





## Wood Waste // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

conditions that included serious requirements for flood prevention and transformation of the industrial block into a residential area. Those conditions would be inherited, according to the City and the developer.

Copson said the changes include converting three, seven-story buildings into two, six story buildings to accommodate 650 apartment units – which is the same number as before and still includes 33 affordable units on site. They have reduced the retail portion of the project from 13,507 sq. ft. to 9,000 sq. ft. but added it to the ground floor to increase foot traffic and activity on the new street. They have also bumped up the amenity space in the apartment community from 9,637 sq. ft. to 19,000 sq. ft. They have also re-configured the parking arrangement, decreasing the numbers of spaces, but putting the parking in two, well-hidden structured garages. The parking spots go from 832 to 785 – still above the required number of 746 spaces.

“The new buildings become really permeable, accessible and active,” she said. “We hope to start construction in quarter 2 of 2021 and continue to push the project forward now and push the design details so we can deliver this on budget and on time.”

One of the things that the new design attempts to do is “knit” the new project into two existing projects on either side – the Fairfield development of more than 700 units across Vale Street on the Chelsea side, and the one-year-old Pioneer development across the street on the Everett side, fronting the Parkway.

Tom Schultz of The Architectural Team said they have been very thoughtful about the other two developments and fitting this one into the feel and idea of those other two.

“We tried to develop a strong urban edge along the streets,” he said. “We designed urban blocks and tried to stitch in the Pioneer and the Fairfield development under construction on the Chelsea side. It’s a way to activate the street and give some street life there...The greatest difference between this design and the previous design is that first floor is no longer parking, but instead we’re trying to activate the street with retail.”

A key design element is a pedestrian/vehicle middle road between the two buildings – much like what one might see at Station Landing in Wellington. The street is highly-friendly to pedestrians and to activity, but is also used as a way for cars to slowly get to the



**Greystar Development, the largest apartment developer in the world, has moved to purchase and develop the Wood Waste site off the Parkway. They were approved Monday night for Minor Modifications at the site. The Wood Waste project had been lingering over four years, and City officials indicated their happiness with the transaction, and Greystar said they would like to start construction in the spring of 2021.**



**The Greystar team designed “urban blocks” to try to knit their project together with major projects on either side, including the Pioneer and the Fairfield project on the Chelsea side of the street.**



**An active middle road between the two buildings will be pedestrian friendly and a way for cars to slowly get into the parking garage.**

parking garages. There are a number of traffic calming situations instituted on that block to keep speeds down and to make drivers understand the concept.

There is also now an increase in open space to 29 percent as well, and the use of materials like brick, metal, glass and cementitious panels.

The breakdown of buildings is as follows. Building 1 will have 330 units (91 studios, 142 one-bedrooms, and 97 two-bedrooms) and 380 parking spaces. Building 2 will have 320 units (88 studios, 137 one-bedrooms and 95 two-bedrooms) and 379 parking spots. There are 26 street parking spots also. Amenities will include lounges, fitness, Yoga rooms, work pods, two pools, a dog park and two roof decks.

City planning officials were excited about the project and felt it could be the next step in lifting up that area post-COVID, and they said there could likely be more proposals coming for that area too – marking

a huge step in the transformation of a blighted industrial area to a trendy residential address.

Planning Board Member Leo Pizzano was unhappy that the long-time project was switching hands, but only because he was concerned that four years of review and refinement might be lost.

“We spent four years on this project,” he said. “I want to make sure this Board is protected and they inherit these 57 conditions and they know what they are,” he said. “We did a lot of work on these 57 conditions and I don’t want them to go down the drain.”

Said Copson, “We understand there is a lot of history here and a lot of work done.”

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the Minor Modification – which included the redesign of the buildings, the street and the layout. They will be back at the Aug. 24 Planning Board meeting to discuss the affordable housing obligations.

## Encore // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

with the City of Everett to expedite the payments going forward. We are working with them.”

Kraus said under the HOC they are to pay the state first, but that isn’t how it’s worked in the past – as the first two payments in September and December came directly to the City of Everett and skipped a long and involved process of having the state act as a middle man.

“Under the terms of our (HOC) agreement, we make the payment to the State of Massachusetts and the state makes the payment to the City of Everett,” he said. “We are working with the state to ensure its payment to Everett is as expedited as it can possibly be.”

City officials did confirm the situation, but refrained from comment right now as the process continues to play out.

“The City has not received the payment from Encore scheduled for July 15,” said Spokesperson Deanna Deveney. “Encore has deviated from our payment schedule and paid the State directly on the 15th.”

Councilor Michael McLaughlin, who represents that area of the city, said he isn’t happy that Encore has deviated from past practice in payments. He said he supported Encore for three reasons, the jobs, the stature and the host payments. He said they have come

through on jobs and stature for Everett, but he’s concerned about payments.

“The third part has been disappointing and alarming,” he said. “The payments for taxes to our community. The first quarter of the year they were late paying. The third and fourth quarters, of course, because of COVID-19 had been delayed and that’s totally understandable, but now sending our very much needed \$10 million go to the State of Massachusetts rather than the City is unacceptable and shows a lack of leadership. We need this \$10 million investment as soon as possible and having to wait several more weeks and adding more work on our City is disappointing.”

The HOC payments with Encore have been a bit of a mess, looking back over the last fiscal year. Prior to opening the company made all of its payments on time and in full, and went over and above on many of the off-site construction projects and promises. Few can argue they haven’t come through on their commitments to Everett and on their promises of jobs to residents of the City.

But when it comes to the legal HOC agreement, which includes four equal payments each quarter in September, December, March and June – there have been mostly hiccups. The first payment in Sep-

tember came late, but was attributed to issues regarding the proper transfer of the funds.

Only the December payment was made on time and directly to the City.

In March, with COVID-19 raging and the resort closed, Encore did not make its quarterly payment, and the City gave them leniency as they were generously continuing to pay their employees through the closure. It was agreed they would pay two quarters on June 30 as flexibility for COVID-19 lockdowns.

However, on June 30, they also didn’t pay, but made an agreement with the City to pay no later than July 15. The City fully expected the money to come directly to them.

Apparently, sources said, Encore owed the state several million dollars in gaming taxes, and so it paid one big lump sum that included those taxes and Everett’s HOC fee to the state.

The tie-up presents two problems fiscally for the City, as it needs cash to help stem the tide of continued layoffs to its workforce. The second piece is that the City needs to close out its books on the previous fiscal year, which ended June 30. The Encore HOC payments are a major piece of closing the books, and without the money in hand, the books stand open.

## Tremont // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

two-story building in combination with an existing one-story building on the site, including 15 parking spaces on site as well. The site has become very much in vogue lately as it abuts to the rear the bike path and the newly developed and massive River Green park and playing fields.

Antonelli said they would all be one-bedroom units, and he was open to looking at some modifications, such as adding a rock wall to prevent headlights from shining on the house across the street.

The project does not require any approvals from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and comes in by right – meaning there will be few reviews of the project aside from the Planning Board. Also, as Antonelli filed paperwork on the project some time ago, he is not subject to any of the affordable housing requirements in this project.

Member Leo Pizzano asked that the project follow the Everett Design Guidelines and use at least 20 percent brick, preferably on the façade. Antonelli said he was open to 20 percent brick, but maybe not

all on the front.

“I have no problem with 20 percent brick,” he said. “I’m all for it. I don’t know if I’m interested in the whole front being brick, but I’ll look at it.”

He also said he’s open to adding bike storage as well.

One abutter, Ann Moran, said she was opposed to it as Antonelli has had issues with her regarding truck lights going into her home when parking- among other things.

The matter will come back to the Planning Board on Aug. 24.

### •ELM STREET TOLD ABOUT THE BRICKS

If there’s one thing anyone going to the Planning Board should know, it’s that the Board – and specifically Member Leo Pizzano – are going to ask for brick on the outside.

That’s all part of the Everett Design Guidelines approved some time ago, and mostly adhered to – though much of the time it takes a sharp reminder from Pizzano to get developers to move on that. That was just the case on Monday when a new development for Elm Street was sent back to the drawing board when

it failed to use any brick on the façade.

The owner of Elm Street Market is looking to build on top of his thriving cona’ store, rebuilding the second story and adding a third story. The new additions will house eight new units of housing atop the existing store. There will be no parking, according to Attorney Paul DeLorey, who represents owner.

The proposal was met with opposition by Pizzano and the rest of the Board, as it had no brick and didn’t follow the design standards for Elm Street.

“Let me put it to you this way,” he said. “We’re sick and tired of looking at these siding buildings. This one is no exception. The front should be all brick, bottom to the top and the returns. It should look like something. Right now, we’re getting another cement box...We on the Planning Board are going to enforce this suggestion that this have 20 percent brick.”

The developer and design team were asked to look at a redesign for the Aug. 24 meeting.

## PPP // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

part of the program is now beginning to operate – that being who is forgiven for the loans and how banks will be repaired, as they lent their own money with the promise by the SBA to reimburse them. At the moment, too, many are evaluating the program locally, like in Everett.

Nationally, 70 percent of the loans were \$100,000 or under. Only 2 percent were over \$5 million, though that was 35 percent of the total dollars available. Some 84 percent of the loans were under \$350,000. It is estimated nationally that 51 million jobs were supported by the program.

Most of the loans came from small banks nationally as well, according to Mass Bankers Association. Banks with more than \$50 billion in assets made 34 percent of the loans, while banks with less than \$10 billion in assets – mostly community banks – made 51 percent of

the loans.

In Massachusetts, according to the Mass Bankers Association, the average loan size was \$129,000 and there were 111,000 loans made for a total of \$14.3 billion.

Recently, the SBA released city and town specific data for those receiving PPP loans under \$150,000. In Everett, there were 401 PPP loans approved for amounts under \$150,000. The data showed most were between \$80,000 and \$135,000 in Everett. However, there were loans as small as \$700. Any number of lenders were used for the PPP loans, and O’Neil said he’s confident most all of the money from the program got into the right hands.

“We all heard the stories of the Lakers or the big corporations getting PPP loans,” he said. “We didn’t have that experience. It was

all legitimate small businesses that needed help. And they used it to just keep going in the pandemic. We don’t yet know how this all plays out for sure, but we helped a lot of people.”

Daniel Forte, president of Mass Bankers, said the program was rushed and had its hiccups, but in the end, the result was what it was intended to do.

“Because it was rushed politically and I say that kindly because we were in extreme economic conditions at the time, that didn’t let us have time,” he said. “Given the lumpiness of the rollout and the constant changing of the rules, you still have to say this was a home run. Kudos to the banking industry for putting in the hours to make it work. They worked many hours. A number of the banks also saw this as an opportunity to show how they could serve small business customers.”

It was exactly the case at Everett Bank.

O’Neil and COO John Citrano said they had a team that would work from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. – many of them working from home – to try to get into the online queue in off-hours.

“I remember sitting in Richard’s office, and despite knowing it was going to be administratively challenging to roll this out given the restrictions we had and the COVID-19, but under Rich’s directions we knew we needed to make it work,” he said.

With Joe Keohane and Jennifer Quinlan – along with CPA Joe Sachetta (also chairman of the board) – they put together a team to hit the ground running on the program.

“It was a brilliant idea wherever it came from to utilize the community banking system to get that money to where it was needed,”

said O’Neil.

Both he and Citrano said they ended up gaining several good clients as well, people who came to them for help as their existing bank wasn’t doing PPP loans.

Forte said it’s important to stress that the PPP program is still continuing through Aug. 8, and companies that need the help should look to take advantage of it. He said there is still \$100 million left in the program.

“There’s still money available,” he said. “Granted, some banks are no longer participating because they made so many loans. That was all bank money. The government has to reimburse them. So, some folks have hit the pause button. Others are still participating. We encourage businesses, particularly women-owned or minority-owned small businesses

that were maybe excluded from the first round because they didn’t have strong banking relationships, to go to banks open to the program because there are funds available.”

At this point, there is also a pivoting period where the federal government is analyzing those who took loans in the early days about whether they qualify for forgiveness. Many will have the slate wiped clean if they qualify, while others will have to repay the loan, but over two years at only 1 percent. That is the new process, and the new rush that has now enveloped the program as the funding process winds down.

“Now we’re back in the same mode with the SBA trying to figure out who will qualify for complete forgiveness and what those requirements will be,” said O’Neil.





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## Massachusetts Nurses Association endorses State Rep. Joseph McGonagle

The Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA) endorsed State Representative Joe McGonagle’s re-election campaign.

“Representative McGonagle has stood with nurses and patients and we are proud to stand with him as he seeks reelection to represent the people of the 28th Middlesex District,” said Donna Kelly-Williams, RN and President of the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA). The MNA represents over 23,000 frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across the state, including those at Cambridge Health Alli-

ance’s Everett Hospital.

Last week, McGonagle made a visit to the Cambridge Health Alliance Everett Hospital where he talked to a group of nurses working at the hospital. “What our nurses have done to protect our community is a selfless act I cannot understand,” said McGonagle. “They sacrifice so much to keep their loved ones, colleagues, and neighbors out of harm’s way.”

“Our nurses have shown the best of Everett and Massachusetts during the pandemic. I am humbled to have their support. They deserve nothing but the best

and I am grateful to be in a position where I can give them as much support as possible. Thank you, President Donna Kelly-Williams for your hard work and your support!”

As an elected official, Joe brings a wealth of experience, including his time in public service and as a small business owner, to advocate for the hardworking residents of Everett. This year’s Democratic Primary is on September 1st, 2020. For more information or to get involved with the campaign, visit: <https://www.joemcgonagle.com/>.

## Softball // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“It’s been tough to get the players to get used to the new things – they’re used to high-fiving and things like that, but the girls are really excited to be out there playing softball and so are the parents seeing their kids playing softball,” said Oliva.

The league was founded by Karen LaMontagne in 1979. (Mrs. LaMontagne had the honor of throwing out the first ball of this season). The league has a Farm League (pre-K-third grade), Minor League (third grade to fifth grade), and Major League (sixth grade to ninth grade). The teams will play a 12-game schedule followed by double-elimination playoffs.

Oliva and many of the other board members have been involved in the organization since their daughters began playing in the Farm League.

Oliva’s daughter, Mia, an eighth grader, is a pitcher in the Major League. Vinnie and his wife, Christina, the league’s concessionaire, also have a daughter, Alyssa, who just graduated from Everett High School and will be attending Curry College.

“I give a big shout-out to the city because they did a great job with the Everett



Pictured outside The Hut concession stand are Everett Girls Softball League leaders and players. From left, are Minors Coordinator Patti Scalese, Vice President Laura Tiberii, Mia Oliva, Concessionaire Christina Oliva, Rileigh Kenney, President Vincent Oliva, Janessa Sikora, and League Coordinator Peter Sikora.

High graduation,” said Oliva.

A graduate of Malden Catholic and a homeowner in Everett since 1996, Vinnie Oliva is proud of the league. He said that because there was no high school softball season this spring, the league invited ninth graders to participate this summer and the response was excellent.

“We’ve just been trying to increase player participation every year and keep the registration fee down for the players,” said Oliva. “We run The Hut [concession stand] to help pay for

the players’ uniforms,” said Oliva. “Usually we have a kickoff at the beginning of the year and an end-of-the-year celebration, but because of the coronavirus, we’re not sure what we’ll be able to do. Hopefully, there will be a celebration at the end of the season.”

One thing is certain: The city of Everett is fortunate to have dedicated community leaders like Vinnie and Christina Oliva and Laura Tiberii and others making sure that softball is available for the youth of Everett, even in these unprecedented times.

## DiDomenico secures over \$135 million in funding for district projects in transportation bond bill

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate passed a \$17 billion transportation bond bill that will fund major transportation infrastructure projects across the Commonwealth in an effort to modernize, expand, and maintain our transportation system.

“This bill places an emphasis on regional equity and accessibility when it comes to transportation, something that is much needed at a time like this,” stated Senator Sal DiDomenico. “Equal access to transportation is intrinsically connected with equal access to economic opportunity, and this bill seeks to increase this accessibility through major infrastructure improvements while also creating jobs to help those populations who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and plagued by economic uncertainty.”

Within the bill, Senator DiDomenico successfully secured funding for his district by facilitating the inclusion of language that allocated \$108 million for transportation improvements in the West End of Boston by relocating a portion of Storrow Drive and its access ramps to Charles circle. In addition, Senator DiDomenico filed several amendments that were adopted into the final bill, including \$2.5 million to assist with improvements to the Sweetster Circle section of Everett.

“One of my top priori-

ties was making sure our district received the necessary funds to invest in these key development projects, particularly in those areas that have long been in need of improvements,” explained Senator Sal DiDomenico. “It is critical that even during this period of financial hardship and uncertainty, we take the time to invest in modern, reliable infrastructure and create jobs at the same time. I am pleased that this funding will be made available for the city of Everett to continue improvements to Sweetser Circle.”

Senator DiDomenico also successfully secured an amendment concerning micromobility. The amendment ensures that e-bikes are adequately regulated by classifying them separately from combustion-engine vehicles. DiDomenico has been working closely with the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition on e-bike legislation this session and language from his bill was included to the final version of the bond bill passed by the Senate. “This important legislation is the culmination of tireless efforts by several organizations, especially MassBike,” explained Senator DiDomenico. “This is an important priority for my district, and I am confident these micromobility measures will put us on par with other states in ensuring that e-bikes are adequately regulated, and our roads remain safe.”

In addition, Senator DiDomenico also secured an additional \$20 million to

improve access to bus lanes in his district through Charlestown, Chelsea and Everett. This has been a priority for many communities in DiDomenico’s district and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has been a strong partner in this endeavor.

The overall bill, An Act Authorizing and Accelerating Transportation Investment, authorizes funding for a wide variety of infrastructure projects, including both upkeep and maintenance, as well as modernization. In addition to addressing issues such as construction, regional initiatives, traffic congestion, and transportation network company data sharing, this legislation addresses equity in the transportation system by requiring a low-income fare program which will provide discounted transit fares to qualifying riders on MBTA transportation and commuter rail, starting on January 1, 2022.

The bill represents an important step in reducing traffic congestion, and tasks the Department of Transportation with collecting new information and creating expert-driven plans to respond to the issue. These include seeking federal approval to join the Value Pricing Pilot Program, which provides state agencies with options to manage congestion.

The bill must now be reconciled with legislation previously passed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

## Pope John // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

is expected to have full results from that in the coming weeks.

“The mayor has told the superintendent that if need be and based on the survey results we hear back on from the parents by the end of the month, he will allow for one school year the use of Pope John,” said spokesperson Deanna Deveney. “That does not mean his plan for it to have affordable housing is out. The long-term plan is to develop the property for afford-

able housing.”

The idea of spreading students out will be very important in the fall if students return to the classroom, which is still up in the air. With schools in Everett already bursting at the seams in many cases, having an expansion space like Pope John could help lighten the burden.

Deveney said it will all come down to the survey.

“We don’t know if it’s going to be utilized because we don’t know what

they survey says,” she said. “If the survey says parents want to keep the kids at home, we wouldn’t need Pope John.”

The City purchased the Pope John site from the Archdiocese of Boston earlier this year, and intends to develop significant senior citizen and veterans affordable housing there. That plan is still in the works, but based on the results of the parent/student survey, it could be delayed.

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## CHANGE MILITARY BASE NAMES IMMEDIATELY

If you're like us, then it truly has been a revelation in these past few weeks to learn that U.S. military installations throughout the South were named in "honor" of Confederate heroes in the Civil War.

Whenever we would hear the name, "Ft. Benning, Georgia," for example, we never gave it a second thought. However, it turns out that Henry Benning was a general in the Civil War who led a number of campaigns against the North.

In short, he sought to destroy the United States -- so how does a guy like that get a U.S. military base named after him?

Well, the short answer is that Benning was an avowed racist who wanted to destroy the Union so that the South could maintain slavery.

Here's what he said at the Secession Convention in Virginia in February, 1861: "If things are allowed to go on as they are, it is certain that slavery is to be abolished. By the time the North shall have attained the power, the black race will be in a large majority, and then we will have black governors, black legislatures, black juries, black everything. Is it to be supposed that the white race will stand for that?"

It was not a coincidence that almost all of the military bases in the South are named after Confederate war heroes who, like Benning, also were notable for the roles they played in advocating for slavery before the Civil War and for white supremacy after the Civil War, including one general who was a founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

Almost all of these military installations came into existence during WWI and WWII when the U.S. was mobilizing millions of Americans from all around the country. The naming of the bases for Confederate war heroes was a concession to southern political leaders, who wanted to send the message that although the South had lost the Civil War, their belief in white supremacy nonetheless had prevailed.

And why did the military and Northern political leaders placidly go along with such a disgraceful tactic? The short answer is that racism was (and is) endemic in our country from North to South and East to West. During both WWI and WWII, the entire U.S. military was segregated, something that did not change until 1948 when President Harry S. Truman desegregated our armed forces.

These military base names are not merely a vestige of slavery, they also represent the entire history of our country's racist past.

The sooner they go, the better.

## A DEPRESSING THOUGHT – SUMMER IS HALF OVER

The summer of our discontent -- the summer that hasn't been -- is just about half over. June has come and gone and we are just past the midway point of July, which means that there are only seven weekends left until Labor Day.

The arrival of summer has been a blessing for just about all of us during this pandemic. We can go outside and enjoy the fresh air (which, by the way, has been the cleanest it has been in decades in our area thanks to the reductions of emissions from automobile, jet aircraft, and cruise ship traffic).

Although our gyms have been closed, we can run, walk, bicycle, and swim for exercise. Our children can go outside and be children. And for those who simply like to relax, the beaches and our boats have been a welcome respite from our months of lockdown.

But if we look beyond these next seven weeks, the future does not seem to be very pleasant.

The lockdowns and quarantines that first began in mid-March were ameliorated by the imminent arrival of spring weather. But as the weather soon begins to turn colder and stormier after Labor Day, and the days grow shorter, our outdoor activities will be limited.

The phased reopenings this summer have been difficult enough, but as the weather turns for the worse, we fear that so too, will our mental and physical health worsen. The winter of 2020-21 promises to be the most challenging of our lifetimes on many levels.

So as we enter the second half of the summer season, let's make the most of the weeks we have left -- always with masks and social distancing -- to create memories for ourselves and our children that will bolster us for the difficult days to come.

# Independent Forum



SCHOOL CHOICES ARE STILL UP IN THE AIR

GUEST OP-ED

## How many friends do you have?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

How many friends do you have? Thousands? If you are on Facebook you may have close to 5000 friends and tens of thousands of more "friends" via Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat or various other social media connections. Are you really connected? Can you really call these social media friends, "friends?"

How many of these people do you talk to or have ever had a verbal conversation, in person or on the telephone? How many of them have you met or would like to meet? In most cases if your social media "friends" wanted to meet you and visit you it would scare you to death. Although, I know a little bit about most of mine and in most cases I think I would probably enjoy it. If I wouldn't enjoy it then

why have that person in my circle of "friends?" The larger the number of people you have in your social media circle the less likely you are to know much if anything about them and then you have to ask yourself "why?" Most people would never have that much time to talk on the phone with all their social media friends.

I receive friend requests everyday but seldom accept many because often they are from people who I'm clueless about. Why do I want to know what they are doing or what I'm doing if I don't even know anything at all about the person?

There is a verse from scripture that says "A friend sticks closer than a brother." Often in life you discover your friends aren't who you thought they were but often are the people you might never imagined. A true friend steps in when

the others have walked away. All you need to do is fall on your face, make some mistakes in life and you'll lose the majority of your "friends." They'll disappear. The handful of people who stay with you or show up to help you will become the greatest people in your life.

I once heard someone say, "The person who loves God most is at his post when all the others have walked away." It's true with a friend. A real friend will be there regardless. How many people do you have in your life who will come to you if you are 200 miles away and your car is broke down? Who will try to wire \$500 to you if you are in a distant town and lose your wallet?

What if your business fails, you file bankruptcy, divorce, get a terminal illness or do some stupid

things in your life? You may have already found out how people shy away from you during life upheaval. Often, they don't know what to say or do and so they walk away or become distant. They aren't real friends. A real friend doesn't walk away. A real friend doesn't tell you what you want to hear but may tell you their thoughts without trying to wound you. They talk to you in love and in friendship.

How many friends do you really have?

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## LETTER to the Editor

### EVERETT EDUCATION COALITION STATEMENT OF ANTI-RACISM SOLIDARITY WITH STUDENTS

To the Editor,

We, the members of the Everett Education Coalition, are deeply disturbed and saddened by the continuing racism and extrajudicial violence against Black people in the United States. Breonna Taylor, Ahmad Arbery, George Floyd, and Elijah McClain - among countless others - are victims of an unchecked system of white supremacy in our country. This systemic injustice is widespread and deeply felt. Many of us joined our neighbors in protests and vigils against police brutality and wondered how we could dismantle the systems that make this national issue so intractable.

Yet we would be amiss to only focus on the systemic national issues and not organize locally around the real hurt and pain that these injustices create - particularly at school - expressed by BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color) youth in Everett. Many of us attended A Moment to Breathe: A Black Youth Vigil, organized by EHS alumni Lorna Closeil and Fanelson Monexant, along with recent graduates and current

students. It was a tribute to the organizing power and resilience of Black students in our community. A small group of EEC members met with some EHS alumni and learned of their plans to meet with Everett High School teachers, administrators, School Committee members, and Superintendent Priya Tahiliani to discuss specific and concrete antiracist solutions within EHS, among other problems. We asked how to support and amplify this work; they answered that it was essential to see that the community stands with them.

We write this statement in solidarity with all students facing racial injustice in Everett- they should know that they do not stand alone. Many of us in EEC are educators and parents ourselves; we recognize that the educators of the Everett Public Schools are effective, committed, and care deeply for every single one of their students. Yet we also know that systemic racism is insidious and can blend seamlessly into the fabric of a school building, and that intent is not the same as impact. If youth in our community are hurting from racial injustice, it does not matter if we "didn't mean it," "mean well," or "didn't know better." The responsibility lies with us to fix it.

We write this to amplify

and support the needs of the students, including:

- Stakeholders should specifically name racism and its structural manifestations, including police brutality and the school-to-prison pipeline, and avoid the "toxic positivity" of proclaiming that structural racism is not a problem in Everett.

- Concrete actions to address structural racism in schools, particularly the lack of racial and ethnic diversity among faculty. Such measures could include sustained work to attract and retain more BIPOC educators.

- Concrete actions to provide adequate professional development to Everett staff dedicated to antiracism work - such as understanding and identifying implicit bias and racial micro aggressions - and other culturally and socially relevant training.

- Accountability around experiences of gender-based bias and pervasive sexual assault and harassment in schools, including a system for students to report gender-based bias and sexual harassment to a trained adult and receive adequate support.

- Increased transparency and communication in regards to responding to reports of racism and discrimination expressed by faculty and students. There needs to be accountability

in addressing public and private affairs with a clear code of conduct being set in the Student and Teacher Handbooks., The staff contract should delineate specific actions that will be taken for any racist statements or actions, especially in the case that faculty or students have expressed harm surrounding said statements or actions.

We support a vision of the Everett Public Schools where:

- Students can freely express their ideas and concerns in a safe and supportive environment.

- Students feel their cultures and identities are understood, respected, and represented by their educators, administrators and support staff.

- The current demographics of the Everett community drive curricular and instructional decisions, and these decisions are regularly revisited, discussed, and improved upon.

Thankfully, there are members of Everett beginning to pick up this critical work to dismantle systemic racism. We commend the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Subcommittee introduced by School Committee member Marcony Almeida-Barros and joined by School Committee members Dana Murray and Samantha Lambert. We ask

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# Baker-Polito administration announces new housing choice communities

On July 16, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the inclusion of eight new communities in the Housing Choice Communities program and the re-designation of 56 Housing Choice Communities.

Included in the designation were Everett, Chelsea and Boston.

This brings the total number of current Housing Choice Communities to 74 across the Commonwealth. This program is designed to recognize communities who have made substantial progress towards housing development goals and for the implementation of housing best practices to encourage sustainable development. The Housing Choice Designation is part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s strategy to produce 135,000 new housing units by 2025 to meet the high demand of housing across the state.

The newly designated communities are: Amesbury, Belchertown, Medfield, Middleborough, Newburyport, North Attleborough, Salem, and Sunderland.

Between 2015 and 2019, this year’s 64 Housing Choice Communities built 73 percent of all new housing units in Massachusetts. This designation affords Housing Choice Communities access to an exclusive, competitive capital grant program, and points on applications to nine other

state capital grants, including MassWorks, MassDOT Complete Streets, EEA Community Investment Grants, and more.

Communities that receive this designation have either produced at least 500 new housing units or saw an increase of 5 percent or more in new housing units from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019, or, alternatively, produced at least 300 new housing units or saw an increase of 3 percent or more new housing units from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 and met 7 of 14 Housing Choice Best Practices, two of which must be related to affordability. Most communities in today’s announcement have increased their housing production by 5 percent or more or have built over 500 new units since 2015.

Many of the Housing Choice Communities are implementing best practices to produce new housing. Over 70 percent of the 2020 Housing Choice Communities now make it easier to build new multi-family housing through by-right zoning or a robust special permit pipeline of approved projects. Many others have invested Community Preservation Act funds in local projects, often in combination with local Affordable Housing Trusts to support new affordable housing development in the future.

The administration’s

Housing Choice Initiative, which was announced in December 2017, is a package of technical assistance for communities, the Housing Choice Communities (HCC) designation, new capital grant funding, and pending legislation, An Act to Promote Housing Choices. This initiative complements the investments made by the Department of Housing and Community Development in affordable housing production across the state, and supports local government actions to meet the demands of a growing and aging population in Massachusetts.

The legislative proposal An Act to Promote Housing Choices, which was also filed as part of the Administration’s economic development legislation in March, will advance new housing production and promote equitable access to opportunity by enabling cities and towns to adopt certain zoning best practices related to housing production by a simple majority vote, rather than the current two-thirds supermajority. While this legislation will lower the voting threshold to change zoning for communities in the Commonwealth, it does not require cities and towns to make any of these changes. With the proposed simple majority threshold, municipalities that pursue rezoning efforts, including those enabling transit-oriented or downtown-orient-

ed new housing, would gain approval if they achieve more than 50 percent of the vote, as opposed to the current supermajority of more than 66 percent. Massachusetts is currently one of only a few states to require a supermajority to change local zoning. The legislation does not apply to the City of Boston, which has its own zoning regulations.

Zoning changes that promote best practices for housing growth that would qualify for the simple majority threshold include:

Building mixed-use, multi-family, and starter homes, and adopting 40R “Smart Growth” zoning in town centers and near transit.

Allowing the development of accessory dwelling units, or “in-law” apartments.

Approving Smart Growth or Starter Home districts that put housing near existing activity centers.

ters.

Granting increased density through a special permit process.

Allowing for the transfer of development rights and enacting natural resource protection zoning.

Reducing parking requirements and dimensional requirements, such as minimum lot sizes.

This legislation also includes a provision, added by the Joint Committee on Housing last session, that would reduce the voting threshold for a special permit issued by a local permit granting authority to a simple majority vote, for certain multi-family or mixed-use projects with at least 10 percent affordable units in locations near transit, or in centers of commercial activity within a municipality.

The Baker-Polito Administration has shown a deep commitment to increasing the production of housing across income levels. Since

2015, the administration has invested more than \$1.1 billion in affordable housing, resulting in the production and preservation of more than 18,000 housing units, including 16,000 affordable units. In 2018, Governor Baker signed the largest housing bond bill in Massachusetts history, committing more than \$1.8 billion to the future of affordable housing production and preservation. The Baker-Polito Administration has also advanced the development of more than 14,000 mixed-income housing units through the successful MassWorks Infrastructure Program, reformed the Housing Development Incentive Program, and worked with communities to implement smart-growth development and planning efforts.

The following are 2020 local Housing Choice Communities: Boston, Chelsea and Everett.

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that the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Sub-Committee meet regularly with youth in the Everett Public Schools to make sure that they implement and enforce relevant measures to address ongoing issues. We appreciate the work of Superintendent Priya Tahiliani and her action plan to address racism within

EPS. We appreciate that Mayor Carlo DeMaria declared systemic racism a public health emergency in Everett and has convened an advisory board to audit the city’s practices around policing. We additionally suggest that the advisory board include and actively solicit feedback from students who have experi-

enced racism in Everett. We are happy to see these first steps - but they will be just that without action.

We cannot be complacent, and this work is far from being done.

The Everett Education Coalition

## Bike Path // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and many businesses along the path – including Encore.

“It’s been a long journey,” said Kayla Sousa, the project manager for the City out of Howard Stein Hudson. “We did the first report on it in 2017...It’s a very difficult and a very expensive ¾-mile, but really important to connect the Encore HarborWalk and the DCR pathways along the Mystic, with the idea that one day this goes straight to Boston.”

That has always been the hope, and since starting as Transportation Director for the City, Jay Monty, has been working to make sure that happens. It has involved legal fights with the Gateway Mall owners, SITE Centers, who had at one time promised to pay for design and part of the construction when they were allowed to build their property more than 20 years ago. Once that was settled, it meandered through wetlands issues, wildlife issues, soil tests and easement agreements with the

MBTA – which operates a stone ballast yard adjacent to where the new path with run.

“It’s been a really complex project given the stakeholders and property owners and legal hurdles,” said Monty. “I didn’t imagine it would take five years. It’s exciting to be at the finish line though.

The path will connect where it currently ends, next to Air Force Road in the Village. It will pass under one commuter rail bridge, and then another traffic bridge, through two wetlands and then along the back edge of the Gateway Mall. It would eventually pass under the commuter rail bridge again and onto the Encore property.

At Encore, the idea is one day to build out a new \$33 million cycle/pedestrian bridge over the Mystic River that connects with the Assembly Square Orange Line Station and many other paths towards Boston and Somerville. Some estimate it could become a viable route to commute

to Boston for hundreds per day.

Yurij Lojko, executive director of Bike to the Sea, said it was an “on-point” environmental strategy for the future.

“Not only will the extended path be a great resource for alternative transportation and recreation, but I’m convinced the long-term environmental strategy couldn’t be more on-point,” he said. “The team hired made it clear they take environmental remediation seriously, which means the City of Everett is taking the topic seriously. The changes you’re making today won’t just help people today - it’s a win for people and the environment for generations to come.”

The Conservation Commission voted unanimously to move the NOI forward.

Sousa said they envisioned putting out bid documents in the next few weeks and having a contractor start preliminary work in the fall. The major construction and completion is expected in 2021.

By Seth Daniel

It was no big surprise that hotel excise payments and meals taxes for Everett would tank in April, May and June, but the gory details of just how much became available from the state Department of Revenue (DOR) on Monday.

The biggest hit came on hotel room excise taxes, which were down by nearly \$700,000. Traditionally, hotel excise has not been a source of revenue for Everett until the Encore resort and EnVision Hotel opened over the last two years.

Hotel excise tax, which is a local fee added on to every room taken out in every city and town, was seen as an excellent new source of revenue that could provide up to \$5 million in found money per year.

Things were headed that way in the second quarter when the City collected \$1.36 million and in the third quarter when the City collected \$1.05 million. However, the latest totals showed just \$377,657 in excise.

It wasn’t unexpected and Everett CFO Eric Demas said since this was the first year of operations for Encore, they had played it conservatively on hotel excise and weren’t depending on the cash flow.

That said, Encore has only opened their hotel now four days per week, and there is some question about how long it could take to be up and running in full operation. Encore

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President Brian Gullbrants said two weeks ago that the demand just isn’t there right now to book the hotel tower seven days a week.

The EnVision Hotel shut down completely for COVID-19 and served as a quarantine location for Everett and surrounding cities, paid for through state monies. It was uncertain as to when it would re-open for business.

It was across the board for all cities and towns, of course.

Boston showed a decrease in the fourth quarter of nearly \$12 million, going from \$19.68 million in the third quarter to \$7.9 million in the fourth. That’s even more striking when one considers the second quarter in Boston reaped \$38.85 million due to the Christ-

mas and fall events there.

Chelsea’s hotel room excise was off by about \$500,000 from its regular quarter returns of about \$600,000.

For meals taxes, the fourth quarter was down more than \$200,000 from the average.

The second and third quarters were \$345,000 and \$318,000 respectively. The fourth quarter revenues sank to \$171,763.

By contrast, Chelsea revenues were cut nearly in half, going from \$132,799 to \$73,403.

Revenues from so-called “local option” taxes are typically very important for the normal operations of City government, and are one of only a few revenue sources other than property taxes available to cities and towns.

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# Strike Over: Veterans Transportation workers approve new contract

Staff Report

Members of Teamsters Local 25 employed at Veterans Transportation providing paratransit for the MBTA THE RIDE voted by more than 90 percent to approve the company's revised contract, ending an eight-day strike.

A total of 350 essential drivers who have worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic voted unanimously to go on strike July 12 over the company's demands for significant health insurance increases. Teamsters Local 25 members walked the picket lines 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at Veterans Transportation locations in Everett, Watertown and Waltham.

The striking workers received significant support from community members, elected officials and fellow unions showing solidarity to these frontline pandemic heroes. These Teamsters



Teamsters Local 25 President Sean O'Brien announces the results of the election.

have been working through the pandemic, providing door-to-door transportation for people who cannot use public transit because of physical, cognitive or mental disabilities.

"Our members at Veterans Transportation are heroes who have put themselves and their families at

risk during the pandemic, providing transit services for our most at-risk citizens," said Teamsters Local 25 President Sean M. O'Brien. "Teamsters Local 25 is proud to represent the MBTA THE RIDE drivers and will never stop fighting to make sure our members are treated with dignity



Members of VTS vote on the new contract over the weekend.

and respect and receive fair wages, affordable health insurance and a safe working environment."

Teamsters Local 25

expresses sincere thanks and gratitude to the union members and many community supporters who demonstrated unwavering solidarity by joining their

hardworking union brothers and sisters on the picket line. Teamsters Local 25 is New England's largest Teamsters union with more than 12,000 members.

## Full-service salon opens on Broadway

Staff Report

A new full-service salon officially opened its doors in Everett on Wednesday, July 8.

The Mirage Salon – located at 572 Broadway in Everett, features a contemporary atmosphere where patrons can receive blow-outs, hair coloring, waxing, nail services and other health, beauty and personal care services.

At just 23 years old, the owner Juliana Granado, officially took over ownership during Phase 1 of Governor Charlie Baker's reopening plan that allowed hair salons to reopen. Despite being in the midst of an economic downfall where small businesses across the country are struggling, it didn't deter Granado from

opening her business.

"I believe in this motto: it doesn't have to be perfect to be done, you just have to do it and perfect it along the way," Granado said. "A lot of kids think they have to meet a certain criteria and that prevents them from getting started."

Granado began doing hair at the age of 14 in Brazil, where she had a plethora of high-profile clients before she moved to America in February 2019. Prior to owning her own business, she worked at a hair salon on Ferry Street.

During the official grand opening, Communications Director, Deanna Deveney presented Granado with a citation from Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

"I was humbled and welcomed," Granado said.

"It's tough to be in business these days, but receiving the support of the mayor shows that you have people behind you and the city has your back."

Granado says she started her business in Everett because the diverse backgrounds in the City of Everett give her the opportunity to reach many different cultures. She also added, she wanted to be a part of the growing successful businesses in the city.

Granado and her husband, Valdir Jr.'s are also members of the Universal church in Everett, where they lead a youth power group, working with hundreds of kids throughout the city.

Appointments for the newly opened hair salon can be booked.



A ribbon cutting celebrated the opening of the salon, which started business under the state's Phase 1 re-opening plan.



Juliana Granado of Mirage Salon accepts a citation from representatives of Mayor Carlo DeMaria last weekend.

## Al Borgonzi retires from City Hall

Monday morning, Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented Al Borgonzi with a citation after he officially retired from serving the City of Everett.

Borgonzi personally contacted Mayor DeMaria in the midst of the health pandemic, and volunteered to retire in order to save someone else's job during the city's layoffs.

"I don't know too many people who would do what Al did," Mayor Carlo DeMaria said. "His selfless act blew me away. I want to wish him a retirement filled with happiness. Our doors will always be open to Al."

Borgonzi worked during Mayor Ragucci's administration and all 13 years of Mayor Demaria's tenure. His most noticeable work is his behind the scenes effort with renovating the parks in the City of Everett.




City employee Al Borgonzi with a certificate honoring him on his retirement Monday.

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City employees celebrating with Borgonzi.



# Sports

## THE “E” CLUB HONORS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The “E” Club honored scholarship recipients in front of Everett High School during a socially distanced awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon. Due to Covid-19, the semi-annual banquet had to be cancelled.



Jason Portillo received an award from the “E” Club on Saturday.



Clarence Jules received an award from the “E” Club.



Derek Schovanec was honored by the “E” Club on Saturday.



Mac Gregory Shillingford was recognized by the “E” Club.



Victoria Elena Chaparro was honored by the “E” Club on Saturday.



Executive Director, Vincent Ragucci Jr., introduced himself and welcomed award recipients in a unique outdoor “E” Club awards ceremony.



Ashley Lyn Yebba was a scholarship recipient from the “E” Club.



Isabella Grace LaCorcia received a scholarship award from the “E” Club.



Carolann Cardinale was honored by the “E” Club over the weekend.



Scholarship recipient Rothsaida Sylvaince, was joined by proud mom Darleine on Saturday.



Ryan Duc Vu was honored by the “E” Club on Saturday afternoon.



“E” Club scholarship recipients were honored during a brief outdoor ceremony in front of Everett High School on Saturday - a substitute for their semi-annual dinner.



Members of the “E” Club collaborated with Principal Naumann to organize an outdoor ceremony for scholarship recipients.



The “E” Club Board visited Everett High School to congratulate scholarship recipients.



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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### BRIGHTENING UP THE DOWNTOWN

CHELSEA - Most people think of chalk as being a key ingredient of math problem reviews or homework assignments at school, but Chelsea's Melissa Gallego has seen chalk as a way this summer to beautify the downtown with colorful – albeit temporary – art.

Chelsea Prospers has unveiled Chalk Art Saturdays through the months of June and July, each with a unique theme and a local artist to do their handiwork in decorating a secret location that is unveiled later. Some have been on the side of the TD Bank, another was on the stairs to City Hall, and Gallego got to show her handiwork in the center of Bellingham Square by the clock.

Gallego is the 15-year-old daughter of Chelsea's, Juan Gallego, a builder in the community who has spent a great deal of time helping with the City's downtown planning efforts.

While he's a builder, his daughter Melissa is on the creative side.

Melissa attends Malden Catholic School for Girls, and has lived her whole life in Chelsea.

"I have drawn and painted my whole life with inspiration from my father," she said. "I find painting relaxing, but drawing with pencil is my favorite way of making art."

In late June, she created a colorful chalk enhancement near the clock in Bellingham Square – the theme being 'Embracing New Rituals.'

Another Chelsea artist who has contributed is Max Pro, who was born and raised in Chelsea, but left to pursue his dreams. However, he said he always knew he belonged in Chelsea and has returned.

His family migrated to Chelsea from Cuba many years ago, and he said he spends most of his time

with his wife, daughters and siblings.

His creativity began when he was exposed to comic books – that combined with a curiosity about the theory of time travel. Those things mixed together launched his creative side when he was younger. Now, he owns a clothing design business called All Planets that also represents suicide awareness and mental health wellness.

He said he loves being involved in the community and wished he had more time in the day to be active.

"I always remain thankful for everyone's support, kind words and good energy," he said. "Without it, I wouldn't be anywhere near where I am today."

### KNIGHTS STILL ACTIVE

CHELSEA - While the Knights of Columbus in Chelsea might have vacated their building in Chelsea Square, members this week said they have not folded and continue to actively meet and help the church community in Chelsea.

Member Frank Pegnato – a Chelsea native and long-time Knight – said the organization is still active, despite much discussion lately about the Christopher Columbus Statue and the Chelsea Knights being defunct.

It's not so, said Pegnato. "The Knights of Columbus has not folded," he said.

"Unfortunately there was an issue with taxes and we found out we owed a lot of taxes we didn't know about. We ended up finding out though that the City had overcharged us \$80,000 and got that money back from the City. However, because of that, we ended up selling our building across the street from the statue. That said, we still meet one time a month at the Chelsea Yacht Club. We're still very active giving money to the churches in the community."

### CHELSEA COPSICLE TRUCK: TO PROTECT AND SERVE ICE CREAM



PHOTOS BY DARLENE DEVITA

One little girl waits her turn for the Copsicle Truck to get a frozen treat on a hot day last week. Here, Officer Rich Bellomo, Sgt. John Noffle, Officer Joanne O'Brien, Sharon Fosbury, Officer Sammy Mojica, Councilor Naomi Zabot, Officer Ari Rodriguez and Officer Maria Barbosa hand out ice cream last week to the neighborhood on a hot day.

The organization started in Chelsea in 1898 and was founded to help the Catholic church community in the city. Pegnato said just recently Our Lady of Grace was being threatened with closure if they didn't rebuild a critical retaining wall. The Knights were able to provide \$110,000 to replace the wall and keep the church open.

The statue of Christopher Columbus has come under fire recently in Chelsea Square – across the street from where the Knights building used to be. Several City Councilors asked that the statue be removed and a tribute to the indigenous people that once populated Chelsea be erected in that location. That request has been sent to a Committee on Conference for further discussion.

The statue in Chelsea was put up not to honor Columbus, but to designate the Knights of Columbus location. It was funded by more than a half-dozen organizations in the City in the 1930s, and out of a response, the Knights said,

to defend those without a voice in those times. The Knights were founded in America to help people without a voice who were being persecuted in the early 1900s, many of them being Italian immigrants or Roman Catholics suspected of espionage, treason or anarchist beliefs.

Statues of Columbus were put up all over America to denote the presence of a club in that town. The one in Chelsea was put up after significant fund-raising to denote the Knights location across the street.

Still today, Pegnato said they may no longer have a building, but they certainly have a presence – unlike what many have recently said in the statue debate.

"The Knights of Columbus is still active and still very much alive in Chelsea," he said. "We don't have a building now, so we're not as visible as we were, but we're still active and our meetings are held every month – like they have been for more than 130 years in Chelsea."

### DATA SHOWS PPP SAVED JOBS

EAST BOSTON - Data released by the U.S. Department of the Treasury showed that the federal Paycheck Protection Program, or "PPP", was able to save thousands of jobs in East Boston during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The data was released by the Treasury's Small Business Administration (SBA) and showed that 46 small businesses in Eastie benefited from the program by receiving more than \$150,00 in loans.

These 46 businesses were able to save 1,943 local jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic when many businesses were forced to scale back significantly or close all together.

The data also showed 377 Eastie businesses that received SBA loans less than \$150,000 were able to save 1,497 local jobs.

"Small businesses are the driving force of American economic stability, and are essential to America's economic rebound from the pandemic," said the SBA in a statement.

Places like Zumix, Angela's Cafe, East Boston Central Catholic, and Little Folks Community Day Care Center all received PPP loans from the SBA. Some like Zumix, Central Catholic and Little Folks were forced to close in March due to the pandemic and others like Angela's Cafe were forced to cease dine-in service until late June.

The SBA said they released the data as a key aspect of the SBA's Values Transparency program.

"SBA is maintaining a balance between providing transparency to American taxpayers and protecting

small businesses' confidential business information, such as payroll, and personally identifiable information," continued SBA's statement. "SBA is committed to ensuring that any release of PPP loan data does not harm small businesses or their employees."

### LOCAL SUMMER CAMPS ARE IN FULL SWING

EAST BOSTON - Adjusting summer camp programs to comply with state regulation during the state's phased COVID-19 reopening hasn't been easy, but East Boston's four premier youth camp program providers are adapting well.

"Summer camp is in full swing at the East Boston Y at our Ashley Street location," said East Boston YMCA Executive Director Joe Gaeta. "We have taken all the necessary safety precautions laid out by the Department of Public Health in order to ensure a safe and fun summer for all our children and staff."

Gaeta said the Y is currently at capacity with 60 children and has been practicing the proper amount of social distancing and cleaning techniques daily.

"Each day the youth take part in awesome STEAM activities, physical activities, teamwork activities, and educational activities--including virtual field trips," said Gaeta. "This year we are intentional about working as much education into fun as possible to help with the 'Covid Slide.'" Each activity is a ton of fun for kids without knowing they are learning core educational building blocks at the same time."

Gaeta said being able to provide the community with a safe place for children to be during the summer months is the Y's top priority.

"It's fun to see the kids return to some sort of normalcy given they haven't been in school since March," said Gaeta. "Staff are energetic to engage our youth each day and provide them with ample space to have a good time"

Over at Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said while it is such a challenging summer and a difficult time for many Eastie families the kids have been having a blast.

"They are doing a great job following the rules, and we appreciate parents and guardians that are always wearing a face covering and keeping a safe distance from program areas," said DeFronzo. "Socialization is such an important part of youth development and being outside makes it as safe as reasonably possible. While we've had to forgo some of our favorite parts of the summer like lunch parties and weekly island trips we've added a few

new activities like weekly Friday races right in front of Piers Park."

Now in its third week the Sailing Center's three major programs are well underway.

"We have Harbor Explorers for 6-9 year olds, Science of Sailing for ages 10 and over, and our Future Leader/Instructor Trainee teen program," said deFronzo. "All three are fully booked. Our boats and hands are collectively cleaner than they have ever been and we are going to do all we can to make it through the summer safely and with as much fun as possible."

Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant said the club kids have been having a good summer so far.

"We have had a great camp thus far," said Triant. "This is week three for us and the kids are having a great time. I think just being out of the house and being around friends, even though it is such a limited number of people they interact with, is having a positive impact on the behavior of the kids. All the parents seem very comfortable with our processes and procedures. We are still growing and now have close to 80 kids in the camp."

Justin Pasquariello, executive director of the East Boston Social Centers, said the Social Centers took a bit longer to reopen and started summer programs on Monday.

"We ended up taking a bit longer to reopen so today is our first day back," said Pasquariello. "We reopened one early learning facility in a new location due to pending displacement from Orient Heights public housing and reopened more school age programming summer camps at 68 Central Square for the same reason and all is going well so far."

### ARRIGO CONVENES FIRST MEETING OF NEW CABINET

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo convened the first meeting of his newly established Cabinet On Tuesday, July 14, following a structural reorganization aimed at promoting accountability and transparency in City operations and improving the efficiency and quality of services and programs for Revere residents. Cabinet members will be responsible for advising the Mayor on the various subject matters under their purview and will act as the City's executive management team. The announcement follows a series of initiatives undertaken by Mayor Arrigo to professionalize and streamline City services.

"The establishment of a Cabinet structure is go-

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# Officials establish mobile testing site with help of state

By Seth Daniel

A new mobile COVID-19 testing program has been rolled out in Everett and will provide free testing through the summer Monday through Friday in an initiative from Gov. Charlie Baker and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

In collaboration with Fenway Health, residents can report to the mobile sites to be tested after making an appointment, and it’s a move by the state to increase testing in areas that were hot spots during the surge.

“These locations will remain the same,” said Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano. “The governor’s initiative to stop the spread is running from July to Aug. 14. We don’t know if it will be extended. We are part of eight cities and towns selected for more testing. We worked with (Department of Public Health) and we know it was important to resident and the mayor to get more testing. We did get a lot of questions as our cases are going down and we’re not as much of a hot spot. It’s not so much that we are a hot spot now, but in the surge we were a hot spot and we were so close to Chelsea. In general, we want to get the access out there for testing. A lot of residents just want to know.”

For the most part, results are coming back in 24 to 48 hours of the tests.

Firicano said many residents do need to be tested before going back to work, or heading off to vacation and they can provide such certification.

“We have seen more requests for letters stating the results because resi-



Kiefer St. Pierre of Fenway Health discusses a COVID-19 testing procedure with a patient at Glendale Park on Monday. In partnership with the City and state, mobile testing for free is available five days a week in Everett. An appointment is necessary.

dents need it for work,” she said. “If an Everett resident needs a letter to go back, we can provide that so they can show documentation. Others are requesting a letter to travel and they need it in hand to show at the airport or wherever they are going. It’s important to provide that.”

The tests are done by a nasal swab and are very quick, taking place under a tent with the mobile van nearby. An appointment is required for the testing by contacting the City, and then reporting to the mobile location. They are open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but are looking to expand to 3 p.m.

The daily sites include:

- Monday – Glendale Park
- Tuesday – Sacramone Park
- Weds. – Lafayette School
- Thursday – Maddie English School
- Friday – City Hall Parking Lot

For the most part, cases in Everett have been on the downside, with a few days this month that logged no

new cases at all. Firicano said overall there have been 1,795 confirmed cases, but now 1,608 of those cases have made full recoveries.

“We have had two days of no new cases and that was encouraging and exciting to see the numbers go down after having our numbers so high at one time,” she said. “It was great to see it at zero.”

There is also good news on the percent positive numbers, specifically because as the testing is increasing, the numbers of positive tests continues to decrease.

“We’re seeing more testing done and there is less positive cases in those tests,” she said. “At CHA Everett, we’re seeing that hospitalizations are down and individuals are being discharged out of the ICU...We’re headed in the right direction. We have to be cautious and make sure to wear masks and continue to social distance as much as possible.”

She said there could be even more testing becoming available for Everett residents in Everett over the coming weeks.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### LOCAL RESIDENTS GRADUATE FROM UMASS LOWELL

Local residents were among the graduates honored by UMass Lowell’s 2020 Commencement on Friday, May 29.

The university held a virtual Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 29 for the more than 4,400 members of the Class of 2020, which represents 45 states and 108 nations, and included 1,624 individuals who graduated with honors.

The ceremony was presided over by UMass Lowell Chancellor Jacques Moloney, who is a two-time UMass Lowell graduate. The Commencement address was delivered by Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and the student address was by criminal justice major Rachel Record of Pepperell, who was also one of six recipients of the Trustee’s Key for maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA for her entire UMass Lowell career, as well as a Chancellor’s Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

The ceremony also featured special congratulations wishes for UMass Lowell graduates from Dropkick Murphys, UMass Lowell alumni TV personality Taniya Nayak and meteorologist Sarah Wroblewski; Food Network chef Robert Irvine; sports broadcasters including John Buccigross of ESPN, Kathryn Tappen of NBC Sports and Baseball Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley of New England Sports Network; and past UMass Lowell Commencement speakers and honorees including Oscar winner Chris Cooper and author Marianne Leone Cooper, Judy Woodruff of PBS, Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart, Steve Kornacki of MSNBC and U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan.

The main ceremony was followed by online events by each of the university’s schools and colleges during which all graduates’ names were read.

Local residents among UMass Lowell’s Class of 2020 are:

\* Rajiv Duke Yogananthan of Everett, who received a Master of Business

Administration degree.

\* Laura Altenor of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Music degree in music studies.

\* Mohamed Ouarrak of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in electrical engineering.

\* Vincent Joseph Sottosanti of Everett, who received a Master of Science in Engineering degree in plastics engineering.

\* Orhan Kallogjeri of Everett, who received a Master of Science in Engineering degree in mechanical engineering.

\* Maxwell Dumerant of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in mechanical engineering.

\* Sheila Thao-Nhi Vo of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in art.

\* Dana Aldana Lantion of Everett (02149), who received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree.

\* Oritsemwensholayemi Okhihan of Everett, who received a Master of Science in Engineering degree in plastics engineering.

\* Mateus Ribeiro Lopes Ferreira of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in public health.

\* Daniel Caruso of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in computer engineering.

\* Lyndsay Blauvelt of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Music degree in music studies.

\* Eric Senibaldi of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

\* Brandon L. Loesch of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in civil engineering.

\* Christopher Bruno of Everett, who received a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

\* Nathan David Wilcox of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree.

\* Hector Andres Acosta of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree.

\* Charlusena Marie A. Sylvain of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

\* Christopher James McNeill of Everett, who received a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree.

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### LOCAL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE UMASS AMHERST SPRING 2020 DEAN’S LIST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2020 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

- EVERETT
- Conrado Araujo  
Jean-Pierre Netsu  
Charles  
Brenda Meneses Cordiro  
Nyomi Dottin  
Brayams Flores Reyes  
Brenda Amaral Genium  
David Gertz  
Shermarie C Hyppolite  
Mandeep Kaur  
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Molly Solano  
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Lily Yee Tran  
Sarah Tran  
Vincent Vu

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ing to have far-reaching benefits for our residents as we continue to improve coordination across City departments and guarantee accountability and transparency in everything we do,” Mayor Arrigo said. “I couldn’t be more proud to have this dedicated team working every day to make our City a better place for Revere residents.”

Cabinet members include: Chief of Police David Callahan, Fire Chief Christopher Bright, Chief of Staff Robert Marra, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, Chief Financial Officer Richard Viscay, Chief of Planning and Development Robert O’Brien, Chief of Innovation Reuben Kantor, Chief of Infrastructure and Public Works Don Ciaramella, Chief of Public Health and Human Services Kim Hanton, and Chief of Human Resources John Viarella.

### CITY SEEKS PROJECT MANAGER

REVERE - Revere officials are proactively preparing for good news that may come from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), and the city will receive state funds to build a new high school.

This week Revere’s Purchasing Agent Michael Piccardi published a Request For Submissions (RFS) to begin searching for a “responsive and responsible” firm to act as an Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) in the event the MSBA gives the city the greenlight to build a new high school. RFS applications are due before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 and should be

sent to Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere.

According to the request Revere is seeking project management services for the “design, construction, addition to and/or renovation of Revere High School”.

An OPM provides independent advice on project scope, design, value engineering, scheduling, contractual matters, and more. With allegiance to neither the designer nor the contractor, the OPM will act in the city and MSBA’s best interest to manage projects from beginning to end.

According to industry insiders a good OPM can save a lot of time and money, especially on a project as large as building a new high school.

“This is the next step in the process as we move into the Feasibility Study phase of the project,” said Revere Public School Superintendent Dianne Kelly. “This Request for Services will begin the selection of the Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) who will oversee the New Revere High School project from thinking about where it will be situated to the application of final touches on the building. We are really excited to be partnering with the MSBA in this OPM selection process.”

Kelly said choosing an OPM will be an involved process that will include reviews prior to application submission, an interview process, a weighted assessment of applicants, and then review by the MSBA team.

“We anticipate being part of their September Review Panel Meeting for final OPM selection,” she said. “It is a great step forward

for the future of the Revere Public Schools.”

In April, the MSBA voted to authorize inviting the City of Revere to collaborate with the MSBA in conducting a Feasibility Study to build a new high school in the city.

Revere was one of five school districts chosen by the MSBA on April 15 with the others being the Town of Brookline, the City of Haverhill, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, and the Town of Webster.

The vote by the MSBA came on the heels of a vote by the Revere City Council to approve a \$2 million appropriation to begin the Feasibility Study to build a new high school in the city back in February.

Kelly said once the OPM is chosen she expects the Feasibility Study to take about two years. In 2018 Revere Public Schools cleared a major hurdle during a MSBA board meeting when the MSBA board voted to invite Revere and ten other school districts that filed Statements of Interest (SOI) this year to take part in the eligibility process that could ultimately lead to grant money to build a new high school here.

“I am absolutely delighted that we are looking to the future,” said School Committee member Carol Tye. “In this time of adverse circumstances in almost every aspect of our society, we need to keep our promise to provide the best educational experience to our children. And that means a high school fit for the 21st Century. I am proud that the City is committed to that vision.”

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### MBTA TO RESUME FARE COLLECTION ON BUSES, TROLLEYS, AND COMMUTER RAIL

The MBTA has resumed fare collection on buses, on trolleys at street-level stops on the Green Line and Mat-tapan Line, and on the Com-muter Rail beginning Mon-day, July 20.

Customers are encour-aged to pay with a preloaded CharlieCard or CharlieTick-et on buses and trolleys. Cus-tomers may also pay with cash. Commuter Rail cus-

tomers are encouraged to use the mTicket app for payment or purchase the new Five-day Flex Pass on the mTicket app. The Five-day Flex Pass is a bundled fare good for any five days of travel within a thirty-day period. Fairmont Line customers also have the option to pay fares with CharlieCards at Zone 1A sta-tions.

On MBTA buses, to avoid overcrowding, operators have the discretion to by-pass a stop. If a customer with a disability is able to be identified while waiting at a stop to be bypassed, the bus operator alerts the Control

Center, will notify that indi-vidual that the stop is being passed due to crowding, and will alert the customer to the approximate time of the next available bus that can ac-commodate them.

Customers should contin-ue to make efforts to distance and are reminded that face coverings are required while onboard vehicles and within the MBTA system.

For more information, please visit [mbta.com/coronavirus](http://mbta.com/coronavirus), [mass.gov/COVID19](http://mass.gov/COVID19), or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or In-stagram@theMBTA.

## State extends moratorium on evictions and foreclosures to Oct. 17

Staff Report

Gov. Charlie Baker ex-tended the pause on evictions and foreclosures for 60 days, until October 17, through the authority granted to the gov-ernor by Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2020, An Act pro-viding for a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during the COVID-19 Emer-gency, which was signed into law on April 20.

This law's limitations on evictions and foreclosures have allowed many tenants and homeowners impacted by COVID-19 to remain in their homes during the state of emergency, and this ex-tension provides residents of the Commonwealth with continued housing security as businesses cautiously re-open, more people return to work, and the state collec-tively moves toward a "new normal."

The moratorium was set to expire on August 18.

Tenants are strongly en-couraged to continue to pay rent, and homeowners to make their mortgage pay-

ments, to the extent they are able. To assist low-income households in making rent and mortgage payments, as well as support landlords needing these rent payments to pay expenses, the Bak-er-Polito Administration launched a new \$20 million, statewide fund, the Emer-gency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) pro-gram, on July 1.

This funding comple-ments the \$18 million cur-rently available through the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) homeless preven-tion program, which can also be used for rent or mortgage payments. In each program, landlords or mortgage lend-ers receive payments direct-ly from the RAFT adminis-tering agencies.

During this 60 day exten-sion, the Administration will consult with the court admin-istrators and other stakehold-ers regarding programs and policies to help tenants avoid eviction when proceedings resume.

The law suspends most residential and small busi-

ness commercial evictions, as well as residential fore-closures. It does not relieve tenants or homeowners of their obligation to pay rent or make mortgage payments. The law also:

- Prevents landlords from sending notifications to res-idential tenants that threaten eviction or terminating of a lease;

- Limits court actions on non-essential evictions;

- Relieves tenants, both residents and small commer-cial, from late fees and nega-tive credit reporting;

- Allows landlords to use "last month's rent" to pay for certain expenses, though not as a replacement rent payment, and only with proper notification of tenant;

- Requires lenders to grant a forbearance for up to 180 days if a homeowner expe-riencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 submits such a request; and

- Allows for alternative payment agreements be-tween lenders and borrowers regarding forbearance pay-ments.

### Volunteers needed before peak of hurricane season starts

Hurricane season doesn't stop because of a pandemic, and 2020 has been widely predicted to be even busier than recent years. Now, the Red Cross of Massachusetts is looking to virtually train new volunteers in sheltering, health services, and other crucial aspects of mission delivery.

The Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disas-ters per year, with a work-force that is 95 percent vol-unteer. Usually, that gives us the ability to deploy special-ly-trained disaster volunteers from all over the country – but with COVID-19 travel restrictions in place, we're looking to local residents to answer the call and train up for emergencies that may arise in our region.

The biggest areas of need are in sheltering and health services. Tasks may include registration, feeding, dormitory and information

collection in both associate and supervisory roles. The Red Cross is also looking for RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with active, current and unencumbered licenses to help assess the health of shelter residents.

Since the beginning of July, more than 60 disaster volunteers have already been deployed in Massachusetts, many of those in response to severe flooding from recent storms. A heavy rain storm on June 29 caused a partial roof collapse at a Malden apartment building, forcing the residents of 30 apart-ments to seek shelter with the Red Cross.

The Red Cross provided rooms at a nearby hotel for all affected residents, as well as a few people displaced by flooding in other commu-nities. In-person volunteers helped serve residents three meals a day and made sure

all areas used by Red Cross clients were properly cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. At the same time, our virtual teams were working with the apartment's prop-erty management company to ensure residents had regular updates on the status of re-pairs and access to alternate housing arrangements as needed. While the immedi-ate need for sheltering ser-vices has been met, our re-covery casework teams will continue to follow up virtu-ally with clients as needed.

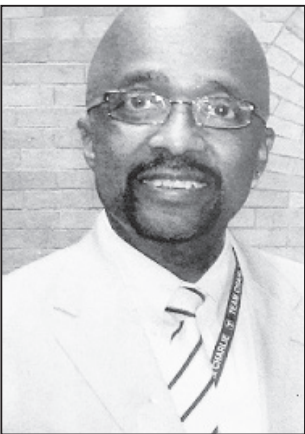
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## Everett resident Jim Henderson named to CHA Board of Trustee

Cambridge Health Alli-ance (CHA), an academic community health sys-tem serving Cambridge, Somerville and Boston's metro-north region, has named Everett resident Jim Henderson to its Board of Trustees.

Henderson, appointed by Louis DePasquale, City Manager of Cambridge, will help CHA fulfill its mission of improving the health of our communities. The board membership in-cludes residents from Cam-bridge, Somerville and Ev-erett, which cover CHA's primary service area.

Henderson lives a few blocks away from CHA Ev-erett Hospital. He served on the Everett Planning Board and the School Build-ing Commission. He also served as Human Resourc-es Director for three Everett mayors, including current Mayor Carlo DeMaria. His HR office administered the City's Health Insurance Benefits for City of Everett



Pictured is Jim Henderson who recently joined CHA's Board of Trustees.

workers, teachers, firefigh-ters, police officers and re-tirees.

He left the City of Everett HR Department to become Employee Engagement Manager for MassDOT and the MBTA, where improv-ing operational processes and change management, customer service and diver-sity training were important aspects of his duties. After-

ward, he became HR Direc-tor for the Massachusetts Department of Capital As-sets Management & Main-tenance. Jim is now prin-cipal in an Everett-based sole proprietorship which provides business law ad-vice to select clients and non-legal consulting advice in general.

Henderson is a mag-na cum laude graduate of Harvard College. Between college and law school, he was a research assistant at Harvard's Kennedy Insti-tute of Politics and a para-legal at WGBH. He's a cum laude graduate of Boston College Law School. After law school, he moved to Connecticut where he was an in-house counsel to two Fortune 120 companies. He also was an adjunct profes-sor in business aw for seven years at Quinnipiac College School of Law.

The new trustee replaces Mark Puleo who has com-pleted his term of service.

## Massachusetts logs highest unemployment rate for June

Staff Report

The state's June total unemployment rate is up eight-tenths of a percentage point at 17.4 percent fol-lowing a revision to the May rate of 16.6 percent, the Executive Office of La-bor and Workforce Devel-opment announced Friday.

It is the highest unem-ployment rate in the nation.

The national unemploy-ment rate for June was 11.1 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Mas-sachusetts added 83,700 jobs in June. This follows last month's revised gain of 55,000 jobs. Over the month, the private sector added 97,300 jobs as gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Trans-portion, and Utilities; Construction; Profession-al, Scientific, and Business Services; Education and Health Services; Manufac-turing; and Other Services. Losses occurred in Finan-cial Activities and Informa-tion.

Government lost jobs over the month.

From June 2019 to June 2020, BLS estimates Mas-sachusetts lost 529,800 jobs.

Losses occurred in each of the private sectors, with the largest percentage loss-es in Leisure and Hospital-ity; Other Services; Trade, Transportation, and Utili-ties; and Construction.

The June unemployment rate was 6.3 percentage points above the national rate of 11.1 percent report-ed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 130,800 from 3,540,900 in May, as 79,200 more

residents were employed and 51,600 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unem-ployment rate increased by 14.5 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – increased to 64.9 percent. Compared to June 2019, the labor force partic-ipation rate is down by 2.7 percentage points.

For the most current week in July, From July 5 to July 11, Massachusetts had 23,535 individuals file an initial claim for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) a decrease of 3,084 over the previous week, the fifth consecutive week of decline. From March 15 to July 11, a total of 1,107,650 have filed an initial claim for regular UI. For the fourth week in a row, con-tinued UI claims at 527,307 were down 7,894 or 1.5 percent over the previous week.

The Pandemic Un-employment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the week ending July 11, at 12,832, were slight-ly less than the previous week. Since April 20, 2020, 664,046 claimants have filed an initial claim for the PUA.

The Pandemic Emergen-cy Unemployment Comp-ensation (PEUC), which provided up to 13 weeks of extended benefits, was im-plemented on May 21. For the week ending July 11, 4,689 PEUC initial claims were filed bringing the total of PEUC filings to 70,356 since implementation.

### June 2020 Employ-ment Overview

- Leisure and Hospital-ity gained 29,500 (+18.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 192,100 (-50.8%) jobs.

- Trade, Transporta-tion and Utilities added 27,900 (+6.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 87,600 (-15.2%) jobs.

- Construction gained 19,700 (+16.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has lost 21,500 (-13.3%) jobs.

- Professional, Scien-tific and Business Services add-ed 7,600 (+1.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 33,000 (-5.5%) jobs.

- Education and Health Services gained 5,900 (+0.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Edu-cation and Health Services lost 83,300 (-10.3%) jobs.

- Manufacturing add-ed 5,500 (+2.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 13,200 (-5.4%) jobs.

- Other Services gained 4,100 (+4.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down 41,700 (-30.0%) jobs.

- Information lost 1,200 (-1.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information lost 2,600 (-2.8%) jobs.

- Financial Activities lost 1,600 (-0.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 4,600 (-2.1%) jobs.

- Government lost 13,600 (-3.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government lost 49,900 (-10.9%) jobs.

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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 Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3pm Haitian Creole.

Come all and let us walk together in this season of

hope, renewal and new beginnings.

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

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](https://www.facebook.com/churchforeverett) to view weekly devotions and updates,

visit us at [www.foreverett.church](http://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](http://www.everettcan.com) to request any additional help.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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

Sunday 10:30 AM Worship service.

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

Come join us in prayer every Friday at 6 am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Isaia 41:10

"En busca de la excelencia espiritual

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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>  
Glendale United  
Methodist Church  
Pastor David Jackson  
392 Ferry Street (across  
from Glendale Towers)  
Please enter the church  
by the driveway on  
Walnut Street  
617-387-2916  
PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com  
Pastor's Office Hours:  
Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.  
Other times by  
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](http://zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto:office@zionchurchministries.com)

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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

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

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

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CITY OF EVERETT PROVIDING SAFE SUMMER PROGRAM

The City of Everett's Crimson Kids Summer Program offers children in Everett a safe alternative to enjoy summer, while following all state guidelines and health restrictions. "I'm thrilled that our youth are able to attend a safe, fun and educational program this summer after they've been indoors for four months," Mayor Carlo DeMaria said.

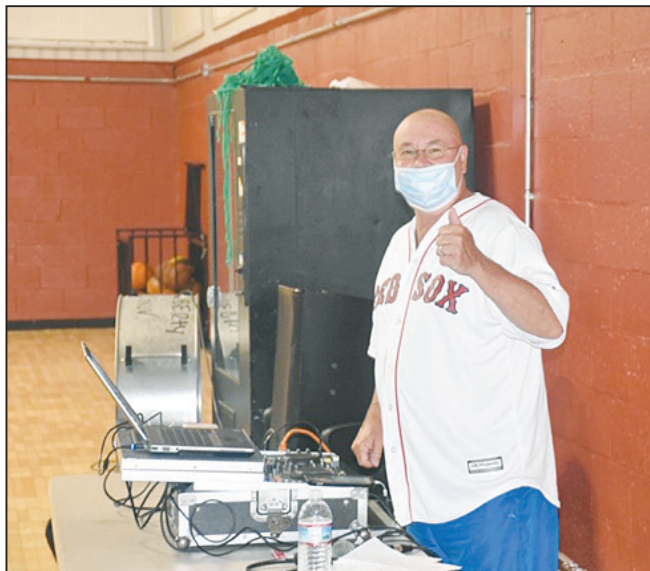
Every morning, the Everett Health Department is on hand to distribute health sheets and also check the temperatures of each youth and staff. To ensure safety, a nurse is nearby for the duration of the day. Additionally, hand sanitizer pumps are placed throughout the Everett Recreation Center, while kids are continuously washing their hands, and also learning about respecting one another's space. "The health and safety



Jason Oliveria listens closely to the discussion at Crimson Kids.



Amelia Le shows off her dance moves.



The DJ kept everyone dancing at a safe distance.

of all staff and children of the Crimson Kids Summer Program is the number one priority. Daily screenings and temperature checks are conducted to help ensure the well-being of all the staff and children. All the necessary COVID-19 requirements and guidelines are being followed to en-

sure the health and safety of all," Sabrina Firicano, Everett Public Health nurse, said. Youth, ages 6 through 13 attend the socially distance program, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Each day, youth take part in various activities: exercise, arts and crafts and

entertainment. Youth will also get the opportunity to learn from members of the Everett Fire and Police Department. "I think it's about time the kids got to see one another," Program Director, Sam Amada said. "It's been a long Spring for them." The camp also provides

an opportunity for young adults in the city to gain employment opportunities. Youth ages 17 and older serve as program counselors to mentor, lead and help the youth who attend the program.

To sign up a child for the program, please complete a registration form by Thursday online, on the City of Everett website. You may also complete the form at the Health and Wellness Center.



At the dance party, Letica Mariano, Christopher Maldonado, Amelia Le, Amara Ray, Nico Cuda and Emily Laigner.



Daily programs keep the kids engaged during the day, in addition to outdoor activities.

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