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Everett tagged 'high-risk' community

By Seth Daniel

Everett health officials said they are watching closely as cases are going up slightly over the past few weeks, with an average of about six cases per day after having it down as low as zero cases around July 4.

On Tuesday afternoon, Gov. Charlie Baker did designate Everett, Chelsea, Revere and Lynn as higher-risk communities in the state compared to elsewhere, with rates at greater than 8 per 100,000 residents.

Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano said there has been an uptick in cases coming from tests mostly administered in Emergency Rooms and at workplaces.

"We've been seeing kind of an uptick of cases, like seven, eight or nine cases daily now," she said. "That's a little higher than what we were at a few weeks ago when it was two, three, or four cases a day. It was concerning to see it trending back up into close to double digits of daily new cases. We want to go the other way."

In context, though, at the height of the COVID-19 surge, there were between 35 and 50 cases reported per day.

As part of the governor's declaration on Tuesday, it was announced that Stop the Spread mobile testing would be extended. Testing has been on going Monday to Friday by Fenway Health in public locations using a mobile van since July. It was to end Friday, Aug. 14, but now has been extended through Sept. 12.

The governor on Tuesday released data on the average daily cases per 100,000 residents, average percent positivity, and pos-

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Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner cancels its 2020 season

By Cary Shuman

The Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner football and cheerleading seasons have been canceled.

The league received official word this week from New England Regional Pop Warner officials that all Pop Warner football and cheerleading seasons in the region had been canceled, according to Crimson Tide Director of Football Chuck Leo.

"We're disappointed but we'll move forward," said Leo.

Leo was asked if the organization would consider moving the season to the spring of 2021.

"We're not sure yet - it depends on whether Pop Warner allows spring football," said Leo. "Everything is contingent on what Pop Warner wants us to do."



BlueBikes announced a new, free pass program for workers in grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies and retail.

Bluebikes announces passes for grocery, pharmacy, restaurant, and retail workers

Staff Report

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, in partnership with the cities of Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville and the Town of Brookline, announced the availability of free Bluebikes passes for some of Boston's most important workers: those employed at grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, and local retail shops. Pass-holders will be able to take as many trips as they like during a 90-day period.

Workers at any grocery store or pharmacy in the Boston metro area are eligible for the program. In addition, people employed at

restaurants and retail shops located in Boston and Cambridge are eligible for these passes. Passes are good for 90 days from sign-up. Riders will be able to take trips up to 60 minutes without incurring additional fees. At the end of the 90-day pass, riders will need to proactively sign up for a new pass.

"Bluebikes provides a great way for anyone to take short trips by bike across our city," said Mayor Walsh. "We want to make this opportunity even more accessible for some of our most critical workers."

Most of Boston's small business districts are served

by Bluebikes. Workers can pick up a bike near their homes and park it at a station near work, without having to worry about maintenance or carrying a lock.

Bluebikes is affordable public transportation. Beyond this pass-program, discounted 30-day and annual passes are available to anyone who participates in a public assistance program, including Mass-Health, SNAP, LIHEAP, and more. These passes are available for \$5 for 30 days or \$50 for the full year. Full-price passes are only \$99 for a year or \$2.50 for a single trip.

DeMaria issues Executive Order calling for mandatory face mask wearing

By Seth Daniel

With cases of COVID-19 moving up a bit this week, and Gov. Charlie Baker declaring Everett a high-risk community, Mayor Carlo DeMaria issued an Executive Order taking effect Monday requiring masks to be worn in all public places for anyone over age 2.

The order went into ef-



Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

fect on Monday, Aug. 10, and indicated a facial cov-

erings were mandatory for all public places until further notice. He said the reason was that cases were on the rise, and they were traced back to large gatherings held recently.

"The health, safety, and wellbeing of those who reside in the City of Everett has always been and will

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School Budget gets breath of fresh air, may bring back those laid off

By Seth Daniel

Supt. Priya Tahiliani said assurances from state government two weeks ago have led them to be confident the Everett Public Schools do not have to lay off any more workers, and in fact, they might be able to bring some people back who were laid off in late May due to the uncertainties of funding.

"We received a positive update on our budget last week that confirms we won't have to make further cuts than we already did in the spring," she said. "That funding reassurance coupled with several grants we received allows us to potentially look at our previously eliminated positions that could be used to support our e-Learning Centers as well as our entire district on the whole in the

coming year."

Her comments came at the tail end of an Emergency Meeting held last Thurs-

day, Aug. 6, of the School Committee to discuss the

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER

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The last day to register to vote will be Saturday, August 22, 2020. City Hall window will be open from 2-4 and 7-8 pm. Voter registration can also be done online at [registertovotema.com](http://registertovotema.com)

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

In person early voting will be held at Everett City Hall, Broadway entrance on the following dates

Saturday, August 22	2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sunday, August 23	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday, August 24	2:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Tuesday, August 25	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday, August 26	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday, August 27	2:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Friday, August 28	8:00 am - 1:00 pm

VOTE BY MAIL/ABSENTEE

Last day to submit an application to vote by mail is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 26, 2020

School Committee approves phased re-opening plan

By Seth Daniel

The Everett School Committee voted 7-0 during an Emergency Meeting on Aug. 6 to approve a school re-opening plan that starts the year mostly remote, but will offer e-Learning Centers for the most needy students and to families that need child supervision or don't have reliable internet access.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani said the plan is due to the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) on Aug. 14, and the final result is the product of many hours of collaboration with the community,

school officials, City leaders and parents. It is, she said, a very unique plan as well.

"Our approach is different from that being taken by other districts," she said. "It is not likely something you have heard mentioned in any of the numbers of media reports that have put forth every probable scenario schools might enact in September. This is very distinctively our plan for Everett. This is what we've determined is best for the students and families of our diverse community. We are implementing a phased

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Rock Star for Doing Good Remembering Dorothy Martin-Long

By Seth Daniel

If one could achieve legendary status in Everett simply by being kind, straight-forward, and graceful, then life-long resident Dorothy 'Dottie' Martin-Long achieved celebrity status for the cause.

Martin-Long, 80, passed away after a short illness on Aug. 5 in Mass General Hospital. Her services will take place online via the Emmanuel Baptist Church (Malden) Facebook page this Saturday, Aug. 15, at 10:45 a.m.

"The first thing that comes to mind when I think of Dottie Long is strength," said her pastor, Wayne Gadie, of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Malden - where she was a charter member for her entire life. "She was a strong woman in every sense - physically, spiritually, intellectually, socially and politically...I guess she was kind of like a rock star and celebrity in Everett for doing good and making a difference in people's lives."

She was born in Everett to Jerry and Lucy Martin and was one of nine chil-

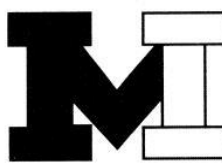


As her pastor said, Everett's Dorothy Martin-Long was a rock star and celebrity in Everett for doing good and impacting peoples' lives. She passed away after a short illness on Aug. 5.

dren, graduating Everett High and spending her whole life in Everett. She also graduated the Malden School of Business. She was accredited in American Sign Language by Boston University, and worked at H&R Block for 30 years, retiring as District Manager.

At Emmanuel Baptist Church, she served on the Finance Board, Building Council, taught Sunday School and was a food pan-

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# McLaughlin issues second debate challenge to Rep. McGonagle

As candidates enter the final weeks of the 2020 State Representative campaign, candidate for state representative Michael McLaughlin has challenged State Rep. Joe McGonagle to a socially distanced debate for the second time in two weeks.

“I will make myself available 24 hours a day 7 days a week,” said McLaughlin. “He can name the location, time, place and can count me in. I strongly believe this would be a great opportunity to allow the voters of Everett to hear from us directly and help make their decision clearer on the facts and our records before voting. I hope to hear from Representative McGonagle in the coming

days on his decision because I have yet to in the past two weeks. I am at the ready. The only question left is where is Representative McGonagle?”

Seeing that nothing is any kind of normal that could have been imagined in February when nomination papers became available, McLaughlin said he strongly believes that the voters of Everett should hear directly from Representative Joe McGonagle and himself on the radically different issues facing the city and state since COVID-19 hit.

“I called on Representative McGonagle two weeks ago and I do the same today and put out the same challenge to State Represen-

tative McGonagle that we both work together immediately to see if a one-hour debate can occur and be shown as often as possible on ECTV and covered by the local news media over the next 19 days,” he said. “I have had business leaders contact me interested in hosting this debate. Unfortunately I have not heard from the Everett Democratic City Committee regarding hosting this debate for our residents.”

McLaughlin suggested it could be held in the ECTV studio following social distancing guidelines. He said he is available and ready to work with Rep. McGonagle to make this a possibility in the coming days.

# Everett’s Omar Easy being considered for Quincy superintendent post

By Serh Daniel

Everett educator Dr. Omar Easy has interviewed publicly and is being considered as a finalist for the job of superintendent of schools in Quincy – on the South Shore.

Easy is currently the assistant principal for the Academies at Everett High, and interviewed with Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch and the Quincy School Committee on Aug. 4 in a public meeting.

“I believe my experience, my educational accomplishments and being in the trenches as a vice

principal and executive vice principal. . . Will allow me to thrive,” he was quoted as saying in the Quincy Patriot-Ledger. “I chose to apply here because the population, the diversity, the multicultural environment of this school district fits me well.”

He is being considered with two other candidates, including the current interim superintendent of Quincy schools. A decision on the matter is expected on Friday, Aug. 14, when the Quincy School Committee will vote on their choice.

Among the conversations with Dr. Easy during the public interview last

week were those about budget cuts. Koch indicated they expected major cuts to the schools and wondered how Dr. Easy would handle that.

The Patriot-Ledger reported Dr. Easy said he would prioritize student services first, and look to combine positions before eliminating any services or departments. He also said he would work to be more aggressive in securing grants to offset funding cuts, and he also said he gained a great deal of experience negotiating with unions while working at Everett City Hall a few years ago.

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opening with three distinct phases...A key is we didn’t want our families to be forced into a decision of educating their students at home or going to work. We have flexible options... We are not asking parents to make a year-long decision in September. We will move forward together in a phased plan as a district.”

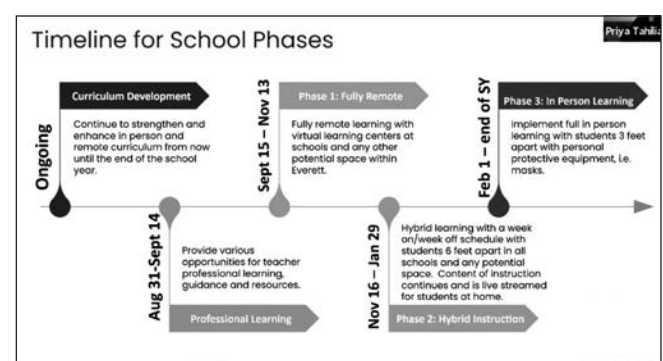
Phase 1 in the plan is a fully remote option and starts on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Students will primarily learn from home from teachers who are also remote, but there is a caveat in the schools will offer e-Learning Centers throughout the city in large spaces at the school buildings.

The e-Learning Centers were explained really for the first time on Thursday, and are a way to accommodate students in special education, who have Independent Learning Plans, who need more assistance, who are English Learners or whose parents work full-time preventing them from being able to supervise their students.

The e-Learning Centers will be a choice for parents, and they will be held in the larger spaces of various buildings across the city, like gyms and cafeterias and auditoriums. They will be thoroughly cleaned and there will be School Nurses present and temperature checks. Students will work independently and no teacher will be present, though there will be monitors or guides to help students if necessary. Just who will staff the e-Learning Centers is still up in the air and under negotiation with the ETA.

Tahiliani said they are trying to keep to a monitor/student ratio of 20 students per monitor.

A key to Phase 1, Tahiliani said, was the survey done of parents, students



An outline of the three-phased approach to re-opening the Everett Public Schools this fall, as approved by the School Committee on Aug. 6.

and teachers. For families, it was revealed that roughly 22 percent do not have quality, high-speed internet at home – meaning that some accommodation had to be made to help those families go to a school building with internet or get internet into their homes. Another key there was the fact that 47 percent of parents were unsure what choice they would make, with 37 percent voting for some sort of in-person model. Those results weren’t enough, Tahiliani said, for them to push a hybrid, in-person model for September.

The year will begin with nine days of professional development for teachers, and a potential orientation in person for students to meet new teachers safely and to say good-bye to their teachers from last year to provide closure that didn’t get to happen.

The new remote learning plan, coupled with the district’s plan to further train teachers in remote learning, will make for a totally different experience in September than was had with remote learning in the spring.

“These will be lessons created by teachers best to be delivered remotely so they aren’t toggling between in person and remote instruction,” she said. “This will in no way resemble the emergency learning plan we had last spring.”

If things go well for Phase 1, and the science looks good statewide, the schools will prepare to move into Phase 2 on Nov. 16 – which will be the Second Quarter of the school term. In that phase, students will move to a hybrid, in-person format using a number of buildings – including the former Pope John High School building. Students will be divided into two groups, and go on an alternating schedule one week at a time. Within that, plan the most vulnerable students could potentially attend school in person several times a week.

Phase 3 would be 100 percent attendance in the school buildings and that would potentially be on Feb. 1, which would be the Third Quarter of the term. That won’t happen until things are absolutely safe, and likely when there is a vaccine or therapy to treat or prevent COVID-19. That phase through will not be an abandonment of safety protocols. Tahiliani said that phase will still mean social distancing at three feet, wearing masks, and sanitizing buildings thoroughly.

“The utmost of safety precautions will still be followed,” she said.

Cleaning the buildings will be paramount, and Ta-

hilian said they are ready to outsource to a cleaning company if necessary to supplement the work of the custodial team in all the schools. Meanwhile, the district is already very far ahead in terms of having PPE on hand. She said they are fully supplied for all needs through October and are getting ready to order PPE to keep in storage for the remainder of the school year.

More detailed plans for very special situations and very detailed student needs will be coming very soon, she said, but they will submit the overall outline of the district plan on Aug. 14.

School Committee members had loads of questions about the details of the plans, including instruction, building cleanliness, online learning, teacher safety and, primarily, the structure and safety of the e-Learning Centers. Those questions went on for nearly two hours during the Aug. 6 meeting, with virtually every aspect questioned and answered – if possible.

The Committee did vote unanimously 7-0 to approve the plan, and Tahiliani said once the plan is submitted and approved by DESE, they will begin talking with students and parents about their preferences for remote learning at home or in e-Learning Centers. The qualifications for e-Learning Centers will also be disseminated and hammered out as well.

Chair Tom Abruzzese said the decision for parents is a very personal one, and he said it is very hard because there is just no certainty, but being flexible and nimble with their plan is the best they can do.

“I am a person who wants kids back in school,” he said. “I have a grand-daughter who would start pre-school, but even in my own family my wife asks if we would really want her to go in person. My answer is that I do, but I also want safety to be first... You’re fearful of the exposure. With that, there is a three-phase plan. You have a plan for virtual. Phase 2 is a hybrid and Phase 3 is bringing everyone back to school...No one is going to be completely happy with the situation. I can imagine how students feel, teachers and people working in the school buildings. It seem you’re faced with an impossible task. You have to continue the education and guarantee safety for everyone...Either way, I’m confident because there’s a plan in place. This is the hand we’ve been dealt.”

One key to the plan is that it is flexible to move backward, or forward, at any point if necessary, Tahiliani said.

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upcoming school term plan for returning to classes. The cuts were made in May to close what was a suspected \$2.8 million funding gap. Two weeks ago, the State Legislature and Gov. Charlie Baker provided assurances to School Districts and municipal governments that they would be level funded from the previous year, and there would also be built-in pots of money to

account for inflation so that the funding wouldn’t equal out to be a cut.

She said as the new opportunities become available due to the more solid ground on the budget, the positions would be posted publicly and the School Department would work with the Everett Teachers Association (ETA) to bring back employees still interested in returning.



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try volunteer. Martin-Long also served as an original member of the North Shore Black Women’s Association.

She was passionate about volunteer work and contributing to her community. In the past, she served on the Board of Directors for the Devens School, the Malden YMCA and the Mystic Valley Elder Services. She was also an Election Warden for the City of Everett. She was also a member of the Everett School Committee and, in 2009, she was elected Commissioner to the Everett Charter Commission, where she and her fellow members modernized and rewrote the City’s constitution. In 2018 she was honored at Gillette Stadium as a “Patriots Difference Maker” for her volunteer commitment to Housing Families, Inc. where she dedicated 16 years tutoring homeless children. Helping children and their families brought her such joy. At the time of her death, she was serving on the City’s recently formed Diversity and Equity Task Force.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said Martin-Long was a trailblazer in the community and a fantastic activist for whatever cause she championed.

“Dorothy was part of Everett’s makeup,” said Mayor DeMaria. “She was a member of the Everett School Committee, a member of the City’s Diversity and Equity Task Force, and a board member at the YMCA to just name a few. Dorothy was a friend, and someone that would provide advice and guidance with no hesitation of honesty and compassion. She was a mother, a grandmother, and a mentor to so many. On behalf of Stacy and I, we send our deepest condolences to her family. May

God Bless you during this difficult time.”

School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese said he had known Martin-Long for most of his life, but last year had the pleasure of picking her to serve on the Superintendent Search Committee – which met through the summer and fall of 2019. Martin-Long was crucial in that early process for picking the superintendent, he said, just as she was in most of her other endeavors.

“She was just a fabulous lady in all she did,” he said. “Other than the people on the Search Committee and the interviewees, most didn’t get the opportunity to see her in action. She was terrific, classy and ahead of her time in being outspoken. The thing I remember about Dottie is – and I’ll not say this about a lot of people – is she was a true original and a very real person.”

He said that while she was a serious person, she knew how to have a sense of humor as well. For instance, when Abruzzese called her to serve on the Search Committee, she told him she wouldn’t do it for him, but would do it for his wife since she liked her so much.

“That’s what she told me – not for me but for my wife,” she said. “We had a laugh at that.”

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said he has known Martin-Long since he got involved in politics at the age of 18, and most recently serving with her as an Election Commissioner.

“She’s always been fair to me and I got to know her better the last five years working on the Election Commission and working hand-in-hand,” she said. “She was fair, but tough. She didn’t hold her punches. If she thought you were wrong, she would say it.

That’s refreshing in government...She took her job very seriously and loved working with the kids at the high school for the voter registration drive.”

Her work with kids and teens was something Pastor Gadie said she had a talent for, reaching out to kids and making her words stick. She was involved in the youth ministry at Emmanuel Baptist, and frequently taught teens for Sunday School.

“She was involved with the ministry on every level at EBC, but she loved working with young people,” he said. “She had a way of getting their attention and being able to connect with them and saying things that struck a chord. She had a talent for being patient with young people and saying things that stuck with them.”

Pastor Gadie said he thought that Martin-Long was such a strong woman, that there was no way her illness could get the best of her. When she passed, he said, it came as quite a shock.

“I really thought she would survive this illness and hoped she could come out of it and stand up with a strong testimony and a faith-building testimony,” he said. “I kind of couldn’t believe it because she’s such a strong person.”

Martin-Long’s greatest pride and joy was her family and friends. She was a devoted and loving mother to her two sons, Walter Jr. and Jonathan, and a caring mother-in-law to April and she adored her three grandsons, Christopher, Andre’ and Devin. She was a loving sister, aunt and friend to so many. She is survived by her two brothers, Robert Martin Sr. and Richard Martin of Everett.

# DiDomenico and Senate colleagues pass bill to increase higher education opportunities for people with disabilities

Staff Report

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate recently passed legislation to remove existing barriers for students with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders or other developmental disabilities so they can attend public institutions of higher education. The bill, which passed with bipartisan support, honors the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was signed into law 30 years ago by President George H.W. Bush.

Under An Act Creating Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, students would not be required to pass the MCAS, have a high school diploma, meet minimum requirements for academic courses, or take college entrance exams in order to access inclusive academic, social, and career development opportunities on college campuses with their peers. In addition, the bill also makes clear that strengthening access to higher education for students with disabilities is a goal of the Commonwealth’s higher education

system.

“I am very pleased that we were that we were able to pass this crucial piece of legislation to remove barriers to higher education and open doors to greater opportunity for individuals with disabilities,” said Senator DiDomenico. “As the husband of a special education teacher, I intimately understand that importance of creating a more inclusive education system and creating additional pathways to success for our students with physical and developmental disabilities. I am grateful to Senate President Karen Spilka, Senate Ways & Means Chair Michael Rodrigues, and Senator Joan Lovely for their leadership on this issue. It is my sincere hope this bill continues making its way through the legislative process to the Governor’s desk for his signature.”

Building on the success of the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (MACEI) grant program, the bill codifies that program, which enables school districts and public institutions of higher education to partner together to offer inclusive concurrent enrollment initiative options for students with disabilities ages 18 to 22. Since 2007,

over 1,200 students with disabilities have taken advantage of the opportunity to participate academically and socially in the life of participating colleges in Massachusetts through the MAICEI program.

In response to the challenges facing school districts and public higher education institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senate bill ensures no additional costs are placed on a school district beyond the existing obligations already required under state and federal special education law.

Furthermore, the bill also ensures that colleges are not required to bear any additional costs of providing individual supports and services for students with severe intellectual disabilities, severe autism spectrum disorders, or other severe developmental disabilities who attend the college through the MACEI initiative.

Finally, the bill delays the implementation of the requirements placed on our school districts and higher education institutions within the bill until the 2021–2022 school year.

The bill now heads to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

# Legislature’s FSC works to combat food insecurity

Staff Report

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on food security and infrastructure in the Commonwealth. Demand at food banks has skyrocketed and local producers, who once relied on the restaurant industry, struggle to find buyers. As a member of the Food System Caucus (FSC), Rep. Joe McGonagle has been working hard to combat food insecurity and fortify the Commonwealth’s food infrastructure during this time of hardship.

The FSC focuses on three primary areas identified as priorities in the Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan accepted by the Massachusetts Food Policy Council in 2015:

- Food access/insecurity – reducing waste, hunger, and food insecurity while making available more fresh healthy food to everyone who lives in the Commonwealth.
- Farmland – protecting the land and resources necessary to produce food, while maximizing the environmental benefits of agriculture and fishing, and the preservation of agricultural land.
- Economic development – recognizing the significant impact to local, regional, and state economies, supporting the increase of production, sales, and consumption of Massachusetts grown food, and creating jobs and improving wages in food and farming.

The FSC has 136 members and is the second-largest Caucus in the Legislature following the Democratic Caucus. Reps. Dan Donahue, Hannah Kane, Paul Schmid, and Sens. Jo Comerford, Anne Gobi, and Eric Lesser serve as Co-Chairs.

With the support of Rep. McGonagle, the FSC has been successful in the ad-

vancement of several priority and endorsed pieces of legislation this spring and summer. House Bill 4218, An Act regarding break-fast after the bell, was approved by the House and Senate on July 28th and is now on Governor Baker’s desk awaiting his signature. H4218 will provide expanded school breakfast options to Massachusetts students in low-income communities.

“The COVID-19 Pandemic hit us in ways we didn’t expect at first, but it became clear early on that food insecurity would need to be a major priority of the Caucus,” said McGonagle. “This caucus, led by my fantastic colleagues, has long been working on solutions for food insecurity across the Commonwealth but really stepped up to the plate as soon as the pandemic hit our communities. The different programs are creative and carefully crafted to truly help those who need it and I’m humbled to be a part of their team.

A key initiative to come out of the work of the Task Force, which the FSC has worked hard to advance, is an emphasis on the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP). HIP is administered through the MA Department of Transitional Assistance and combats food insecurity and supports local farms by providing one dollar back on SNAP EBT cards for each dollar spent on eligible produce. Thanks to the strong advocacy from organizations like the Massachusetts Food System Collaborative, the Food Banks, and the Massachusetts Public Health Association, as well as broad, bipartisan, and consistent support from the Legislature, we are very pleased the Administration is expanding the program to new HIP vendors. The first round of new HIP vendors was announced in late July, and in selecting the 39 new

vendors, the Administration focused on low-access areas, paying particular attention to communities of color and older adults- two groups that have been especially impacted by the pandemic. \$5M in additional funds has been allocated to support the program’s continued expansion.

The Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program (FSIG) was also created out of the Task Force and is backed by the FSC. The first round of FSIG awards was recently announced, including \$3M in grant money distributed to various projects that will reduce food insecurity and fortify the Commonwealth’s food infrastructure. The \$3M is the first round of funding to come out of the total \$36M program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until September 15th.

The FSC is also hyper-focused on helping the seafood industry, which has been hit extra hard by the pandemic due to its reliance on restaurant buyers. With restaurants closed or operating at limited capacity, the Commonwealth’s seafood industry has lost a significant portion of its business. FSC Co-Chairs Representative Kane and Senator Comerford and FSC members Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante have worked closely with Lieutenant Governor Polito and the Administration over the past few months to remedy this issue. The soon-to-launch MDAR MassGrown Exchange Platform is currently being developed and will serve as a connection between local producers/suppliers such as fisheries and buyers, including food banks. The Seafood Marketing Program has also been launched and supports local projects that raise demand for local seafood by administering grants.

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itive tests, for all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns over the last two weeks.

Based on the average daily cases per 100,000 residents, each city or town has been designated as a higher risk, moderate risk, or lower risk community. Going forward, this information will be updated and included in the Department of Public Health’s weekly public health dashboard, which is published each Wednesday.

Any city or town designated higher risk is considered to have a high level of COVID infection, and will receive additional support from the Commonwealth to address the spread of the virus. On Tuesday, those communities statewide listed as high-risk included Everett, Lynn, Chelsea and Revere.

Firicano said the majority of positive tests are not coming from the expanded mobile testing sites being offered by the Stop the Spread program. Instead, they are coming from hospitals and workplaces.

“We are testing more and we are actually seeing better numbers for that testing,” she said. “We’re not seeing as many positives at the Fenway Health mobile testing. We’re seeing more of our positive cases come from other test sites. Whether it’s through the doctor, a hospital or a workplace, that’s where it’s coming from. We haven’t seen a big number of positives coming from the mobile testing site.”

Most of those being testing at the mobile site seem to be those that need a negative test to go back to college or school, to go on vacation, or those returning from vacation.

“In the big picture, it doesn’t seem concerning,” she said. “In the short-term it seems concerning because we had it down to zero, one, two, three or four a day. When you’re up to about double-digit cases, you need to try to understand what’s going on.”

Gov. Baker said they would be providing statewide enforcement and inspections to help communities that are high-risk. The supports include:

- Targeted interventions and inspections by a range of member agencies, including Local Services, Labor Standards, DPH, MSP and ABCC, coordinated by EOPSS and MEMA.
- Increased enforcement, including fines, of sector guidance for businesses to ensure businesses and residents are aware of and following COVID-19 orders.
- Cease and desist orders as necessary for businesses and organizations in violation of the COVID-19 orders.
- Support for ABCC and local licensing boards in exercising their existing authority to fine restaurants or suspend or cancel liquor licenses when restaurants do not comply with required COVID-19 safety measure or sanitation codes.
- Targeted public messaging to alert residents of higher risk COVID communities (road signs, PSAs, reverse 911, etc.).
- Technical support to local government officials to support enhanced local COVID-19 prevention efforts such as assistance in accessing CARES Act funding.
- Potential restrictions or shutdowns for parks, playgrounds, businesses or other entities and locations

believed to be contributing to the COVID-19 spread in higher risk COVID-19 communities.

- Additional public health support such as testing, tracing and quarantining.

## Racial and gender data released for Everett COVID-19 cases

The City of Everett has begun to release COVID-19 case data in a breakdown by race, gender and age – something that residents and Councilor Gerly Adrien have been calling for recently.

The data goes through July 27, and shows that shows that Hispanic residents have been by far the most affected by COVID-19, and with a much younger average age of 37 for those infected.

Hispanic residents came in at 493 cases, with an average age of 37 for those infected. Meanwhile, white residents reported 315 cases with an average age of 48. Black/African American residents logged 210 cases with an average age of 47. Asian residents had 33 cases with an average age of 46.

Much of the information on race was incomplete, however, as has been in the case in most municipalities that break down the numbers in this fashion. The ‘Other’ category had 481 cases, ‘Unknown’ logged 219 cases, and those that did not answer had 177 cases.

Interestingly, there were more female cases than male, with 935 females infected versus 895 males.



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### AMERICA IS CIRCLING THE DRAIN

On January 30 -- what seems like a lifetime ago -- the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 was a world-wide pandemic. On that same fateful date, the United States' Centers for Disease Control issued a press release that stated as follows: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today confirmed that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has spread between two people in the United States, representing the first instance of person-to-person spread with this new virus here."

One month later, on February 29, after the first confirmed coronavirus death in this country, President Donald J. Trump said as follows:

"We've taken the most aggressive actions to confront the coronavirus. They are the most aggressive taken by any country and we're the number one travel destination anywhere in the world, yet we have far fewer cases of the disease than even countries with much less travel or a much smaller population."

Given Trump's reassuring statement, who among us could have imagined that five months later, the United States would rank as the nation that has been the most-ravaged by the virus? With more than 160,000 of our fellow Americans victims of the virus -- and increasing by 1000 per day -- we have recorded 25 percent of the world's deaths, though we have just four percent of the world's population. And our five million confirmed cases -- an increase of one million in the past 17 days alone -- account for almost one-quarter of cases world-wide.

The daily life of every American has been affected by the virus, with no end in sight. Not only has the fabric of our society been shredded, but the very foundation of our democracy -- the ability to hold fair and free elections -- is in serious jeopardy.

The virus has reduced us to the status of a banana republic in every respect -- and we're continuing to spiral ever downward, day-by-day.

### CAR REPOSSESSIONS ARE ON THE RISE

Although most of the attention of the financial crisis brought about by the coronavirus pandemic has focused on the evictions and foreclosures facing millions of out-of-work Americans, the number of repossessions of motor vehicles because of loan defaults is starting to increase dramatically.

With the expiration of a ban on debt collection actions having ended in Massachusetts on July 31, lenders have begun to repossess the motor vehicles whose owners have defaulted on their loans.

We are not taking issue with the lenders -- who only are seeking to protect the value of the motor vehicle for which they have the title -- but we are mentioning it to point out that this is yet another side effect of our nation's feeble national response to the pandemic.

The loss of an automobile will have catastrophic consequences for many families. But the sad reality is that some policymakers in Washington obviously do not care.

### Your opinions, please

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# Independent Forum



### LETTER to the Editor

### THE POWER OF AN INTERACTIVE EXCHANGE

To the Editor,

Kudos to Mr. O'Brien, all the staff, students and many folks who have done their part to make this important student experience possible. Now more than ever, students need to feel the power of an interactive exchange like the sort that marching band provides. It's wonderful that people have rallied to overcome the odds, as it's quite an example of how people have adapted to create purpose and value despite the adversity.

A very special thanks to the folks at Everett Independent newspaper for covering this important story and promoting the positive effect of music in the schools. Bravo!!

Thom Hannum  
University of  
Massachusetts

### I'M STICKING WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE MCGONAGLE

To the Editor,

Tuesday, September 1st is the Democratic Primary Election here in Everett. I'm asking you to join me in casting your vote to re-elect Joe McGonagle as Everett's State Representative.

Since being elected State Representative, Joe has been a tireless advocate for the people of Everett. He has worked on legislation that ensures steady employment and secures affordable housing for Everett's residents. His wealth of experience as an elected official and a small business owner have given him unique insight into the needs of our city's working class. In his leadership role as the Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing, Joe continuously works on developing policy to help combat the housing crisis here in the Commonwealth and right here in Everett. Joe helped pass one of the largest housing bond bills in the history of The Commonwealth, directly leading to the development of 77 affordable senior units at St. Teresa's on Broadway. Joe McGonagle Gets The Job Done.

During his tenure on Beacon Hill, Representative McGonagle has continuously delivered for The City of Everett. Joe just led the successful fight to secure \$10 million in state

funding for the redesign of Sweetser Circle, over \$1.5 million for small business and community relief, and an additional \$1.5 million to assist the virtual learning operations in the Everett Public Schools. In addition, he has secured state funding that supports workforce training programs, the beautification and revitalization of the Malden River, the expansion of senior programming at the Connolly Center as well as substance abuse and mental health services. Joe McGonagle Gets The Job Done.

In Everett, people demand one thing from their elected officials - results. The job of State Representative requires more than just a lifelong dream to hold the position. It requires real world experience, a working relationship with others in government and the respect of your colleagues. Joe exemplifies these qualities and it has led to substantial results for The City of Everett. Joe McGonagle Gets The Job Done.

As a City Councilor, I will continue to lend my support to Joe and join him in fighting for Everett. Joe is a man of integrity with strong core values that make him an effective State Representative. I know if Joe is re-elected, he will continue to work for on-going programs and funding sources for the City of Everett in areas including transportation, economic development, and education. On Tuesday, September 1st, join me in voting to re-elect Joe McGonagle as Everett's State Representative.

Anthony DiPierro  
Ward 3 Councilor

### I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS THE KEY TO EVERETT'S SUCCESS

To the Editor,

Affordable housing is by far one of the most important aspects of our community. It ensures that our long-term residents will be able to continue living in the community they have called home for most of, if not, all of their lives. In the city of Everett we have seen great success in new development throughout our community over the past 10 years. It is another matter that clearly will show the difference between State Rep. Joe McGonagle and myself. It is one thing to tell people during an elec-

tion year that you care about affordable housing for seniors and veterans in the community. It is another thing to have a proven track record of rolling up your sleeves and getting involved in the discussion, organizing and taking part in meaningful talks with residents, developers and City officials. Attending and also ensuring neighborhood involvement by showing up, listening and fighting for the best outcome is something I have always believed in. Only one candidate for State Representative has been on the forefront fighting for affordable housing in our community for his entire career and that candidate is me, Mike McLaughlin.

In 2012, Mayor Carlo DeMaria brought forward a linkage fee proposal which would have allowed our city to start investing in a meaningful way in affordable housing. At that time we had a Common Council and Board of Aldermen. I, as a councilor, voted in favor of this proposal understanding fully that we were at the beginning of development in a meaningful way across our city. I also knew that missing this opportunity would mean missing the opportunity to start investing in affordable housing for our residents.

At the same time, then Alderman-At-Large Joe McGonagle, voted against this proposal. Unfortunately, the Board of Aldermen voted the measure down and caused our community to lose much-needed affordable housing units over many years and in several large developments. Having that in place would have made meaningful investments in affordable housing. Unfortunately, this led to a major decrease in affordable housing units, hurting our residents directly. Long before this moment, and even more so after that vote, I promised I was going to be actively involved in as many discussions as possible and show up, stand up and fight for smart growth housing in our community. I have a proven track record of attending Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meetings to discuss and fight on behalf of residents, for residents and with residents for change that makes positive impacts in our neighborhoods.

You can't say you support affordable housing in the community yet never show up and actually fight for it.

Alderman-At-Large Joe McGonagle was against affordable housing in Everett in 2012. Now, presently, State Representative Joe McGonagle wants you to believe he's in favor of affordable housing, but if one looks at his recent votes this year on housing you might think twice regarding that support. I have been consistently on the front line working with developers and residents in regards to almost every development and home being built in our community since 2011. I have always understood our community is only as successful as the residents who live here. If we push out our long-term residents, we will lose the foundation of our community and if we don't invite in new residents our community will not grow.

We must have a balance.

I have not just offered statements before committees at the State House like my opponent, or had a friend write a letter of support on my behalf for a recent development. I have shown up, listened, walked your neighborhood to talk directly with you. I have worked with and against developers for the best outcome for our neighborhoods and I am the candidate that has brought in meaningful affordable housing units in our community. The facts don't lie.

These developments, I truly believe, will change the footprint of our community in a positive way while keeping our Seniors and Veterans in our community. We need elected officials who will show up, stand up and be on the front lines fighting for our community at all times - not just election time. I have and will continue being the community organizer, the people's voice and the elected official you can always count on every day of the year. On, or before if voting-by-mail, in the Tuesday September 1 State Primary, I humbly ask for your vote for Mike McLaughlin for State Representative so that together we can continue working for Everett's best days ahead.

Only one candidate has always been actively involved in supporting affordable housing in our community - Mike McLaughlin for State Representative.

Michael McLaughlin  
Candidate for  
State Representative  
and Ward 6 Councilor

GUEST OP-ED

Every American has troubles

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Everybody has troubles. If you don’t believe it then ask any American living in the year 2020.

Most of us are accustomed to having troubles occasionally. Some have more than others. Some people think that “some people” never have a problem. All people on some level have troubles.

An old preacher friend of mine from Florida use to say “Glenn, on every level, there is a new devil.” This is true. The poor have troubles. The rich have troubles. The famous have troubles. People in obscurity have troubles. Today, 2020 in almost every inch of the United States and with every person of the United States we have universal troubles. You’ve heard the plea for universal health care? Welcome to universal troubles in America.

Every American in

some way is impacted by Covid-19. You have had or have the disease. You know someone. You have heard of someone. Because of Covid-19 you may be unemployed. Your education is impacted. Your sports participation is wrecked at least for the Fall and probably winter. Students wonder every day if they will see the inside of a classroom in September or even longer.

Every college town in American is on the brink of financial disaster. Can you imagine what it’s going to do to South Bend if Notre Dame doesn’t come back to campus? What about Gainesville, Florida, Lexington, Kentucky, Columbia, Missouri and just name any town that survives on 20,000 college students and families spending money in their town every day. You can add more to the expanded economic misery of this nation.

So far America’s Social Security and Government

retirees financially have been okay due to the security of their checks. This pandemic does not have limitations or boundaries. Our nation continues to print off money that we do not have to keep afloat families, small businesses and state governments. I’m afraid the printer in the federal reserve is going to blow up about when it’s time to print off my cash for my social security check later next year.

From tourism, restaurants, small businesses or just having to wear a mask or social distance we’ve all to some extent experienced troubles in 2020. We can overcome many troubles in life. Some troubles are life changing. Dying or burying a loved one is forever.

I’ve had ups and downs and most of us have. They aren’t fun. The pandemic for many of us has been a lifestyle change. A new normal. An inconvenience. We are having to do some

things like wash our hands more, wear a mask and be a little distant from people. That’s not killing us. It’s when we take on the attitude, “I’m an American. I’m going to do what I want to do, when I want to do it and however, I feel like doing it,” then, that attitude becomes part of our national trouble.

Covid-19 is trouble enough. Americans are all in some way sharing in the troubles of this virus. Please, let’s all work together to be part of the solution and not add to our national troubles.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

FOOD DRIVE



Senator Sal DiDomenico recently partnered with the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley and the Greater Boston Labor Council to bring a food drive to the city of Everett. All food collected was donated to the Everett Council on Aging, the Everett Haitian Community Center, and the Everett Grace Food Pantry.

“I sincerely appreciate the support from my friends in labor, especially the Carmen’s Union, Ironworkers, Nurses, and unions from across the Greater Boston area who made donations at our recent food drive,” said Senator DiDomenico following the event. “While food security has long been one of the primary areas of focus of my work on Beacon Hill, the COVID-19 emergency has greatly intensified the need for anti-hunger initiatives in our communities. I am so grateful to the United Way and Labor Council for their support in helping me reach our Everett neighbors who need a little extra help during these trying times.”

In addition to the Everett food drive, Senator DiDomenico will be partnering with the United Way and Greater Boston Labor Council to bring food drives to other communities in his district, including Chelsea and Charlestown.

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City Clerk sounds the alarm on U.S. Census after date change

By Seth Daniel

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said getting responses to the US Census has become of utmost importance as the federal government moved back the end date one month last week to Sept. 30 – threatening to put the City in a position of being vastly undercounted and losing millions of federal dollars.

With COVID-19 hitting, the Census schedule had been adjusted, with an end date for counting being Oct. 31. However, last week, with little explanation, the Census Bureau moved the end date to Sept. 30, and with the response rate at only 51.8 percent, the City stands to officially lose population on paper despite growing significantly in reality.

“The Census Bureau has

had boots on the ground for a few weeks as enumerators go out and knock on doors and that’s helped a little bit, but to shorten the end date means we only have seven weeks to get our numbers where they were before 10 years ago,” he said. “Our numbers are low and we weren’t able to do the things I wanted to do to raise our count from last time.”

One of the pushes now is to simply not lose ground. Ten years ago, Everett was one of the lowest counted communities in the state, and prior to COVID-19 there was a major push to try to get a huge response from residents by using the new online Census form at community organizations and churches. They had set a goal of 65 percent response, but Cornelio felt he

could get up to 70 percent. The current state average is 65.5 percent response. Everett is the third lowest in the state with Lawrence and Chelsea the only lower responses. Boston, however, is only at 53.8 percent response, and Revere is at 54.4 percent.

By getting a larger response, it meant that more funding would come to the City and to the School Department from the federal government. The more people are officially counted, the more money comes to the city. It also affects representation in Congress and the State House.

Now, the strategy is to not lose representation or money, rather than to gain it.

“I’m optimistic, but I don’t know what is going to happen,” he said. “It’s not

just Everett. Unless you’re a really small town in Massachusetts, the majority of municipalities in Massachusetts and every other city in the U.S. will be lower than the number we had 10 years ago. I don’t see it possible...It’s my hope they do something for these communities and at least put us back to where we were so we don’t end up being smaller.”

Cornelio said they would attempt to do a last push on Sept. 1 after the Primary Election to try to get more people to fill out the Census, which is anonymous and information cannot be obtained or used by other branches of government.

Masks // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

remain to be paramount under my Administration,” he said. “While the mask order will not be in effect forever, we have seen a recent uptick in our cases that have been traced back to large gatherings of people in outdoor spaces. I’m hopeful that the implementation of this order will drive our numbers back down to where they were a month ago. We can only be successful in this endeavor if we work as a community and all make the effort. The intent is not to give out fines, but rather have those gathering in large groups wear face coverings to stop

the spread.” The order indicated that the mayor had instructed the Everett Police, the Health Department and Inspectional Services (ISD) to “strictly enforce” the guidelines and issue violations to those that are not adhering to the order. Those violations can carry fines of up to \$300 per day per violation.

“I know these measure may seem extreme, however, this virus is extreme,” he said. “As we continue to grapple with the spread of the coronavirus, the response to mitigate the current pandemic and flatten

the curve has to be more vigorous. We must all understand the seriousness of the virus and work with one another as we get through this period of time together.”

Locations where masks are required include:

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# Malden Catholic High School celebrates 85th commencement

On Saturday, August 1, Malden Catholic High School celebrated the 85th Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020. Following all guidelines established by the state and national health organizations, Malden Catholic hosted a live graduation on the Brother Gilbert Stadium with over 400 graduates, family members, faculty and staff in attendance.

Of the 97 Malden Catholic graduates, 80 families were present and socially distanced on the football field. The ceremony started with a prayer and warm welcome by Brother Thomas Puccio, the Boys Division Principal. Ciro Carbone of Everett, MC salutatorian, then delivered an address and commented on the highlights of his four-year journey of growth and his classmates' milestone accomplishments as a result of the outstanding education at Malden Catholic.

After the conferral of diplomas by Headmaster John Thornburg, Brother Puccio and Assistant Principals, Jeffrey Smith '95 and Robert Bucchino '71 valedictorian, Michael Sekenski, presented a moving speech regarding endurance and resiliency in a COVID-19 world. The following awards were also presented to the following 2020 graduates: Ty Blumberg, Jose Ordonez, Gavin Sadler, James Guinee and Jake Morrow.

Malden Catholic is proud to announce the following featured scholarship winners: Edward Shaughnessy Scholarship: Michael Sekenski; Breed Bayrd Scholarship: Max Gallagher, Jake Hall, Cedric Henry, and Sean Noonan; Piccolo Scholarship: Cameron Abbott and Felipe Barria; James F. Donovan '37 Memorial Scholarship

Fund: Ty Blumberg, Brenden Brown, Jake Morrow, Gavin Sadler, and Ryan Saint Fort. In total, the Class of 2020 received college scholarships with a four-year value of over \$16 million.

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Georgia Tech, Boston College and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's co-divisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extra-



Awards were handed out during the ceremony.

curricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology,

Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, suc-

cess outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.malden-catholic.org/>



Awards and diplomas await the graduates.



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## McGonagle speaks on environmental injustice

Staff Report

Last week, Rep. Joe McGonagle, along with his colleagues in the House passed a bill that created a road map to clean energy in Massachusetts by 2050. Part of this bill featured an amendment co-sponsored by McGonagle that protected environmental justice communities from further harm due to pollution and improper waste disposal. The amendment was primarily sponsored by Representative Adrian Madaro of East Boston.

During the House session, McGonagle spoke at the rostrum saying:

"I rise before you to speak in favor of amendment 52. During COVID-19 pandemic, we saw how unfairly certain communities of lower incomes were affected. We acknowledged the problem and addressed it immediately. So it only makes sense that we do the same when it comes to recognizing environmental justice communities and the struggles we face. Too often they are overtaken by development that puts health and the environment at risk. If we want to build a cleaner state, we must protect those who have been burdened by environmental injustice. And kids who grow up in urban areas deserve green space and clean air just as much as kids from rural towns. And the children of this generation have already lost so much due to the COVID-19 pandemic and we cannot let them

lose more by not acting on environmental justice and this is how we can continue to build a better future. The choice to support a cleaner state is an easy one. And I thank you in advance for your support."

Madaro, the primary sponsor, spoke earlier on the amendment saying, "These burdens harm our environment, releasing carbon and matter into the atmosphere. It is my neighbors and I who suffer the consequences. Our planet is facing a reckoning but the burden of these fumes has been borne by EJ (environmental justice) communities from the beginning. The consequences are real."

By a roll-call vote of 159-0, the amendment was adopted.

"The entire bill was environmental legislation that the House has been working on for years," said McGonagle. "That was really important to get passed, but I am especially proud of passing Amendment 52. Rep. Madaro did a fantastic job with it, I'm really grateful he asked me to be a part of it. This legislation is a true commitment to building a cleaner Massachusetts for future generations."

By a roll-call vote of 142-17, the bill was engrossed. Other major tenets of the bill included 2050 emissions reduction roadmap solar energy net metering, grid modernization, and workforce development.

The bill will now begin to be discussed with the Senate.



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# The Rays are Champions

# McMahon, Clough power team to Everett LL title

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By Cary Shuman

Bolstered by back-to-back superb pitching performances by Ryan McMahon and Dylan Clough, the Rays swept the Red Sox to capture the 2020 Everett Little League Major Division championship.

McMahon, a 12-year-old righthander, pitched a no-hitter, struck out 16 batters and also clouted a two-run home run to lead the Rays to a 4-0 victory over the Sox in the Game 2-clincher of the best-of-three series Saturday night at Sacramone Park.

Clough, also a 12-year-old righthander, struck out 15 batters while tossing a two-hitter in Game 1 to contain the Red Sox, who finished in first place during the regular season and were the league's highest scoring team.

McMahon brought his 'A' game to the mound for the final start of his Little League career. He stayed ahead in the count, displayed a strong fastball, and painted the corners.

"It was the best pitching performance I've ever seen – easily, especially against a great team like the Red Sox," said Rays Coach Mike Belloise. "Ryan didn't have a three-ball count on a single batter. He was extraordinary tonight. They call him 'Silly' because he likes to joke around, but tonight he was in a zone. You could see it in his eyes."

Rays Manager Dave Clough also lauded McMahon.

"I'm so proud of him. I've seen from Day 1 how he just loves the game of baseball," said Clough.

“You couldn’t have asked for a better performance from Ryan.”

The Rays displayed timely hitting in Game 2. First baseman Collin Belloise had a double in the fifth inning. Dylan Clough, the team's leading hitter, had two hits. His brother, 10-year-old Chase Clough, also had a basehit. Junior had a single. McMahon's towering home run in the third inning was the key blow of the game.

McMahon said he will always have great memories of playing baseball in the Everett Little League.

"It's really exciting to win the championship," said McMahon. "I'm happy for my team. They all played well and were all confident. Everybody was swinging the bat and everybody was fielding right."

When McMahon was asked in the post-game interview, "Who is your favorite pitcher?" he quickly replied, "Probably Dylan."

Dylan Clough was behind the plate for the no-hitter in Game 2. McMahon was the catcher for Clough's two-hitter in the series opener.

"It was really fun to catch the no-hitter because Ryan and I have been teammates for three years," said Dylan. "Ryan also pitched a no-hitter when he was 10 years old. He was throwing strikes tonight. It's really fun to win the championship in my last year."

The Rays finished third during the regular season but won four straight play-offs games to capture the title in a season that was delayed due to the coronavirus.



Ryan McMahon is pictured with his father, Mike McMahon, after the Rays defeated the Red Sox to win the 2020 Everett Little League championship.



**Rays Coach Mike Belloise and his son, Collin Belloise, following the Rays' 4-0 win over the Red Sox that clinched the Everett Little League Major League championship.**



The Clough family proudly displays the Rays' championship trophy. From left, are Rays player Chase Clough, Rays Manager Dave Clough, Jenna Clough, Gabby Clough, and Rays graduating player Dylan Clough.



The Rays' incomparable battery mates, Dylan Clough and Ryan McMahon. Each player had a 2-0 record on the mound in the playoffs.



Graduating players who competed in the championship round of the playoffs were, from left, Charlie Govostas, Jason Spaulding, and Gennaro Carrillo of the Red Sox, and Dylan Clough, Ryan McMahon, and Evan Murphy.



The Red Sox players and coaches are pictured before Game 2 of the Everett Little League championship series.

## Firefighters make two saves at Linden Street fire

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By Seth Daniel

Chief Tony Carli highlighted fire crews on scene at the early morning Aug. 6 fire at 68 Linden St. for saving two residents with ladders upon arriving at the scene.

The fire was contained to one unit, and there were no injuries, but about \$50,000 in damages were reported.

However, the excitement came upon arrival when the fire was showing and people were calling for a rescue.

“They went right to work on scene,” he said. “Pulling up to a building on fire and seeing people hanging out the windows yelling for help isn’t something you want to see. The crews did an excellent job...They guys made a couple of rescues with the ladders. The first save was a woman on the first floor and then also a gentleman on the third floor. Fire crews on scene did an excellent job containing it to one unit.”


The fire broke out around 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 6, and the cause is still under investigation. All residents were able to return aside from the resident of the affected unit, who was able to stay with family.

That fire was book-ended by two multiple-alarm fires that Everett Fire crews responded to on a mutual aid call. Carli said that regionally they are seeing an uptick in fires, after the fires in Everett, Revere, and others in Malden and Melrose.

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Frederick Cafasso, Chairman  
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NEWS IN BRIEF

MAYOR’S CRIMSON KIDS PROGRAM GIVES FURRY EXPERIENCE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s Crimson Kids Summer Program has provided youth in Everett with a unique opportunity to learn, stay active and enjoy the summer while following all safety measures to avoid spreading COVID 19.

On Thursday, kids in the summer program learned many interesting facts about some of the more

"curious creatures" that exist, including a Chinchilla and a Python.

The program officially ends next week. Registration for the final week is open until Thursday at noon.

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT SHOWING ‘MOANA’

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is proud to announce the City of Everett will host its third

Drive-in movie night on Friday, August 14.

Gates open at 7 p.m.

In effort to continue to host family-friendly events, while practicing social distancing the original summer movie night series the city has hosted in the past has evolved into Drive-in movie nights at Rivergreen Park.

After a ‘Battle of the Movies’ competition on Facebook, residents agreed upon the child favorite, “Moana.”

In accordance to Mayor DeMaria’s Executive Or-

der, effective August 10, residents are required to wear face coverings in all areas outside of their vehicles – even when practicing social distancing. Failure to do so will result in a fine. Residents are also asked to continue to follow state guidelines by remaining six feet apart.

Space is limited to the first 120 vehicles. There will also be a seating area for residents who do not have access to a vehicle. Complimentary popcorn and drinks will be served.

New restrictions not a major impact on Encore right now

By Seth Daniel

New restrictions for occupancy by the state will likely not affect Encore Boston Harbor, a spokesman said over the weekend.

Restrictions in place and announced on Friday were not expected to have a significant impact on the resort, but if there were further upticks, Spokesman Eric Kraus said they would abide by any new restrictions.

“If the governor and the

state have to roll back, we will roll back,” he said. “No one wants to have an uptick in positive results. We will do whatever we can to help the state reduce any increases. The best thing we can do is provide a safe environment to have a safe experience.”

Kraus further said they have no plans to furlough any workers right now, responding to rampant rumors around Everett that the casino was having to pull back on employment.

“We have no plans for a

furlough at this time,” he said. “We still have 1,400 on furlough and would love to bring them back. Everything is dictated by business demand. If there is demand, there will not be furloughs.”

Kraus said the safety program put in place one month ago for their opening has been working remarkably well.

“It really is very effective,” he said. “We’re seeing more volume on slots and we’re starting to see people come back to the

tables. Day-to-day performance is what we expected – no surprises.”

Encore will be before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) on Thursday, Aug. 13, to discuss the possibility of bringing in Roulette and Craps games through a piloted device created at Encore for socially distanced standing games.

The MGC will also talk about the prospects of returning poker to the casinos potentially.

New owner of Masonic Hall seeks historic tax credits for preservation

By Seth Daniel

The owner of the Masonic Lodge building on Broadway has a hearing before the Historic Commission Thursday to discuss an application for historic tax credits to preserve part or all of the building.

The Masonic Lodge is a classic building located between City Hall and the Wellness Center building (Old Everett High), but has been in disrepair for a number of years – even having a ‘No Enter’ red ‘X’ on the outside to let the Fire Department know not to go in if on fire. However, with new plans for Everett Square and some excitement for the downtown brewing last year, Mani Farahani of Allston purchased the building. It was uncertain what he planned to do.

Now, with his applica-

tion to the Historic Commission, plans for the development of the building are now coming public.

The plans for the building include 11 units of housing in a spacious and multi-level design that incorporates historic properties of the building – which was most recently used as a function hall and office for the Masons.

On the first floor, two of the five units spill into the basement of the structure for a multi-level unit configuration. On the second and third floor, all six units configure two stories of the building.


City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said the application is related to money available from the Secretary of State’s office for preserving historic buildings.

“If it’s not on the state Historic Register, you can tear it down, but if you want to keep it and maintain part

of all of its historic nature, there are funds available,” he said.

Cornelio said the process includes applying to the

local Historic Commission for review and vote. Then it goes back to the Secretary of State for review of the funding request.



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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**Hearing on the following application:**  
**536 Broadway**  
**Site Plan Review & Inclusionary Zoning**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 19 and Section 32 (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application for Special Permit and Site Plan Review proposal to redevelop a former Masonic Hall to a residential eleven (11) unit building with one of the units being an affordable unit as shown on plans entitled “Renovations to Everett Masonic Lodge, 536 Broadway, Everett MA” (the “Site Plan”) on a parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as C0-05-000098 located in Business District. The applications with narrative and the Site Plan were received on July 15, 2020. The plans are entitled “Renovations to Everett Masonic Lodge, 536 Broadway, Everett MA” were prepared by Engineering Alliance Inc, 196 Central St, Saugus MA 01906 and prepared for 536 Broadway St, LLC, 523 Cambridge St, Allston MA 02134. A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours. All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal should appear at the time and place designated above. As items may be continued to later dates, please contact Shane O'Brien of the Department of Planning & Development at [Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us) or 617-944-0236 before attending with any concerns or questions.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**Hearing on the following application:**  
**Application of 302 Broadway**  
**Section 32 - Inclusionary Zoning - Special Permit**  
**Application - Modification**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 9 and Section 32 (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the proposal for a modification to a previously approved Special Permit for Inclusionary Zoning for a property at 302 Broadway. The project consists of a multifamily apartment building with 15 rental units (previously 10 units), whereas 2 units will be affordable units (previously was one unit). The project parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as E0-03-000140. The application and narrative for modification were received on August 4, 2020. The plans are entitled “Residences of 302 Broadway, Proposed Unit Change 302 Broadway, Everett MA, completed by Khalasa Design Inc, PJF Associates, & Leon Bombardier for Eric Kenworthy” dated June 30, 2020. A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours. All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal should appear at the time and place designated above. As items may be continued to later dates, please contact Shane O'Brien of the Department of Planning & Development at [Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us) or 617-944-0236 before attending with any concerns or questions.

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First mail-in ballots arriving at City Hall

By Seth Daniel

Everything seems to be an historic moment during COVID-19, and the first-ever mail-in ballots began arriving at City Hall this week to be counted towards the Sept. 1 Primary Election.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said this week that they have received the first batch of mail-in ballots for the Sept. 1 Primary, and he expected many more to come in later this week. Last week, he said they had received more than 2,000 requests for mail-in ballots from the public – a larger number than expected for an election the day after Labor Day.

“We’ve started to see them trickle in,” he said. “I’m sure this week and next week will be prime


time for them to be returned to us.”

The Secretary of State sent out applications for mail-in voting to all registered voters in mid-July. Those applications had to be filled out and sent back to the Everett City Clerk’s Office and the Everett Election Commission. Then, the Commission sent out the requested ballots and a postage paid envelope to voters. Now, voters are making their decisions at home, around the kitchen table or in the living room rather than at the traditional polls.

A typical September Primary has in recent years drawn a turnout of about 5,500 people.

Most of the first mail-in ballots were sent to voters from Everett City Hall on Aug. 5 and 6.

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**ZONING AMENDMENT**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, M.G.L. Section 5, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider a proposed Amendment that the Zoning Ordinance be amended by City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 38 of Appendix “A” “Housing Production Conversion Ordinance” to provide for the creation of new housing units within existing structures as; “to promote the public safety and wellbeing of the occupants and neighborhood; to provide zoning; and parking incentives to property owners desiring to increase the number of dwelling units within the same structure with no increase to floor area ratio.” Below is the draft language: City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 38 of Appendix “A” “Housing Production Conversion Ordinance” Purpose: To provide for the creation of new housing units within existing structures. To promote the public safety and wellbeing of the occupants and neighborhood. To provide zoning and parking incentives to property owners desiring to increase the number of dwelling units within the same structure with no increase to floor area or envelope 1. In existing structures where there is an increase in the number of dwelling units with no increase to the floor area ration (FAR) or the building envelope; no new parking spaces shall be provided. This exception shall remain in effect for a period of 5 year(s) after ordained. Sent to: Abutting Communities, MAPC, & DHDC  
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**Hearing on the following application:**  
**1690 Revere Beach Parkway**  
**Site Plan Review and Special Permit(s)**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 19 and Section 33 (Commercial Triangle Economic Development District) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the Special Permit and Site Plan Review proposal to build 800 transit-oriented development residential units with 15,000 sq. of commercial space (5,000 sq. feet located in Chelsea) with three of the buildings in Everett and one in Chelsea as shown on plans entitled “Proposed Site Documents for Grossman Companies, Inc, Proposed Mixed-Use Development” (the “Site Plan”) on a parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as K0-04-000084 located in the Commercial Triangle Economic Development District. The applications with narrative and the Site Plan were received on July 30, 2020. The plans are entitled “Proposed Site Documents for Grossman Companies, Inc, Proposed Mixed-Use Development” were prepared by Bohler, 45 Franklin St, 5th Floor, Boston MA 02110 in association with Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype, Inc, Brown + Sardina, & Vanasse & Associates, Inc. A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours. All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal should appear at the time and place designated above. As items may be continued to later dates, please contact Shane O'Brien of the Department of Planning & Development at [Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us) or 617-944-0236 before attending with any concerns or questions.

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

## STATE REP. RACES TO FEATURE DEBATE

CHELSEA - A virtual debate has been agreed to by all four candidates in the two Chelsea state representative races, with GreenRoots conducting the debate with a host of collaborators on Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. online.

The forum will featured State Rep. Dan Ryan and Candidate (and City Councillor) Damali Vidot for the district representing Charlestown and Chelsea. It will also feature State Rep. Candidate Joe Gravelle and State Rep. Candidate (and Revere city councillor) Jessica Giannino for the district representing Prattville, Revere and part of Saugus.

“While this election season feels very different given the COVID-19 precautions, we feel it is an important opportunity to discuss issues of concern facing Chelsea with the candidates who are running for the two State Representative seats in Chelsea,” said GreenRoots Director Roseann Bongiovanni. “All of the candidates have committed to participate and we have a number of co-sponsors. I believe the forum will be informative and engaging and will touch upon real issues impacting Chelsea residents’ lives.”

Some of the co-sponsors include the Chelsea Record, TND, Chelsea Collaborative and others.

Giannino said she is looking forward to participating in the GreenRoots forum.

“I’m very much looking forward to next week’s GreenRoots forum,” said Giannino. “Representing my community on environmental injustices is one of the reasons I became involved in politics in the first place. From introducing the motion to ban single-use plastic bags in Revere to being a founding member of the Alliance for Health and Environment to being extremely vocal about the lack of accountability from the region’s biggest polluter, Wheelabrator -- my constituents know that I am headstrong and will continue to work diligently to improve their overall quality of life.”

Candidate Gravelle said he was thankful he could bring his message directly to the voters of Chelsea.

“I’m looking forward to the opportunity to participate,” he said. “I’m thankful GreenRoots is working to ensure the public has an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates before they vote on September 1.”

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he looks forward to talking about his environmental record at the Forum next week.

“I look forward to dis-

cussing my record as an Environmental Champion and my accomplishments as a forward thinking legislator,” he said. “I thank GreenRoots for this opportunity to discuss our shared vision for cleaner, healthier future.”

Vidot said she’s ready to connect with voters and do some truth telling.

“I am excited at the opportunity to connect with voters and do some truth telling at the upcoming candidate forum on August 13th,” she said. “We are at a point in the world right now where our future is uncertain. We simply don’t have time to waste...I encourage all those who live within the district to attend virtually and hear my ideas for the Second Suffolk District. I’d like to thank GreenRoots, the Neighborhood Developers, The Chelsea Collaborative and all co-sponsors for working together to provide this important virtual engagement for the residents of our district.”

## WAITING FOR WORD FROM MIAA

CHELSEA - Chelsea High School Director of Athletics Amanda Alpert is awaiting word from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) about the fall sports season in respect to the coronavirus.

“We have not been given any word from the MIAA what we’re doing with fall sports,” said Alpert.

The 2020-21 sports year is going to be a transitional one for the entire CHS sports program. Chelsea has exited the Commonwealth Athletic Conference (CAC) and would be an “independent” this year with no league affiliation. Chelsea will join the Greater Boston League in the fall of 2021 in all sports except football where the Red Devils will maintain their independent status.

“This year’s schedules will consist of games against CAC schools, GBL schools, and Boston City League schools,” said Alpert.

Chelsea High is slated to field varsity teams this fall in football, boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball, and boys and girls cross country.

CHS athletes on to college sports

Track star Stephanie Simon is headed to Youngstown State University in Ohio. Simon had a record-breaking, four-year career that included state and national championships. She received a Division 1 college scholarship.

Soccer standout Alejandro Ponce Lopez will be continuing her soccer career at UMass-Dartmouth. Ponce Lopez was the Class of 2020 salutatorian and aspires to be a physician.

Women’s pro football

league season is canceled

On a personal note, Amanda Alpert saw her Boston Renegades women’s professional football league (WFA) season canceled for 2020.

Alpert was set to return to the team this season and be a starting player. Alpert has enjoyed a very successful pro football career, leading her teams to several league championships.

“The 2020 season was canceled and we’re hoping that things will be good enough to play in 2021,” said Alpert. “The hope is that we start playing games next April.”

## MAIL-IN BALLOTS ON THE WAY

EAST BOSTON - Despite President Donald Trump voting by mail during elections in 2017, 2018 and 2020, POTUS has spent the past week threatening to sue states that will allow mail-in voting for this upcoming Presidential Election—falsely claiming it will lead to widespread election fraud.

While Trump has even suggested the November election should be postponed, Boston is going forward with sending residents ‘vote by mail’ applications.

At a press conference last week, Mayor Martin Walsh said that registered voters in East Boston and the rest of the city should expect to get a mail-in ballot application in the mail this week, if they haven’t received one already.

“This year, everyone can vote by a mail-in ballot,” said Walsh. “In the past, Massachusetts residents had to show that they had a disability, that their religion prevented them from voting in-person, or that they would be out of town on election day. This year, Massachusetts passed legislation that waives these requirements, and anyone who requests a mail-in ballot will get one. This will help make sure everyone can exercise their right to vote during COVID-19.”

The Mayor said that it’s important for residents to note that they are getting an application in the mail, and they must fill it out and send it back to the Elections Department to get a mail-in ballot. As of last week the City had received 4,000 applications for mail-in ballots.

“Voters can choose which election they’d like a ballot for — the Primary Election on September 1st; the General Election on November 7th; or both,” said Walsh. “Independent voters who want to vote in the primary must check a party box. They should then sign the form, and drop it in the mail. No postage is needed.”

Applications to request a mail-in ballot must be received by Wednesday, August 26 for the State Primaries, and October 28 for the General Election.

“Voters who would rather go to their polling place in-person can still do so,” said Walsh. “The City of Boston Elections Department is adding COVID-19 protocols on social distanc-

## CHELSEA IN BLACK AND WHITE



PHOTO BY CINDY WEISBART

Volunteers holding posters of stories from residents in danger of eviction due to the COVID-19 epidemic in front of Chelsea City Hall as part of an action in support of MA Senate Bill S. 2785’s Right to Counsel for tenants in legal disputes with landlords. The mattresses on the ground symbolize a looming eviction crisis: “We won’t let this become the new normal!,” said Executive Director Gladys Vega about potential widespread homelessness.

ing, sanitizing procedures, and the proper use of PPE in their training for poll workers.”

In addition, the City will hold Early Voting again this year. Early voting for the Primaries will happen August 22nd through August 28th; and for the General Election, it will run October 17th through October 30th.

To learn more about mail-in ballots and the upcoming elections, visit Boston.gov/elections.

## COVID VIRUS STILL VERY DANGEROUS

EAST BOSTON - Dr. Jim Pedulla, Medical Director, Neighborhood PACE of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), said although the incidents of coronavirus has lessened since April and May in Massachusetts, it is still very present in the state, with hundreds of new cases every day.

“It is thus very important that we continue to take every precaution to protect ourselves and others from the spread of this very contagious virus,” said Pedulla.

Dr. Pedulla said this is especially important for older adults, especially those older than 65, who are at a much higher risk for becoming very sick or dying from infection. Other persons at high risk include--but are not excluded to--people with multiple chronic conditions such as cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), transplant recipients, obesity, heart disease, or diabetes.

In response to keeping the high risk population safe, EBNHC has launched a campaign aimed at paying particular attention to the needs of the high risk community living here. While the COVID 19 pandemic has been particularly devastating for those at high risk for serious illness, the Health Center has adopted throughout the pandemic to help residents stay safe at home, stay safe while out in the community, and stay safe and feel comfortable

in accessing the EBNHC’s services.

According to EBNHC Director of Strategy, Hollis Graham, RN, BSN about one quarter of all Health Center patients fall into the ‘high risk’ category.

“A large percentage of the health center’s patients fall into the COVID-19 high-risk category,” said Graham. “We want to make sure we are doing more than meeting their health care needs. We want to make it easier for our community to access the tools needed to keep themselves safe.”

Graham said that after months of isolation it has become apparent that it may be more risky for patients with chronic conditions to not maintain routine check ups. Graham said first and foremost EBNHC’s high risk patients should not delay care for chronic issues. She said EBNHC is taking great precautions and extra safety measures to meet the needs of high-risk patients who need to access care onsite.

“An impressive number of medical visits can be handled virtually, either telephonically or by using a video app,” said Graham. “But for visits that do require in-person care, the health center has made safety its number one priority. In addition to routine cleaning and disinfection of facilities, all staff members, patients, and visitors are efficiently screened for symptoms before entering EBNHC sites and are reminded to always wear a mask. The health center has also reconfigured patient flow, from the number of people allowed in an elevator at one time to the speed at which patients are escorted to exam rooms after check in. The focus is on social distancing and making sure patients feel safe. EBNHC asks patients to come alone to appointments if possible to reduce crowding and contact but urges patients to seek care when needed.”

One EBNHC patient said, “I thought I was going to have to go without care for months, but I am

still getting the care I need and the same quality of it, so I am really happy about that.”

Graham said the health center has a long reputation for caring for special populations. From its grassroots beginnings 50 years ago, the health center’s mission has been to invest in community wellbeing.

“During this pandemic, the safest place for everyone, especially those among the high-risk, vulnerable population, is to stay at home,” she said. “To facilitate staying at home, EBNHC rolled out virtual medical visits, increased meals-on-wheels deliveries for senior citizens, increased American Red Cross food access, and started a door-to-door mobile vaccine clinic for pediatric patients.”

As Massachusetts reopens Graham said EBNHC, in partnership with community agencies such as Action for Boston Community Development, has launched awareness campaigns to help keep community members safe when they leave home.

“While it is still safer to stay home, these campaigns provide resources to high-risk community members to help keep them safe if and when they venture out, such as washable, reusable face masks and fact sheets to curb COVID-19 misinformation,” said Graham. Some of these supplies are mailed directly to high-risk patients and others are distributed directly within elderly housing complexes.”

Echoing Graham, Dr. Pedulla added that high risk patients should always wear a mask (with multiple layers of fabric) in public; maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others except those you live with regularly; wash hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds; avoid any crowded locations unless absolutely essential, and if so, always maintain mask use, six foot distancing, and hand washing; and finally don’t go out to public places if you are sick.

“But, if you are having physical symptoms, don’t delay seeking medical care out of concerns for the virus—every precaution has been taken to protect patients, and it is important that symptoms are addressed promptly,” said Dr. Pedulla.

If you or someone in your family would like to make an appointment, schedule COVID-19 testing, or receive information on any EBNHC’s services including elder care programs, contact the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center at 617-569-5800 or visit www.ebnhc.org.

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

Grace 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.foreverettchurch.org](http://www.foreverettchurch.org) 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 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](https://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

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

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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

Sunday 10:30 AM Worship service.

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

Come join us in prayer every Friday at 6 am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


Isaías 41:10

"En busca de la excelencia espiritual

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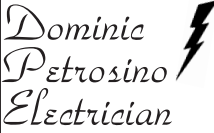
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REP. MCGONAGLE HOLDS OPENING OF SCHOOL STREET CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

State Rep. Joe McGonagle held an opening of his School Street campaign headquarters on Saturday, Aug. 8, that included a socially-distanced sign-holding event in Everett Square. Rep. McGonagle is running for re-election and the Democratic Primary on Sept. 1 will decide the race, as there is no Republican running on the November ballot.



Bill Thomson masked-up and supporting Rep. McGonagle.



Debbie Bergin and Pat Gregson campaigning for Rep. McGonagle.



Ron Senna and Richard Carbone were in support of Rep. McGonagle.



Rich DeStefano and Michael Pritchard joined the stand-out with Rep. Joe McGonagle Saturday morning.



Jackie Hart, who works in Rep. McGonagle's State House office, and Garrett Beaulieu.



Thumbs up! Rep. Joe McGonagle joins retired City Solicitor John Kryzovic and Veterans Agent Gerry Miranda in front of the opened headquarters.

MassDevelopment announces \$310,000 funding for real estate technical assistance

MassDevelopment is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$310,000 in funding through its Real Estate Technical Assistance program. Through a combination of in-house expertise and contracts with consultants, under this program MassDevelopment works with municipal officials, planners, local stakeholders, and others to address site-specific and district-wide economic development challenges. Awards will range from approximately \$5,000 to \$50,000 and can support a range of projects, from feasibility studies to master planning efforts.

ment's Real Estate Technical Assistance program, we deploy our in-house expertise and partnerships with top consultants to help cities and towns across the Commonwealth tackle their planning and development projects," said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. "We encourage our local partners to apply for this targeted assistance as they pursue plans to leverage assets, build housing, create jobs, and more."

The full Request for Proposals is available at [massdevelopment.com/technicalassistance](https://massdevelopment.com/technicalassistance). Responses are due by September 4.

Development's Real Estate Technical Assistance program has awarded \$942,000 to help 26 communities advance their economic development goals through 27 projects.

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth. During FY2019, MassDevelopment financed or managed 316 projects generating investment of more than \$2 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 9,743 jobs and build or preserve 1,992 housing units.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle held a socially-distant stand-out in Everett Square ahead of the Sept. 1 Democratic Primary on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Attorney Michele Capone appointed to the Board of Trustees of the State Library of Massachusetts

Staff Report

Everett Attorney Michele Capone was recently appointed by Governor Baker to the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts State Library. Mrs. Capone will serve with three other appointed members and the President of the Massachusetts Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of State, who serve as ex-officio trustees. The State Library was created by the Massachusetts General Court in 1826. It has been located at the State House since 1895.

Attorney Capone has extensive library experience. She served as the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Everett Public Libraries for over seven years and has been a member of the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries for almost eighteen years. Mrs. Capone has served on the Shute Memorial Library Capital Campaign Committee and on the Everett Literacy Committee. Michele and her family support Reach Out and Read and she is a big supporter of free little libraries. Recently, she and her husband donated reading, coloring and learning materials to many



Michele Capone was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts State Library.

dents and taught a weekly law class. Attorney Capone earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Boston College while working as a residential counselor for children with disabilities in Brookline. Before attending law school, Mrs. Capone completed the Women in Politics and Government Graduate Program at Boston College.

Attorney Capone is excited to continue her advocacy on behalf of public libraries at the state level. "The State House Library holds a special place in my heart. I spent many hours there while working as a legislative aide in the House of Representatives and later, as legal counsel in the State Senate. It was at the State House Library that I helped draft the state's first hearing aid legislation, and worked to create stricter state sprinkler laws after the Station Night Club tragedy. I'm honored that Governor Baker appointed me as a trustee and that both he and Lieutenant Governor Polito conferred a citation upon me in recognition of my dedicated service on the Board of Trustees of the Everett Public Libraries and the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries."

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