darwin’s theory of evolution, only the strongest survive.

But intelligence also is a key to the survival of members of a species. The pandemic has proven that point as well, also taking as its victims those whose arrogance exceeds their common-sense, and whose folly makes them an easy target for a hunter that fears nothing and that will take advantage of any lapse in judgment.

The early openings in the Southern states, where people have refused to wear masks and do not practice physical-distancing, and where infections now are predictably skyrocketing, have shown the folly of underestimating the power of the virus.

We think a more accurate way for us to view the corona virus is that it has reduced the human race to the equivalent of meerkats. (Timon in the Lion King is a meerkat.) Meerkats, small mongooses, live constantly on alert and retreat to their underground network of burrows upon sensing the slightest threat of danger. If they let their guard down for an instant when above-ground, they can become easy targets for predators.

We too, now find ourselves in a state of existence in which our movement is restricted. We must remain ever-vigilant and be aware that the corona virus is everywhere. As with any predator, the corona virus always is on the prowl and stalking, just waiting for any one of us -- its prey -- to make that one, fatal mistake.

As is becoming clear in the Southern states, we are fooling ourselves if we think that we have outwitted this virus and that three months of lockdown were sufficient to save us from its grip. The reality is that the corona virus never will cease hunting us and that we must devise a new normal if we wish to regain a semblance of our former lives.

Hopefully, our new way of life, whatever that will look like, will be something better than our present meerkat-like circumstances.

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Independent Forum



DiDomenico along with Senate colleagues unanimously pass comprehensive elections bill

Senator Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate unanimously passed legislation to expand voter access and address safety for all remaining 2020 elections, including the September 1, 2020 state primary and November 3, 2020 general election, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill, An Act relative to voting options in response to COVID-19, would, for the first time in state history, give all eligible residents the opportunity to vote early for the state primary and general election, allow residents to vote-by-mail, and expand absentee ballot access.

“Ensuring that we have safe, inclusive, and accessible elections is always of the highest importance, but especially critical as we face the COVID-19 crisis,” said Senator DiDomenico. “I am proud that we have unanimously passed a comprehensive bill that will allow voters-- for the first time ever-- to cast bal-

lots by mail, vote early, and safely vote in person, as well as give our local election officials the tools they need to successfully run our fall elections. I am also pleased that we were able to adopt a number of amendments that will ensure there is a strong public awareness campaign on these election changes to help educate and empower voters ahead of the 2020 elections and help drive turnout.”

The bill does the following:

- Implements an early vote-by-mail system: An application to receive an early voting ballot will be mailed to all registered voters by July 15, 2020. The Secretary will then mail another application for the general election in the voter booklet sent out in the fall. Both applications and ballots will be postage paid.

- Creates early voting for the primary and expands early voting periods: For the first time in Massachusetts, early voting will be available for the state primary, to take place from

Saturday, August 22, 2020 through Friday, August 28, 2020. Early voting for the general election would take place from Tuesday, October 17, 2020 to Friday, October 30, 2020. Early voting hours would vary according to the size of the municipality in order to give voters ample opportunity to participate while not overburdening small towns’ election departments. Voters may return their early voting ballot in the mail, in a secure drop box, or in person.

- Tasks the Secretary of State with creating an online portal: The bill requires Secretary Galvin’s office to create an online portal by October 1, 2020 to make it as easy as possible for people to apply for general election early voting ballots electronically.

- Expands absentee voting: The bill provides for absentee voting by any person taking precautions related to COVID-19. Voters may also return absentee ballots via a secure drop box.

- Provides tools to assist clerks: Acknowledging the increased burden these options may place on municipalities and clerks, the bill also provides for several accommodations to make the logistics of processing votes easier. The legislation allows for tabulating ballots prior to election day, and it offers pre-addressed envelopes to voters, so their applications go directly to their clerk’s office.

- Makes in-person voting more efficient: The bill allows municipalities to consolidate polling places and eliminate the check-out table at these locations, allowing for a more efficient process and fewer poll workers. It also expands who is eligible to serve as a poll worker, knowing that many current volunteers are seniors who may feel less comfortable working in public during COVID-19.

The legislation must now be reconciled with the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

LETTERS to the Editor

FIREWORKS HAVE BECOME AN UNACCEPTABLE BANG IN OUR COMMUNITY!

To the Editor:

In the past several weeks I have received an abundance of phone calls, texts, emails and individuals stopping me on the street to stress to me the negative impact of fireworks that are illegally being set off causing anxiety to their quality of life. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic that we are trying to overcome

and the unforeseen anxiety that we have adapted to was a challenge enough. We didn’t get through this together to now be startled by loud bangs and the intentional and constant lighting off fireworks that is ignorant and unacceptable. Our elderly residents, children, pets and those suffering with medical conditions should not be startled in the middle of the night by this “noise,” never mind the chance of a fire in our tight-knit community.

Of course, the week of the Fourth of July is expect-

ed, at decent hours, and by professionals for the celebration of our country. Amateurs should not be doing this at the cost and harm of others including themselves.

If given the opportunity to be elected your next State Representative. I will address this issue head on and work tirelessly to make meaningful changes and see that the State Fire Marshal’s office be responsible for overseeing the illegal fireworks in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in a more meaningful way.

Sadly, we need a solution for this issue now. To think there are stronger penalties for over-run parking meters than there are for illegal fireworks is sad. Currently it’s only a fine of \$10-\$100 along with confiscation of the fireworks. These individuals are willing to pay that price.

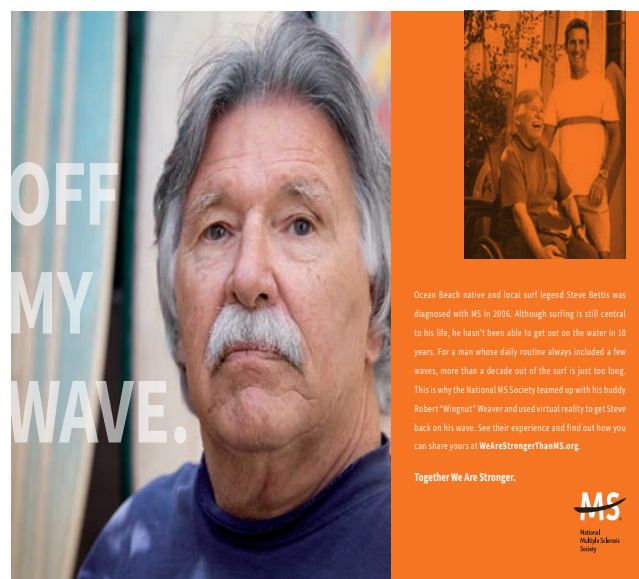
We need to make it a serious and costly offense for these individuals that seek to cause harm and destruction to others.

Michael J. McLaughlin
Candidate for State Representative

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Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn’t been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert “Wings” Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

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“The 5 percent cut is inescapable, and it’s where we start, but we’re also doing 10 percent and 15 percent scenarios that will require much more community input if need be,” she said. “We chose to start with our non-student facing positions, especially where next year we’ll need social distancing and smaller class sizes. We couldn’t afford to lose teachers. That will probably be our methodology in non-COVID times too...It is all very unfortunate. We were going to be happy and Student Opportunity Act money was coming in. It’s not how I imagined our first budget cycle – making tough decisions impacting our students, employees and community.”

New appointments already announced on Friday in the reorganization are long-time EHS Assistant Principal Chris Barrett as the new principal of the Webster School, and Dennis Lynch as the new principal of the Parlin School. He was formerly the assistant principal of the Parlin.

Meanwhile, Tahiliani said she will bring in Fracesse Canty, Esq. from Boston Public Schools to run the Human Resources Department for the schools.

Her leadership team will remain intact with Kim Tsai, Assistant Supt. Kevin Shaw and Asst. Supt. Charlie Obrenski.

“There are not people who are not returning for a contract issue; that is not true,” she clarified in relation to a rumor about Shaw and Obrenski.

Beyond that, it will be a hodge podge of reorganization, particularly when it comes to directors and department heads. Tahiliani said they went back to an old structure to where curriculum directors of subject matter became teachers – with positions opening up as department heads in those subject areas. While they are open positions, she said there was a tremendous amount of working on a “puzzle” of pieces to reorganize and keep opportunities open for those being laid off.

“We’re going back to a previous model where we had department chairs,” she said. “Those positions are in the teaching unit and not the administrative unit. It is a model used a really long time and we find it works and in this environment it can work again.”

Instead of a curriculum director that oversees all of the subject matter directors,

that task will be taken on by Shaw as the curriculum will be developed by Shaw and the department heads – who are also teachers.

“Everyone this year might find themselves teaching in the classroom, even me,” said Tahiliani.

In the academies model, debuted just this year in its entirety, she said she doesn’t plan to scrap it at all, and in fact once taught in a vocational academy setting. Administratively, they have eliminated the position of Executive Assistant Principal for Business Engagement and Innovation. Though she wouldn’t provide names of anyone laid off, it is the job that was held by Omar Easy – who had come back to the academies in EHS after a few years at City Hall.

Likewise, all of the deans for each of the five pathways have been eliminated in a sense. They will not be in charge of a pathway, but will be teachers within that pathway who are designated as the subject matter leaders. All of them will be overseen by the EHS Principal and assistant principal. She said for those that are laid off, there will be comparable positions they can “bump” into and she hopes they do.

“There are going to be opportunities for all employees laid off,” she said. “It’s a different opportunity that they will be able to apply for and I hope they will.”

She said she estimated that 40 percent of those laid off will be able to find another position they can apply for and move into.

“Some positions are eliminated, but many are similar with enhanced responsibilities that have a different title and are funded differently,” she said. “There are many layoffs and eliminations. However, I would say about 40 percent of them could easily bump into or apply for another opportunity.”

Other things they are doing are leveraging grant funding from the state, federal government and private philanthropies. Some of the positions that are being eliminated will return with a slightly different job description and funded by money coming from outside the district – something the Everett schools did not pursue wholeheartedly in the past.

One example of that is there was a great call when meeting with parents and staff for parent liaisons. Using grant funding, they will

create 15 parent liaisons and expect one group of workers laid off to be a perfect fit for those positions.

Asked if some administrators could see moving back into the classroom or into a different position as a demotion, she said they might see it that way, but she wouldn’t.

“We aren’t forcing anyone into these new positions,” she said. “You could say that someone who has had a job and has to apply for a job that was below them before seems like a demotion. That is a potential scenario...We wanted though to make sure every tenured employee had a position...There is also higher position opportunities for others to try something new and actually get a promotion. It goes both ways.”

She said it isn’t a perfect situation, but it is where things have landed in a tough circumstance, and it is by merit and in thinking of the kids first.

“It’s not the way I had planned to get into the district,” she said. “It’s not political in any way. This is just about our students.”

What’s the next play for Coach Theluxon Pierre?

After last week’s reorganization and layoff moves, there were widespread rumors that Football Coach Theluxon Pierre might have resigned and an assistant coach might have taken over his duties as interim.

That could not be confirmed at all, and Pierre did not return phone calls to the Independent about his status as coach.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani said as far as she knows he is still the coach, but she has heard the same rumors. She said Pierre’s position at the high school was cut.

“I’m told that’s true, but I have not been told that’s the case,” she said. “I think what is happening is that person’s position during the day has been eliminated... Basically, we have not eliminated our football coach for the football position. It’s there if he wants it.”

She said there are many coaches that come into the district from other schools or from other jobs to coach – and they receive a stipend for that.

She said that Athletic Director Tammy Turner is still retaining her job and has not be cut or eliminated because it is a direct facing position helping students.

Time is ticking for September, November Election procedures

By Seth Daniel

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio and the City Elections Commission is playing a waiting game at the moment, but has some pretty good ideas of what it’s going to take to run two major COVID-19-style elections this coming September and November.

But no idea is certain, Cornelio said, until they get a clear legislative bill from the State House, where the House of Representatives and Senate are still working out the details of how to conduct such a new and different election cycle.

Cornelio said the Commission had a meeting last week to look at what could be done, and they will have another in a week’s time to review what has come out of the State Legislature.

“We’re just waiting for the final bill,” he said. “It’s expected to have early voting, expanded absentee voting and it could give us a chance to reduce the numbers of mandated poll workers at the precincts... We have some ideas already, but we’re eager to get it going. We’re anxious to get the bill because

one election – the Primary – is on Sept. 1. If we get the bill on July 1 that only gives us eight weeks. With COVID-19 still going and there are potential layoffs at City Hall and logistical things to work with outside of the election that will affect us, it’s just going to be difficult. We’re figuring out now how to work it out.”

That includes how to staff the polling places.

Poll worker numbers are dictated by state law and hover around five or six per precinct – including one to check people in and one to check people out. Many of those workers in Everett and surrounding cities are older adults, and they have already told Cornelio they are hesitant to come out in public and work the polls in a pandemic.

“We have to figure out how to staff the polls because many of our employees are seniors and won’t want to come work,” he said. “Some have already told us that they won’t be coming. So, we are looking at consolidating several polling places into one poll. We also have many polling places in the schools and they’ll probably be closed or limited. We also have

polls in senior buildings and I don’t think we will want to have people coming in there to vote.”

He said the city’s 12 precincts could be consolidated into four buildings for the elections in September and November. That could reduce the numbers of poll workers needed and also the exposure to buildings.

He said there is the possibility of having a 14-day early voting period, and the state City Clerk’s Association is against that idea as they preferred only seven days due to the logistics of handling early voting.

A final, but critical, concern at the polls will be procuring and providing PPE like masks, gloves, and face shields for the poll workers. Just how that will be done and who will pay for it is anyone’s guess right now.

“There are a lot of things going on and we’re just waiting for the final decision from the state,” he said.

The Primary Election will be Sept. 1, and that will include major Democratic races for U.S. Senate (Ed Markey vs. Joe Kennedy III) and State Representative (Joe McGonagle vs. Michael McLaughlin).

Massachusetts Building Trades Council endorses Joe Kennedy III for U.S. Senate

The Massachusetts Building Trades Council announced their endorsement of Joe Kennedy III for U.S. Senate Wednesday, citing his strong leadership in support of unions and working families.

“Joe has spent his entire career fighting for working people,” said Frank Callahan, President of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council. “He knows that working families deserve affordable healthcare, good wages, and safe job sites,

and he always goes above and beyond to win tough fights and get our members and communities the support we need. We’re proud to support a true labor champion for U.S. Senate.”

“As we work to rebuild our economy in the wake of COVID-19, protecting union jobs will be more important than ever,” said Congressman Joe Kennedy III. “The men and women of the Building Trades are the backbone to our strong economy, and I am proud

to fight alongside them for fair wages, safe working conditions, and better benefits every day. I have stood with them since my first day in Congress and I will be proud to stand with them moving forward. It is an honor to have them with me in this race.”

The Massachusetts Building Trades Council is the latest in a list of over 60 labor organizations to endorse Kennedy in this race.

Baker-Polito administration initiates transition to Step Two of second phase of four-phase approach

The state announced that Step Two of Phase II of the Commonwealth’s four-phase reopening plan, Reopening Massachusetts, began on Monday, June 22, allowing additional industries to resume operations under sector-specific guidelines.

Businesses and sectors choosing to operate in Step Two of Phase II are subject to compliance with all mandatory safety standards.

On May 18, the Administration released a four-phased plan to reopen the economy based on public health data, spending at least three weeks in each

phase. Key public health data, such as new cases and hospitalizations, has been closely monitored and seen a significant decline allowing for Step Two of Phase II on June 22.

The following were eligible to reopen in Step Two of Phase II on Monday, June 22:

- Indoor table service at restaurants with safety restrictions;
- Close-contact personal services, with restrictions;
- Retail dressing rooms, by appointment only;
- Offices, at 50 percent capacity.

A full list and safety protocols available at www.mass.gov/reopening.

In order to give Step 2 businesses time to prepare, the Administration had previously released sector-specific guidance in advance of Phase II for industries including restaurants close-contact personal services and sectors not otherwise addressed.

Before these sectors can resume operations under the guidelines, businesses must meet all safety standards, create a COVID-19 control plan, and complete a self-certification.

Fireworks driving neighbors to madness; little police can do

By Seth Daniel

Booms and bangs have been a part of life during COVID-19 since late April, and now many in Everett have reached a breaking point when it comes to the endless fireworks shot off day after day – often late into the night.

Several residents have called police, and City leaders have also taken the initiative to try to get action, but Police Chief Steven Mazzie said there is little the force can do but seize the fireworks and issue a summons/fine.

“Fireworks have been a problem earlier this season,” said the chief. “Most of it is related back to cheap entertainment for some families and young folks because of the COVID-19 epidemic. We’ve come across families with mom and dad and children in a park or parking lot to younger folks and young adults seeking entertainment. We have some of them that are setting them

off later at night, which has become a nuisance to people trying to sleep.”

He said they cannot arrest for setting off fireworks, unless someone were using it as a weapon to shoot at another person. The most they can do, even late at night, is seize and summons. Fines are anywhere from \$10 to \$100.

“Our goal now is to cease the activity,” he said. “We have made it a priority to go out and control the activity, especially as it gets late into the night.”

Council President Rosa DiFlorio said she is getting several calls from neighbors who are complaining about late-night fireworks. She said the police don’t have much they can do other than take away the fireworks.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said he is getting many calls from residents in his ward about late-night fireworks – especially from those having to go to work, from those with babies and from those with pets.

He said he noticed some

large fireworks being shot from 7-Acre Park last Saturday around 10:30 p.m. and went to see about it. He said he found several people lighting off large fireworks.

McLaughlin said he called police and the responded, but told him there was no authority to arrest those who were shooting off the fireworks. He said he was frustrated because constituents are calling him off the hook.

“There was nothing they could do other than to tell them that the park is closed and they needed to leave the park,” he said. “They also told me that this was a state law that does not make it an arrestable offense for letting off fireworks. I think this is one of the most disappointing moments I have seen. We had the individuals responsible for causing so much headache in our city and there’s nothing we can do to stop it.”

That, of course, has been the case all over Greater Boston.

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in the Legislature and with- in parts of the community.

“It seems like an easy decision today, but at the time it was not,” he said. “I spoke on the floor in favor and said it’s time to change the word fear to the word fair. That’s exactly what we do.

Mayor DeMaria spoke about the recent Supreme Court decision that af- firmed that an employee cannot be fired or removed simply because of his or her sexual orientation. That ruling came only two weeks ago, but it elicited a lot of discussion in Mon- day’s comments.

“The fight is not over,” said the mayor. “Now more than ever, we must come together in unity with members of our commu- nity. We all must advocate for equality for everyone. LGBTQ rights are human rights,” Mayor DeMaria said.

Almeida Barros said his message for the day was to the LGBTQ youth – who are found to be more at risk of suicide than their peers.

“My message today is for our LGBTQ youth,” he said. “Be proud of who you are. Do not let someone tell you that you aren’t impor- tant. You are.”



City Attorney Matt Lattanzi and City Planner Tony Sousa on hand for the ceremony.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle explained the meaning of the colors on the flag – red for life, orange for healing, yellow for the sun, green for nature, blue for harmony and violent for the spirit of unity.



The Pride flag.



School Committeewoman Dana Murray, Supt. Priya Tahiliani, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros and Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Max Ribeiro and Keith Spencer, an Everett Public School teacher.



Maria Josefson, of the City of Everett, waves the Pride flag.



School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros hugs his mother in law, Diane Puleo, as his husband, Mark Puleo, and father in law, Bob Puleo, look on.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria said it was the first time the Pride flag had been flown at Ever- ett City Hall.



Council Clerk Mike Mangan, City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, Councilor Mike McLaughlin, Councilor Fred Capone, Councilor Stephanie Martins, Council President Rosa DiFlorio, and Councilor Jimmy Tri Le.



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico revisited the fight in the Legislature and the community about the transgender bill a few years ago, noting that it was the right thing to do then just as much as it is now.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, First Lady Stacy DeMaria, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros, Mark Puleo, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and State Rep. Joe McGonagle.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LOOKING AT \$5M DEFICIT

CHELSEA - The crisis of the City Budget is in full swing now as City Manager Tom Ambrosino submitted a \$181 million City Budget to the City Council this week that is down by \$2 million from last year – a first in many years – and also has a \$5 million deficit lingering.

“I would not characterize this budget submission as a positive effort,” said Ambrosino. “This is not the budget I had in mind when I was first proposing it in March. In fact, I had a budget for the first time in a long time not that did not rely on any reserves. We usually buttress our budget with about \$1 million in reserves every year. I had a fully funded budget that was healthy and positive. That was all thrown out the door.”

The one silver lining is that there will not be any layoffs right now of any City or School personnel – a stark contrast to Everett which just laid off 92 school workers and is looking to lay off or eliminate many City worker positions. The budget deficit of \$5 million will be filled with money from the Rainy Day Fund.

“This budget does represent using \$5 million in Stabilization Fund reserves to balance the budget,” he said. “We have hit so many problems with revenue and we have reserves and think now is the time to use it. Several unions have agreed to defer raises in their pay to prevent layoffs. We’re confident we can get through Fiscal Year 2021 without layoffs.”

A key problem for the City has been revenues, particularly hotel excise tax decreases and car rental decreases. Chelsea is heavily invested in the health of Logan Airport, and with it being basically shuttered for the last three months, millions of dollars are lost and will continue to be lost.

“I’m not sure how fast the economy can come back for a city like Chelsea that is dependent on the travel industry,” he said. “We have a lot of businesses that depend on Logan Airport...Travel is down 95 percent and it has an impact on our two biggest revenue generators including the hotels and the car rental companies – particularly Enterprise. We have serious concerns going into FY 21. It’s no different than Boston or any other City or Town.”

Ambrosino said they are expected a cut of about 30 percent to State Aid payments, which make up a substantial portion of the City Budget. However, there are federal bills float-

ing around that could make a huge difference, including the HEROES Act. Were that approved, there is a chance that State Aid could be level funded from last year and a lot of things could return.

“If that bill were to pass in some form, the state wouldn’t have to cut city and town funding so much,” he said. “That’s the same for the School Department too. They might be able to provide some of the Student Opportunity Act money that was promised. We have a budget now that has \$0 for Student Opportunity Act funding.”

He said that would prevent them from having to use the \$5 million Rainy Day Fund money as well.

So far, though they have been able to keep personnel on and have been able to save the Summer Youth Employment Program and the Navigators, there are things that had to be deferred. Most of those things include projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

For instance, Marlborough Street was to be reconstructed this summer, and it really needs it after years of neglect. However, that has had to be deferred until next year when things hopefully improve.

The City Budget now goes to the Council, who has already begun having hearings this week to review the submission. It must be passed by July 1.

FIREWORKS A PROBLEM IN CHELSEA

CHELSEA - Fireworks have struck a COVID-19 nerve this year, with Chelsea residents up in arms as louder and bigger fireworks seemingly go off every night all night long – and City officials and Chelsea Police are looking to crack down.

Councilor Todd Taylor said about five weeks ago he began getting angry texts from his constituents living next to Voke Park about fireworks going off at all hours of the night. Knowing Chelsea in the summer, fireworks are a part of life for about three weeks surrounding Independence Day, but this was somehow different.

“After getting five calls I went down to the park,” he said. “It was just littered with big fireworks. One of them was three feet tall and stuck in the middle of the field. That was exactly what the neighbors were saying. It isn’t like bottle rocket. It was bombs going off, and every night until about 3 a.m. or later.”

That same day, Councilor Taylor put up a Facebook post on Chelsea Hap-

penings to see if anyone else was being bothered.

And boy were they. “I had no idea what a nerve it would strike,” he said. “It ended up triggering about 400 complaints in the comments. People were really mad all over the city, while some of the younger kids on there were mocking their anger. Shortly after I read an article in the Boston papers about this being a problem in Boston, Revere, Everett and Somerville. It really appeared something was going on here.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Chief Brian Kyes are taking the matter very seriously and have put on overtime to find those that are shooting off fireworks so late at night so consistently.

Ambrosino said they are telling residents to call 9-1-1 and report the location and police will respond.

Kyes said it was a breach of the public peace.

“We are issuing verbal warnings to apparent violators but if that does not work we have no choice but to impose monetary fines as a violation of our city ordinance,” he said. “The frequency and duration of these displays well after midnight is not only a nuisance and breach of the public peace but they are very dangerous as well as well in terms of a potential fire hazard. We can continue to do everything we can working with our concerned residents to respond in both a reactive as well as a proactive manner. We remain optimistic that we attain a high level of compliance due to the public safety risk involved.”

Taylor said there appears to be something coordinated about the fireworks – particularly in that so much money would be required to buy so many to shoot off for so long every night. He said he believes law enforcement will get to the bottom of whatever the real motivation is.

“There does seem to be some sort of coordinated effort going on,” said Taylor. “I don’t know if it has any connection to the protests or not. I’ve been told that might be the case. It’s going on all over the City and I still have people calling me or texting me about when they start and when they stop. It’s every day. I’ve never seen people more upset in Chelsea than about this. The question becomes who is funding all of this because it has to be very expensive.”

Taylor said he has reports of elderly people, veterans with PTSD and pets being traumatized – not to mention the essential workers who are trying to sleep prior to having to work long,

tough shifts.

He said he would be willing to investigate whether or not there needs to be a hearing at City Hall, and maybe a change to the ordinance to stiffen the penalties for shooting off fireworks, particularly very late at night.

ARRIGO NAMES CALLAHAN AS NEW POLICE CHIEF

REVERE - Mayor Brian M. Arrigo named Lieutenant Dave Callahan as Revere’s new Chief of Police, effective July 1. Callahan, 51, replaces retiring interim Chief James Guido.

The move comes as law enforcement departments across the country confront the challenges to public safety posed by the coronavirus pandemic, civil unrest regarding racial injustice in America, and shifting attitudes about crime and the police officer’s role in the community.

“Dave Callahan is the type of talented and conscientious individual whose leadership qualities are imperative in a modern urban police department,” said Mayor Arrigo. “His commitment to fairness, his compassion for people, and his ingrained respect for our City especially qualify him to lead our Police Department as Revere continues to grow and diversify.”

Callahan, who joined the Revere Police in 1991 after two years as a patrol officer in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, cites his tenure on the Revere force and his deep-rooted familiarity with the city as key factors of his qualifications. “As police officers, it is imperative that we hold the highest standard and that we are known for our integrity,” he said. “My extensive experience in the field, supervisory roles, and collaborating with other law enforcement agencies has prepared me well to lead the police department. I look forward to work with the outstanding men and women who comprise the RPD.”

Callahan attained the rank of Lieutenant in the Revere Police Department in 2003. A popular figure among his department colleagues for his tireless work and motivational personality, Callahan advocates community policing as “an essential element of a successful municipality.”

“Every neighborhood,” he says, “deserves to be a place where people want to live and safely raise their families.”

Callahan served as Commander of the Drug Control Unit and also was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit from 2004 to 2012. “During that time, I cultivated a strong relationship with outside agencies such as the Massachusetts State Police and the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office. We worked together to build substantial cases.”

In particular, Callahan spearheaded a public corruption investigation of a fellow officer who ultimately was arrested by the FBI and charged with federal criminal violations. “This was an officer who betrayed the oath we have all taken. His criminal actions tarnished the honest and dedicated work of all law enforcement.”

Callahan also played a major role in shutting down a narcotics distribution enterprise operating out of the defunct Ocean Lodge Motel on Revere Beach Boulevard. More than 20 individuals were arrested. In addition, his investigative work led to the prosecution of four U.S. Postal workers who used their mail carrier routes to facilitate cocaine and marijuana distribution.

He was awarded the

Massachusetts State Police Medal of Merit in 2012 for his action during the hazardous conditions that erupted into an eight-alarm fire after a fatal tractor-trailer rollover on Route 1 in Saugus. Callahan’s, off-duty at the time, was one of first people on the scene. He called for emergency assistance while assisting four injured motor vehicle passengers and then evacuated an elderly resident whose nearby home had become engulfed in flames.

Since 2012, Lieutenant Callahan has served as the Group Commander of the Night Patrol Division, overseeing 16 officers in addition to responding to calls.

Mayor Arrigo praised Callahan’s record of accomplishment and his appreciation for teamwork in law enforcement. “Lieutenant Callahan is active in community outreach and is well-acquainted with the most demanding issues that face our City. He has extensive contacts to the “Revere Cares” program administered by the Massachusetts General Hospital and has worked closely with the North Suffolk Mental Health Collaborative both as a police officer and as a volunteer. He understands the human side that underlies the complex issues that plague our community and modern society.”

Lieutenant Callahan holds a Bachelor of Science degree Law Enforcement and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, both from Western New England University. He has completed extensive supplementary training through the FBI-LEEDA program, including certifications from the Supervisor Leadership Institute, the Command Institute for Law Enforcement Executives, and the Executive Leadership Institute. In 2012 he earned a certificate from the FBI National Police Academy. He also holds a certificate in Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings from New Mexico Tech.

Chief Callahan and his wife Rhonda have a daughter, Cadence. The son of Charles and Janet Callahan and his step-mother Judith Callahan, David was raised in Revere and attended the Lincoln School leading up to his graduation from Revere High School, Class of 1987. He is the grandson of the late Victor and Nellie Duca of Revere. He has two step-sisters, Lee Venezia and Lauren. Lieutenant Callahan’s brother Chuck is a sergeant in the Revere Police Department.

PRIDE FLAG FLYING IN REVERE

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo and City Councilor Steven Morabito were joined by City staff and City officials on June 12 to raise an intersectional rainbow flag in front of City Hall in honor of Pride Month. Rainbow colors will also light the Markey Memorial Pedestrian Bridge to show support for the LGBTQ+ community.

The motion to raise the flag was brought to the City Council by Councilor Steven Morabito and approved by Mayor Arrigo in March. The Unity Flag includes two additional black and brown stripes as well as colors of the Trans Flag, reflecting an intersectional approach to this year’s Pride.

“Publicly displaying the Pride Flag sends a clear and unequivocal message that Revere is a welcoming and inclusive place,” said Councilor Morabito. “A place where not just us in the LGBTQ+ community, but every person can live without fear of persecution, judgment or discrimination.

Pride means the freedom to be who you are and not let anyone judge you for it. It means standing up and being heard. It means coming together and celebrating our individuality by showing how inclusive we are, especially as a community.”

“The past weeks have been a time for listening, introspection, and commitment to action as we work together as a city to address and overcome the injustices faced by marginalized communities,” Mayor Arrigo said. “I’m grateful to Councilor Morabito for his work to ensure this clear signal of the City’s opportunity for our LGBTQ+ community – especially during a time when we can’t participate in Pride Month’s traditional celebrations.”

EAST BOSTON ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE SOME RESILIENCY FUND DOLLARS

EAST BOSTON - East Boston organizations that have shifted focus to helping residents during the COVID-19 pandemic have received additional grant money from the Boston Resiliency Fund last week.

Mayor Martin Walsh announced the fund’s Steering Committee distributed \$826,000 in funding for three Eastie-based community organizations as well as 18 others across Boston during the 10th round of the Boston Resiliency Fund.

The three Eastie organizations have been providing food, basic necessities, and additional support for Boston’s most vulnerable residents.

“The Boston Resiliency Fund has been a lifeline for many organizations that are helping residents with their basic needs during this public health crisis,” said Walsh. “By distributing over \$20 million to organizations, the Fund has had an extraordinary impact in our community, supporting over 225,000 families in need.”

Money will be going to Eastie Farm and will allow the nonprofit to continue their work serving families with meals prepared by local restaurants. Since the start of the pandemic Eastie Farm has partnered with Bon Me and Tawakal Halal Cafe to prepare fresh food for Eastie families.

The group has also been providing groceries and produce through local distributors to over 600 community households who are homebound.

Eastie Farm’s Kannan Thiruvengadam has been responding in two ways to help during the pandemic—by increasing its food rescue and distribution as well as serving as an integral part of Mutual Aid Eastie.

“In our pursuit of zero-waste, we have been, even before the coronavirus outbreak, locating excess food (in restaurants and commercial kitchens) and bringing it to hungry families in East Boston via the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen or Crossroads Family Shelter or directly to families’ doorsteps,” said Thiruvengadam. “We have now increased that effort. In one day alone, we distributed more than 1,000 pounds of protein in East Boston, by rescuing excess food from Bon Me Restaurant.”

Grant money will also go to Maverick Landing Community Services. This grant will provide food and supplies for one month of running the food program including expansion to a second drive by site to the Umana parking lot with local partners.

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Maverick Landing Community Services has been partnering with the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Watershed on East Boston’s waterfront to distribute food across the community.

With help from the ICA’s caterer, The Catered Affair, over 2,000 boxes of much-needed fresh produce and dairy will be delivered to East Boston families by the end of the summer.

According to Jill Medvedow, Director of the Boston (ICA), the food donation initiative is a collaboration between the ICA and Maverick Landing Community Services; East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC); East Boston Social Centers; Eastie Farm; Orient Heights Housing Development; and Crossroads Family Center.

Finally Boston Resiliency funding will go to St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children. The grant will support additional costs such as food, sanitation and supplies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic across three of St. Mary’s programs, like Crossroads Family Shelter in Eastie. Crossroads has been a transitional homeless shelter for women and children in Eastie since the 1980s.

Crossroads Director Lauren Antonelli said Crossroads also serves more than 500 families annually via its community food pantry.

“Now, more than ever, our services are critical in supporting families during the COVID-19 pandemic,” she said.

Antonelli said funding from the City will help to supplement some of the immediate costs the shelter’s families are facing, as well as provide some relief for the shelter, which is seeing increased operational expenses.

Funding will go directly to Crossroads clients in the form of gift cards to purchase food and essential hygiene supplies.

Since the first round of fund distribution, the fund has raised over \$31 million from over 6,300 donors and distributed more than \$20M to date to 249 organizations.

Jack Connors, Jr., member of the Boston Resiliency Fund Steering Committee, said the Fund is still accepting donations from individuals, organizations and philanthropic partners who wish to contribute and offer their support. All of the donations will be awarded to local organizations.

“It is both encouraging and inspiring to know that the citizens of Boston, corporate and individual, have responded in such a way as to allow for an impressive outreach effort to folks in neighborhoods that have been hardest hit by COVID,” said Connors. “The Boston Resiliency Fund’s insistence on using an equity lens is appropriate and a part of the healing process to which we all must contribute.”

HUNDREDS TAKE PART IN MARCH

EAST BOSTON - On Saturday, hundreds of East Boston residents came together to peacefully protest the murder of George Floyd and support the national Black Lives Matter movement.

Organized by a group of Eastie residents with the support of the neighborhood’s elected officials the rally began at Bremen Street Park with speeches and a reflection of George Floyd’s death at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer.

“We wanted to hold space for our Black families in East Boston who

are usually invisible and demand justice for all the innocent Black boys, girls, men and women who were killed by the police,” said organizer Abdi Mohamed Warsame Dirie. “Our aim was to urge everyone to start thinking about how to be anti-racist and confront the anti-Blackness deeply rooted into our society’s fabric. We also wanted to highlight the intersectionality of our neighborhood and demand a systemic change in education, environmental, housing, healthcare, hiring discrimination, and immigration reform. We believe that Black Lives Matter movement is beyond holding the police and this racist system accountable. It is about demanding an economic investment in our communities so that we aren’t only surviving but also thriving.”

Before starting a march through Eastie’s streets City Councilor Lydia Edwards addressed the crowd.

“Today I’m looking at the most beautiful view..the view of all of you willing to sit and listen and heal and move,” said Edwards. “Protests are amazing. They are points of gathering, points of reflection but they are limited to what they can do. You have to do more. We all have to do more. I’m here today to talk about healing reflection and history. You need to call on us (elected officials) to push the policy to the table and don’t stop calling us until it gets done. There will be a day that comes when you;ll be asked where you were when George Floyd was murdered. You will be asked by future generations about how you responded, I pray to God you say I was on the side of justice, I took to the street, and I pushed for new laws. I love this country and I’m blessed to represent East Boston but we have a long way to go. Indeed the arch of the moral universe is long but bent towards justice and together we can get there.”

After the rally Edwards added, “I’m proud of East Boston for stepping up and affirming that Black lives matter on Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many people come out and peacefully protest. It’s time for action and accountability beyond protests.”

Rep. Adrian Madaro who marched in the rally alongside Edwards commented after the event that it was a beautiful day to see Eastie affirm that Black Lives Matter.

CITY CLERK FACES CHALLENGES FOR PRIMARY

LYNN - City Clerk Janet Rowe is facing the unprecedented challenge of preparing for and holding an election in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic.

The State Primary Election is Tuesday, Sept. 1, with the U.S. Senate Democratic Primary matching incumbent U.S. Sen. Edward J. Markey against Congressman Joe Kennedy III in a race that is generating significant interest and will likely draw a larger than expected turnout at the polls.

Rowe is assembling a team of 165 Election Day workers to be stationed at the 10 polling locations encompassing 28 city precincts.

“Our polling locations are pretty big so we’ll be able to social distance and make sure everybody is safe,” said Rowe.

Rowe has a regular team that generally works at the polls for all elections. But some long-time senior poll workers (“They’ve doing it for years and they’re so good at it,” said Rowe) have indicated that they may not be returning to their positions for the Primary Election. “Maybe by

September, things will take a turn and they will work the polls, but right now a lot of them are afraid and are bunkered down and they don’t want to come out and I don’t blame them,” said Rowe.”

Rowe said she may be seeking new workers and students to assist at the polls.

“If I hire new people, they will have to be trained,” said Rowe. “And we’ll have to figure out a way to hold training sessions that are safe.”

The elections chief said she is pushing hard for residents to consider voting in the Primary by absentee ballot.

The Markey-Kennedy election is a political barn-burner. Markey has served in the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate since first being elected to Congress in 1976. Kennedy, grandson of former U.S. Attorney General and U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy and great-nephew of former President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was first elected to Congress in 2013.

“The State Primary is not typically a huge turnout, usually between 15-20 percent, “But where that (Markey-Kennedy) is such a hotly contested race, it absolutely might bring out more people.”

COSTONIS RETIRES AFTER 29 YEARS

WINTHROP - For Kathy Costonis, teaching third grade for 29 years has been far more than she ever imagined. This year will mark her last year working alongside her team of colleagues and in front of a classroom of third graders who have brought her endless joy and reward.

“Teaching is way more than I imagined,” said Costonis. “Teaching is a sweet note on your desk when you least expect it, giggles and happiness, hard work and challenges, a million questions, time going by at the speed of lightning, and more questions. Teaching is noisy, quiet, demanding, full of joy, and a lot of fun.”

Retiring in the midst of a pandemic have made her last days teaching both busy and memorable. Over the last three months Costonis has been so busy adapting to remote learning, that she hasn’t had a lot of time to think about the difficulties that will come with her goodbyes to fellow staff and students at the Arthur T. Cummings School.

“I am going to miss the rhythm of the school year. The excitement of September when everything is brand new, holiday happiness, teaching my children to be kind, watching them persevere when things get tough, telling them they don’t have to get the best grades but rather be the best kids, and watching them go in June, hopefully taking some of these life lessons with them.”

Now, Costonis will take those life lessons that she’s taught for 29 years, and share them with her five grandchildren, who are all under five-years-old. While her teaching will shift from a classroom to a real-life setting, Costonis will miss the collaboration she had with her fellow teachers.

“Teaching with a team that has the same work habits and high expectations for themselves and their students, combined with a love of teaching, has been our superpower. Now it’s time for me to be with my grandchildren and teach them how to be kind and work hard.”

This year, prior to her retirement, Costonis was awarded with the Excellence in Education Award from the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH IS OPEN

The Immaculate Conception Parish in Everett has reopened for celebration of Holy Mass and all are welcomed back. Anyone who feels uncomfortable returning at this time as well as those of vulnerable age should remain at home and worship with us through Catholic TV or other social media where people are able to follow Holy Mass.

Meanwhile, the Immaculate Conception Parish announces that it is making a change to its Mass schedule. Beginning on the weekend of July 4th and 5th, there will no longer be a 9 AM Mass and an 11 AM Mass. There will be a 10 AM Mass instead. For the summer, the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass has already been suspended.

So the weekend Mass schedule for the summer will be as follows:

Saturday 4 PM (English)
Saturday 7:30 PM (Vietnamese)

Sunday 7 AM and 10 AM (English)

Sunday 1 PM (Spanish)
Sunday 4 PM (Haitian)

The Parish continues to honor social distancing, and requires the wearing of a mask before, during and after Mass. The Church is cleaned by volunteers after each Mass. Due to the restrictions on attendance, there is limited sitting in the upper Church (about 78 people) and in the Chapel (about 30 people). It is very important that anyone seeking to attend one of the Masses call the Rectory to indicate which Mass time is preferred. If the preferred

DPH offers summer safety tips

With the arrival of summer weather, and as COVID-19 related restrictions on daily activities begin to lift, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) reminds residents of the recommended precautions to keep families, including young children, safe this summer.

Prevent Tick Bites

Ticks can make you sick when they bite you. They are most commonly found in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas. They only attach when you come into direct contact with them — they cannot jump or fly. Follow these steps if you live, work, or spend time in areas where ticks are present:

- Check yourself for ticks once a day — it’s the single most important thing you can do.
- Use repellents that contain DEET on your exposed skin and those that contain permethrin on your clothes.
- When walking or hiking, stick to main pathways and the center of trails if you can. Brushing against tall grass and bushes will increase your exposure to ticks.

Weather permitting, wear long-sleeved, light-colored shirts and long pants tucked into socks. This will help keep ticks away from your skin and make it easier to spot ticks on your clothing.

Because dogs and horses are particularly susceptible, talk to your veterinarian about the best ways to protect your animals from tick-borne disease.

Prevent Mosquito Bites

The 2019 mosquito season was an active season for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Massachusetts. This mosquito-borne illness appears generally in 2-3 year cycles, traditionally peaking during August.

While the risk for human infection of EEE or West Nile Virus won’t happen until later this summer, people have

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Mass is full, another Mass that has availability will be recommended. The Rectory number is 617-389-5661.

Immaculate Conception Church, 489 Broadway, Everett, MA

MWRA WATER REPORT IS IN THE MAIL

Throughout the month of June, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority will be mailing its Annual Water Quality Report to every household in its service area.

The report also ensures that the water system meets every federal and state drinking water standard.

“Of course coronavirus is first and foremost on everyone’s mind this year. While this report looks back on water quality results from 2019, I want to assure you that your drinking water does not contain or carry the virus and that your water quality remains as excellent,” said MWRA’s Executive Director Fred Laskey. “The dedicated women and men who run this critical water system have been hard at work throughout the pandemic - protecting the watersheds, running the treatment plants, taking samples every day and performing maintenance.”

The report is distributed to over 850,000 homes in the MWRA service area as required under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Community-specific inserts also provide information about municipal water systems.

The report is also available on-line and a Spanish language version will be

available soon. A larger-print version is available upon request.

For more information, please visit MWRA’s website at www.mwra.com or call 617-242-5323.

MVES PARTICIPATES IN USDA COVID-19 FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES), in collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, is taking part in the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Farmers to Family Box Program.

Eight Councils on Aging and Senior Centers in Mystic Valley Elder Services’ service area participated in the program receiving a total of 865 food boxes to distribute to older adults in their communities. The food boxes, which contain hot dogs, sausages and sausage patties or chicken, are no cost to the resident so it is a form of “food pantry” items provided to Massachusetts by the USDA.

The initial delivery took place last week at the Stoneham Council on Aging where 100 boxes were dropped off. Council on Aging Director Maureen Canova and her staff will be delivering these boxes to those older adults in need in the Stoneham community.

In total, the program—which runs through the end of 2020—will provide more than 36,000 boxes of food to older adults in Massachusetts, benefiting more than 20,000 seniors.

• Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd’s hook or life preserver) and a phone by the pool.

• For children who cannot swim, use a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Do not use toys such as “water wings” or “noodles” in place of life jackets. These are not designed to keep swimmers safe.

In public swimming areas:

- Be sure to practice social distancing from others before and after you swim and wear a cloth face covering or mask when you cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from others.

- Select swimming sites that have lifeguards whenever possible, and swim only in designated swimming areas.
- Always swim with a buddy.

Window Safety

Falls are the leading cause of injury to children, and falls from windows involving young children are especially serious. Window falls are preventable. Screens are not strong enough to protect children from falling out of windows. In order to prevent window falls, parents and caregivers should:

- Keep furniture – and anything a child can climb on – away from windows.
- Open windows from the top, not the bottom, when possible and lock all unopened doors and windows.

- Be sure children are always supervised.
- Install quick-release window guards which can be found in most hardware stores.

Additional tips on preventing falls among children can be found on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention fall prevention website.

To learn more about childhood injury prevention, visit the DPH injury prevention and control program website.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

CURRY COLLEGE WELCOMES ACCURSIA CARBO INTO EPSILON PI TAU HONOR SOCIETY

Curry College is pleased to announce that Accursia Carbo of Everett MA is among the new group of students inducted to its newly established Delta Chi Chapter of Epsilon Pi Tau Honor Society, the premier academic and professional honors group for technology programs.

Beginning in 2020, Curry College is a member of the Delta Chi Chapter of Epsilon Pi Tau. Epsilon Pi Tau is an international honor society dedicated to the technology fields and recognizes the academic excellence of students studying Computer Science, Information Technology, or Software Development at Curry.

Epsilon Pi Tau was founded at The Ohio State University in 1929 and has provided honor and recognition to members for over 90 years. Members of EPT reside in every state in the US, as well as 49 other nations. Epsilon Pi Tau is the premier academic and professional honors group for technology programs in higher education and has inducted 90,000 plus members since its inception.

To qualify for acceptance students must have completed 30 semester hours at Curry College and 16 semester hours in their major (CS, IT or SD), GPA of 3.25 or higher, the top 35% of the qualifying students.

About Curry College

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. Curry offers 28 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, accounting, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of over 3,700 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, and 1,700 continuing education and graduate students. Approximately 1,575 of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education, and the college is also internationally known for its Program for the Advancement of Learning (PAL). The College offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 15 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre pro-

gram. Visit us on the web at www.curry.edu.

LOCAL STUDENT GRADUATES FROM CENTRE COLLEGE

Lorna Closeil graduated from Centre College during the College’s virtual Senior Celebration held on Sunday, May 24.

Closeil of Everett was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology/sociology. “Closeil graduated magna cum laude, and received The Sociology Prize, awarded to an outstanding senior sociology major.” A graduate of Everett High School, Closeil’s parents are Lionel and Myrlene Aristhene of Everett.

Centre held the virtual Senior Celebration to honor the 352 members of the Class of 2020 on the date originally scheduled for Commencement. President John and First Lady Susie Roush recognized the graduating class live on Zoom from the stage of Newlin Hall in Centre’s Norton Center for the Arts. The event was not meant to take the place of an in-person Commencement weekend, which will occur in the future when conditions allow.

Founded in 1819, Centre College is a U.S. News top-50 national liberal arts college, and named one of Forbes top-15 college/university in the South seven years in a row.

LOCAL STUDENT MAKES DEAN’S LIST AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Caroline Karakey, 2023, Undeclared has been named to the dean’s high honor list for the 2020 spring semester.

About Connecticut College

Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a highly selective private liberal college located on a 750-acre arboretum campus overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River. Our innovative educational approach, Connections, integrates everything our 1,800 students experience here-classes, majors, study abroad, internships, residence hall and campus life-so they learn how to look at problems from multiple angles and find value in differing points of view. Our mission is to educate students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society. For more information, see www.conncoll.edu or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

CURRY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2020 DEAN’S LIST STUDENTS

Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students who were named to the Spring 2020 Dean’s List. To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

Alyssa Jackson of Everett and majoring in Early Education & Care

Megan Downer of Everett and majoring in English

Deanna Kysilovsky of Everett and majoring in Mathematics Education

Aryana Charles of Everett and majoring in Nursing

Jessica Furtado of Everett and majoring in Psychology

Accursia Carbo of Everett and majoring in Software Development

Hailey Powers of Everett and majoring in Special Education

POLANCO GRADUATES FROM LASELL UNIVERSITY

Jennifer Polanco, a resident of Everett, graduated from Lasell University.

Polanco received their BA in Communication after completing graduation requirements on 12/20/2019.

Lasell University’s Class of 2020 will be honored in person when restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so. In the meantime, the University congratulates them on this incredible achievement!

LOCAL STUDENT EARNS DEAN’S LIST RECOGNITION AT NORWICH UNIVERSITY

The following student has been recognized on the Dean’s List at Norwich University for the Spring 2020 semester:

* Tenzin Dorjee, Everett

Full-time undergraduate students, who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.40 and had no failures in the previous Fall or Spring semester are awarded Dean’s List honors. These students cannot have any pending Incomplete (I) grades. Dean’s List honors are noted on the official transcript each term earned.

In addition to the above criteria, students in the Spring 2020 semester had to meet the following criteria relative to the University’s transition to online instruction in response to

the COVID-19 pandemic, which introduced the option for students to choose an alternative grading system or to maintain earned letter grades. To be eligible for President’s (GPA 4.0) and Dean’s Lists (GPA 3.40) for the Spring 2020 Semester, students must have additionally maintained full time enrollment for the Spring 2020 Semester, chosen to keep letter grades in at least 12 credits of classes, and must not have received any Incomplete or No Pass grades.

About Norwich University

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military college in the United States of America. Norwich is one of our nation’s six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC). www.norwich.edu

VU RECEIVES DEGREE FROM WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

Paul Vu, of Everett graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy from Western New England University in May 2020.

Vu was among over 950 students who received degrees from 25 states and six countries. The top five fields of study were Mechanical Engineering, Criminal Justice, Sport Management, Psychology and Accounting.

A Salute to Undergraduate students of the class of 2020 featuring a driving parade of the Western New England community, conferral of degrees, memories of the journey, and a live chat can be viewed here (<https://youtu.be/ruf-tr3pw-1o>).

A Salute to Doctoral, MMaster’s, Law, Pharmacy, and Occupational Therapy students of the class of 2020 can be viewed here (<https://youtu.be/XqJt1bK-KjcY>).

All Class of 2020 students will be warmly welcomed back to campus for a traditional ceremony when it is safe to do so.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive

215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

LOCAL RESIDENTS MAKE DEAN’S LIST AT WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The following local residents have made the Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the spring 2020 semester.

* Andy Ngo of Everett,
* Elder Antonio Serrano-Alas of Everett
* Mariana Zapata of Everett,

* Omar M Shanniek of Everett

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology stresses project-based, hands-on learning, with an emphasis on cooperative education and careers, community enrichment, and contributing to the economic vitality of the Greater Boston region. The nationally ranked school is recognized as a leader in engineering, technology, design and science.

Wentworth has some 19 bachelor’s degree programs in areas such as architecture; construction management; mechanical, biomedical and civil engineering; and computer science. It offers master’s degrees in applied computer science, architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management, and technology management.

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CHURCH News

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.

**Mystic Side
Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA**

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. 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
67 Norwood Street,
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Church Phone
617-387-7526 or
617-389-5765 or
617-381-9367**

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.

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• 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

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Isaias 41:10

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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.

**We are on the Internet
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>
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Pastor's Office Hours:
Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.
Other times by appointment.**

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

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expect there will be more restaurants and eateries participating. Now that indoor dining is allowed, we believe there will be more. It's another option for businesses to have outdoor dining. Many of the guidelines for COVID-19 inside limit space and tables, so having outside also is helpful. For the diner's perspective, having the outdoor option is very important for safety and comfort."

To that end, the City has begun partnering with restaurants and eateries and cafes to build extra space on sidewalks, in City parking lots, on parking spaces and on sidewalks. It has been a whirlwind of work whereby the City's Facilities Department has used experience

from building a parklet dining area last summer to create even more on a much faster pace – including in the municipal parking lot for La Hacienda, and outside of Bakes and Cakes on Norwood Street.

They also expect to be working with Taco El Paso, the 8/10, Oliveira's, Stewarts Pub, and Square Deli. Pretty much any business that asks for help will get a consideration. Already, on private property, Ferry Street Grill, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays, Bone Up Brewery, Village Bar & Grill, and Night Shift Brewery have entered into the outdoor realm with great success.

At Village and Bone Up, on the parking lot there is

a beer garden on one side, which is separated from a larger tent for food service from Village.

Bone Up owners Jared and Liz Kiraly said they opened outdoor on Weds., June 17, and it was a quick success.

"It has started off fantastic," she said. "It was definitely great to be open. To go sales treated us well, but that is not what our brewery is built for. The last four months have been life-changing. Everything is going well so far. We've been on a wait list and we're doing first come first served."

The beer garden aspect is something she said they have really liked and hope that it can stay all summer

– maybe even next summer. While they will re-open the inside, they said they are having a good response from customers.

"A lot of people are really happy to be outside again and be able to do something fun. There have been a lot of really bored people sitting at home."

At Village – another early outdoor dining location – the tent next to Bone Up has been extremely popular and attracting several diners for lunch and dinner.

And the City believes outdoor dining – even if right now it's by necessity – is here to stay in Everett.

"The mayor sees the opportunity here and doesn't want it to pass without doing this," said Tom Philbin,

a spokesman for the mayor. "I think he understands it's time to seize the moment and it's here to stay."

Said Sousa, "Outdoor dining is here to stay. It's an opportunity, a real place-making and activation that isn't going away."

To that end, the name of the game is moving fast on behalf of the restaurants.

After a hiccup with the License Commission a few weeks ago in approving the first batch of outdoor dining establishments, the Commission and the mayor agreed to turn over approval process as an administrative process. That means anyone applying who has their plan in order and insurance/liability in place will be approved by Sousa

or the Planning Department, and they are moving quickly.

"When it's a simple extension or expansion of an existing license, we agreed to allow that all to be made at an administrative level," he said. "The only exception is if there is a special permit required or if there are any complaints, the License Commission would retain that. Instead of having the License Commission meet one time a week, we'll do it administratively. Already it's helped to streamline it and move faster and turn these around in 24 hours – even on the weekends."

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Cameron Mann and Fiona McHarg of Danvers were some of the first guests this month to use the kayak launch in RiverGreen Park. Here, they are getting ready to launch their kayaks on the Malden River. They later said they had a great time and plan to be back. They found the launch site posted on Mystic River Watershed Council's website. The launch was installed in the late spring in a partnership between the City and the MWRA.

Everett Outdoor Dining

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Ferry Street Grille	108 Ferry St	(617) 389-3900
Village Bar & Grill	38 Norman St	(617) 294-0171
Bone Up Brewing Co	38 Norman St	(781) 691-9092
TGI Fridays	33 Mystic View Rd	(617) 387-5226
Short Path Distillery	71 Kelvin St	(617) 830-7954
Winners Sports Bar & Grill	361 Ferry St	(617) 294-1001
Oliveira's Restaurant	749 Broadway	(617) 389-8615
La Hacienda	432 Broadway	(857) 363-7077
BearMoose Brewing Co	1934 Revere Beach Pkwy	(617) 294-1211
Stewart's Pub	140 Jefferson Ave	(617) 381-0563
Texas Roadhouse	31 Mystic View Rd	(617) 381-9598
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