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The past seven days have been a very exciting – and unusual – time to campaign and vote in Everett for the Sept. 1 State Primary Election. Between mail-in voting, socially-distanced rallies and statewide bus tours, Everett has been a stop for all. Shown here are U.S. Sen. Ed Markey (above left) in Everett Square with State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Mayor Carlo DeMaria on Monday; Congressman (and U.S. Senate candidate) Joe Kennedy III (above right) in Everett Square last Thursday with Councilor Stephanie Martins; State Rep. candidate Michael McLaughlin (below left) at his rally on Monday afternoon; and State Rep. Joe McGonagle (below right) speaking of his working relationship with Markey during that rally on Monday.



## Candidates, voters navigate one strange election season as September 1 Primary approaches

By Seth Daniel

Nearly two thousand votes have been cast already in the Sept. 1 Primary Election as mail-in and in-person voting options have brought excitement to campaigns for U.S. Senate and State Representative in Everett.

With COVID-19 changing everything, and radically shifting how candidates campaign, one of the keys to the election this year is focusing on mail-in ballots

and creating some excitement for in-person voting and Election Day in-person voting as well.

No one has ever had to do it before, but candidates are adapting and changing weekly. This week marked a major uptick in the energy of the two centerpiece campaigns – one featuring U.S. Sen. Ed Markey vs. Congressman Joe Kennedy III for U.S. Senator; and the other featuring State Rep. Joe McGonagle vs. Council-

or Michael McLaughlin for state representative. In the last seven days, all four have held or attended in-person events in Everett.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said there had been 4,000 mail-in ballots requested by Monday of this week, much higher than anticipated. Some 1,800 had been returned, and 130 people had participated at in-person early voting in City Hall.

“We’ve probably seen close to 4,000 between ear-

ly voting and absentee ballot (mail-in) requests – with only about 130 of those being in-person early voting,” he said. “We have about 1,500 to 1,800 ballots returned for mail-in voting and they continue to come in.”

He said there were probably 3,600 requests so far for mail-in ballots, being conservative. He said that could possibly represent

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## Massive redevelopment of Stop & Shop site planned

By Seth Daniel

The new owners of the Stop & Shop parcel on the Parkway straddling the Everett/Chelsea line have proposed a massive redevelopment of the site, with 800 rental housing units and retail offerings that may or may not include a re-make

of the grocery store.

The Grossman Companies of Quincy has filed with the City to begin reviews of the project, and were slated to be on the agenda for Monday’s Planning Board – though that got pushed into September due to a public notice Snafu.

In the meantime, City

Planner Tony Sousa said they are very excited about the proposal and that it piggy-backs on so many of the other dynamic mixed-use projects that have surged into the formerly heavy industrial area. He said the project would create more momentum that is already underway with the complet-

ed Pioneer, the proposed development at Wood Waste, the Market Forge proposal, the Fairfield development under construction on the Chelsea side of the line and the operational EnVision Hotel. All of it adds up to a very new and different place

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## Mayor DeMaria moves to rename Everett High auditorium

By Seth Daniel

The Frederick Forest-eire Center for Performing Arts at Everett High School – otherwise known as the auditorium – is before the School Committee this month on a request by Mayor Carlo DeMaria to rename the facility after the late Dorothy Martin Long.

At Monday’s School

Committee meeting, the Committee by a unanimous vote accepted a request from the mayor for the renaming and sent it to the Subcommittee on Property for further evaluation.

There was no immediate comment from anyone on the Committee and Mayor DeMaria did not wish to comment at this time either. He submitted the item in his

role as an ex officio member of the Committee.

The Center was named after former Supt. Fred Forest-eire when he was still at the helm of the schools and shortly after the new Everett High was completed so many years ago. However, criminal allegations of improper conduct against him prompted his resignation in December 2018 and

charges were filed in court in early 2019. The case is still pending and has been delayed by COVID-19 court shutdowns. He is charged with seven counts of misconduct, but hasn’t yet been convicted of anything.

That said, many have asked numerous times if

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## Football, fall sports will move to February along with GBL pact

By Seth Daniel

Imagine Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium empty on a Friday night in the fall – no touchdowns, no cheerleaders, no marching band, and no journeys to a Super Bowl title at Gillette Stadium in early December.

But there is no imagination needed because it is reality.

Football and all fall sports are cancelled this fall according to Athletic Director Tammy Turner, but a silver lining is that there is a move afoot for all Greater Boston League (GBL) teams to join together and move all of their fall seasons to February so they can have a GBL Championship. The state ruled last week there are no playoffs this year or any state titles in any sports.

“If you are a communi-

ty in the red (high-risk for COVID-19) and in Everett we are in the red, you’ll be moved to the floating season, which starts on Feb. 22,” Turner told the School Committee Monday. “We are a district that is in the red and so we don’t have a choice. All fall sports will be moved to Feb. 22. However, if we are able to move out of the red, our fall coaches and athletes can start conditioning and doing drills....As soon as Everett is out of the red, we can start conditioning and practicing, but we cannot do any competition in the fall.”

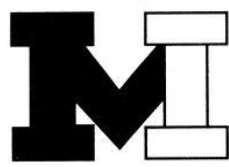
So deep is the gridiron culture embedded in the city that it will require some reinventing of the character of the community come this fall. That is also true of other sports to an extent, like soccer for boys and girls,

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### CELEBRATING 75



Rich Jr., Rosalie, Rita and Richard Eliseo Sr. at the 75th birthday party. See Page 11 for story and more photos.



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# AG Maura Healey endorses Terrence Kennedy for re-election to the Governor’s Council

Governor’s Councilor Terrence Kennedy is proud to announce he has received the endorsement of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey in his bid for re-election. The Democratic Primary is Tuesday, September 1st.

“I am proud to endorse Terrence Kennedy for re-election to the Governor’s Council. During his time on the Council, he has advocated for appointing diverse judges that better reflect the makeup of our Commonwealth. And he has championed restorative

justice. He is exactly the voice we need representing us.” Said Healey.

Kennedy said “I am honored to have the support of Attorney General Maura Healey”

The Democratic Primary is Tuesday, September 1st, Early Voting has already begun and Mail Ballots must be returned by Primary Election Day. Terrence Kennedy is a practicing attorney of 37 years. He has been married to his wife Cheryl for 35 years. They have three grown children, Alyica, Julie and Peter.

Terrence Kennedy represents the 6th District of the Governor’s Council which includes Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and Swampscott of Essex County, Cambridge, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester of Middlesex County, Chelsea Revere and Winthrop, Boston neighborhoods of East Boston, North End, Back Bay, Chinatown and Beacon Hill of Suffolk County.

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than most everyone in Everett is used to seeing on the forgotten southern side of the Parkway.

“It’s everything coming together that is so exciting,” he said. “I look at 2014 and 2015 when we did the neighborhood plan and a few years later we did the zoning changes. The we added the federal opportunity zone designation. That is very real and every developer down there has looked into the opportunity zone.

“It’s really, really coming together there,” he continued. “Go back five years and we have added the Silver Line and the soon-to-be commuter rail station in Chelsea. I can’t say enough about accessing the Silver Line and how it connects us now to the airport, the Seaport and South Station. We didn’t have that five years ago so there wasn’t this synergy that there is now. It all starts with Mayor DeMaria’s vision and guiding us to get everything in order. The Commercial Triangle is changing.”

The Stop & Shop parcel on the Parkway is just over 6 acres of land and sits about 80 percent in Everett and 20 percent in Chelsea. The review will have to come from Everett first, but will also need approvals from Chelsea afterward.

The proposal includes 800 units of rental housing, which translates to 150 Studios, 494 one-bedrooms, and 156 two-bedrooms. The development calls for 906 parking spaces in structured garages. Even with that, the project would call for variances for parking, additional height, and setbacks. It could also feature as many as 40 or more units of affordable housing on site.



**A rendering of the proposed development for the Stop & Shop on the Parkway at the Everett/Chelsea line. The Grossman Companies of Quincy have filed with Everett to demolish the store and rebuilt with 800 living units and 15,000 sq. ft. of retail. It may or may not include a re-tooled grocery store.**

The proposal includes 15,000 sq. ft. of retail, which is a far cry from the 90,000 sq. ft. existing grocery store. Sousa said he had no idea if Stop & Shop would re-tool their store as they have in other locations around Greater Boston. Some Stop & Shop stores have focused on a smaller footprint with more prepared foods and a pared down market under the title ‘bfresh.’ That has taken place in Newton and Davis Square Somerville. It wasn’t readily apparent if that would happen on the Parkway, and Sousa said there is no tenant yet identified for the retail portion.

However, he said some sort of market would be likely needed in that area despite the large Market Basket down the street. With nearly 2,000 units on the docket for that immediate area, Sousa said a market concept for quick grabs and small orders would be a great amenity from the City’s perspective.

The proposal would be

situated in several buildings on the site, and would feature an open public space concept as has been the norm in the other buildings proposed or built in the area. That, Sousa said, is going to be a feature of the new district on both sides of the City Line. Having public green space accessible to everyone and outdoor seating to accompany retail would be essential, he said, to the character of this newly carved out community.

“There are again here very public facing elements of open space and helping to create a neighborhood feel,” he said. “As more gets developed, we want to make sure open space is shared space and there is retail with outdoor seating and public amenities.”

The project has been continued for its first unveiling at the Sept. 12 Everett Planning Board meeting, which is an online Zoom meeting. The Grossman Companies purchased the site in 2018 for around \$16 million.

## Natick man arrested after stabbing another man

Staff Report

State Troopers and Everett Police Officers arrested a Natick man overnight Thursday shortly after he allegedly stabbed another man during an altercation inside Encore Boston Harbor.

Troopers and Officers apprehended David Guante, 30, of Natick, at a parking lot across the street from

the casino, to where he had fled after the incident. A small knife was recovered. The suspect was booked at the Everett Police Department for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

The victim, a 24-year-old Lynn man, who was located in the casino’s lobby after the incident, was conscious and alert and was able to provide responding Troopers a description of his assailant. The victim

sustained a puncture wound believed to be minor and was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital.

The investigation by Troopers and Everett Officers assigned to the State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit indicates the stabbing occurred at approximately 2 a.m. during an altercation in the main cashier cage area.

No further information is being released at this time.

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as well as cheerleading and other fall sports.

The plan was approved by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletics Association (MIAA) last week, and it was based on the guidance of Gov. Charlie Baker and the state re-opening plan.

But there is some good news for the idea of a late winter/early spring season, and that comes from partner in the GBL. So far, Revere and Everett are the only communities in the red right now, but Medford is wary that it might be named in the red soon due to an outbreak.

With that in mind, the remaining GBL teams have pledged loyalty to the conference and will likely forego their fall seasons to play in the spring with the red communities.

“Revere and Everett are

in the red right now, and so all the GBL is sticking together and going to February so we can have GBL championships in February,” said Turner. “They’re all moving with us to Feb. 22 and joining in a united front.”

Two exceptions are golf and cross country. Since it would be likely impossible to play golf or run cross country in February and March, if Revere and Everett can get out of the red by Oct. 1, the conference will look at having short seasons for those sports this fall.

Other sports seasons will also be affected by this too.

The winter season for basketball and indoor sports will go from Nov. 30 to Feb. 21. The new floating fall season will go from Feb. 22 to April 25. Then spring season will take place from

April 26 to July 3.

Since there are no state titles or championships being held this year – also meaning no playoffs – at this time, the GBL will host very special conference championship events, Turner said.

“We’re told there will be no state championships for any season – fall, winter or spring,” she said.

Also, to help the mental well-being of student-athletes, the MIAA has put on hold the rule that does not allow coaches to work with student-athletes outside of a season – known as Rule 40.

“That rule has been lifted for now,” said Turner. “They understand coaches have a unique relationship with the kids and depression is very high with student-athletes right now.”

## Election // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

more than 50 percent of the electorate casting their vote prior to Election Day.

“We get 6,000 people in a state primary,” he said. “If 4,000 ballots come back that’s two-thirds of voters that voted by mail. We’ll see if that happens. We expected a lighter in-person vote because of COVID-19, but we prepared for a turnout and have social distancing protocols.”

Early voting at City Hall began last Saturday. Voters can vote there in-person Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Friday being from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Alas the last day to request a mail-in ballot to be mailed to one’s home is today, Aug. 26. Those ballots can be returned up until Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. – and can even be dropped at the City Hall (grey) drop boxes up until that time. Anyone who returns their ballot to City Hall will have those ballots sorted and sent to the proper polling place on Sept. 1. There, poll workers and Election officials will open the mail-in ballots and feed them into the proper voting machine to be counted.

Last Thursday afternoon, Kennedy hit Everett Square where Councilor Stephanie Martins endorsed him and he held a rally to enliven the large base of support he has in Everett. Kennedy said he has built his campaign on the support and endorsements of local officials like Martins.

“There’s a Washington that’s disconnected,” he said afterward. “I believe a U.S. Senator can and should do something for the people. You can’t help the people by legislating from afar even with the best intentions. You have to have a ground game. You have to be with the people on the ground. You have to understand what people are facing in your communities to fight for your communities. From day one, our campaign and team has focused on earning the support of local officials particularly

in communities that often get ignored.”

That stop in Everett came on a 24-hour campaign event for Kennedy that took him across the state all day and night on Thursday. He said they left Boston at 3 a.m. and returned the next day at 6:45 a.m. after putting more than 600 miles on their vehicle. He said it was important to meet people where they are at – like in Everett Square – to ask for their vote.

Hitting the trail in his own bus, on Monday afternoon excitement built in Everett Square again as Markey rolled into town for a campaign stop on the ‘Leads & Delivers’ tour.

Markey – originally from Malden and very well-acquainted with Everett – drew a great deal of support from the City’s elected officials, with speakers including State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, DA Marian Ryan, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros and School Committeewoman Samantha Lambert. Council President Rosa DiFlorio and Councilor Wayne Matewsky were also in attendance.

All called on voters to re-elect Markey, as he has always delivered for Everett an takes his job personally when it comes to being able to help. It was also stressed that he had a common experience with the old and new Everett – having worked his way through college in a working-class Malden family.

“You had to work, you had to study, and you had to try hard to maximize your God-given abilities,” he said. “When I worked the midnight to 8 a.m. shift at Purity Supreme in Somerville, I had to do it. You didn’t have a choice.”

He said he came to Everett as a boy to play for Immaculate Conception Malden’s CYO basketball team against the Immaculate Conception Everett CYO team

– something he remembered vividly.

“I came to Everett as a small boy and I return as your U.S. Senator and all I can ask is if you feel safe, vote in person, or if you feel it’s safe, vote early,” he said. “If you have my back for the next eight days, I’ll have your back in the U.S. Senate for the next six years.”

Prominent at the rally was McGonagle, who is in an exciting race of his own.

McGonagle talked up Markey and said they have had a great relationship working together, including to help the Fiestas family of Everett secure citizenship some years ago.

“I don’t understand why anyone would want to replace an elected official who is getting the job done,” said McGonagle of Markey.

Meanwhile, also on Monday, McLaughlin hit Everett Square with a spirited rally that included several residents and the endorsements of Councilor Michael Marchese and the UFCW Local 1445 union.

“This is a man of action and he believes in the working class and is there to support them,” said Gabe Camacho, political and organizing director for the union. “We hope our brothers and sisters in the labor movement will support him as well.”

Marchese said McLaughlin is a young leader, and represents a break from the herd mentality.

“I’m tired of the herd mentality,” he said. “Unfortunately there are no forward-thinking people there. They’re all told what to do. Michael McLaughlin brings a voice to the younger generation in Everett. I have plenty of faith in Michael McLaughlin.”

McLaughlin said he’s ready to be that new voice.

“It’s not going to be siding with the mayor or the insiders of Beacon Hill,” he said. “If I win, the people of Everett win and not the insiders.”

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# City, EPS team up to find solutions for students and families

Staff Report

In the latest collaborative effort between City Hall and the Everett Public Schools (EPS), leaders are establishing dedicated locations for students to participate in remote learning when the school year begins in September. Called “eLearning Centers,” the safe and quiet spaces will allow a percentage of students to access the instruction, assignments, content, and assessments that comprise the robust virtual learning curriculum that will be delivered by EPS teachers during the 2020-2021 school year.

“The safety of our residents is our first priority, which is why I fully support the decision to start the school year with all-remote learning,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “But we also recognize that distance learning creates challenges for working parents. The eLearning Centers are a creative and effective way to alleviate some of the critical concerns families might have about remote learning.”

The eLearning Centers are for elementary and middle-school students. They will be supervised by adults who can provide technical assistance to students so they can access internet- and computer-based learning via a laptop computer or a Chromebook. Students who attend the centers will have the same level of access to their teachers as students who participate in eEducation at home.

“We are perfectly confi-

dent and excited about the remote platforms our teachers and administrators are working hard to implement for 2020-21,” said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani. “Still, from the beginning of this process, we strongly felt that we needed to do something for families for whom learning at home is particularly difficult. The eLearning Centers will provide those students with that necessary support.”

Specifically, eLearning Centers allow the EPS to support its most vulnerable students, such as those that do not have access to Wi-Fi at home. School leaders are also exploring additional ways to support marginalized students, including offering additional services for students with disabilities, and providing all students with content tool kits that support remote learning at home.

While recent reports indicate that Everett is in the state’s “red zone” — indicating a high percentage of COVID-19 cases — officials are committed to operating the learning centers as part of its reopening in mid-September.

“Our census numbers from 2010 state that we have approximately 45,000 residents, but the City and the EPS are both under the impression that these numbers are extremely inaccurate,” said Mayor DeMaria. “We believe that our population is closer to 65,000. If our population was counted appropriately, Everett would not be in the ‘red zone.’”

The EPS is in the process

of determining the locations of the eLearning Centers. There will be several of them throughout the city, but not at every school in the district. For staffing and operational purposes, larger spaces such as gymnasiums and cafeterias are likely to be utilized, as well as the former Pope John High School. Space and safety guidelines will limit the number of spots the district can offer in its eLearning Centers. An online registration process will be available to families beginning next week.

The Superintendent and the Mayor both stressed that the eLearning Centers will operate under strict safety guidelines. This means that students and staff will have to wear face coverings, and six feet of social distancing will be maintained at all times. To help best facilitate social distancing, the district is likely to use larger spaces, such as gymnasiums and cafeterias, to set up desks for students to use.

In addition, parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to screen their student(s) for any COVID-19 symptoms before sending them to an eLearning Center. Students should stay at home if they exhibit or experience any of the following:

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or

- smell
- Sore throat
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the city and the EPS have worked together to successfully serve Everett families. From promoting and facilitating food distribution to organizing Everett High School’s massive drive-through graduation celebration in June, the partnership has flourished. The city helped the district with its extensive Tech to Go initiative, specifically by facilitating the use of the parking lot across from the Encore Boston Harbor Resort for families to drive up and pick up Chromebooks. More recently, city officials were quick to identify and offer the use of Pope John High School for eLearning.

Additionally, several representatives of city government served on the EPS School Reopening Steering Committee and/or the four subcommittees whose work provided the foundation for the district’s official reopening plan, which has been approved by the School Committee and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

“Our city has come together in a profound way to cope with COVID-19,” Mayor DeMaria said. “Our success has been due in large part to the efficient and productive cooperation among city departments, community partners, and our residents.”

Superintendent Tahiliani agreed. “We have received nothing but encouragement, sound advice, and a helping hand from the city as we have navigated through these unprecedented times,” she said. “We’re united in our effort to put the safety and overall well-being of our students at the heart of every decision we make.”

Under the 2020-2021 Reopening Plan unanimously approved by the School Committee, the EPS is adopting a phased approach to returning to school. Under Phase 1, all students will begin the school year under the EPS eEducation model, which includes a

mix of core content instruction delivered via Zoom, as well as online platforms and programs. eEducation is designed so students can participate with equal ease either at home or at an eLearning Center.

Phase 2 is slated to begin on November 16 to coincide with the start of the second quarter. The EPS will open its schools for in-person teaching and learning, with students divided into two groups. Each group will adhere to an alternating weekly schedule of in-person instruction and eEducation.

Finally, Phase 3 calls for students to have the opportunity to return for full-time, in-person teaching and learning for the beginning of the third quarter on February 1. Families will have the option to use the eEducation model throughout the school year if they so choose.

## Auditorium //

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the Performing Arts Center would be renamed given the negative publicity surrounding the former superintendent. Nothing, however, was done as the School Committee said it was waiting until the resolution of the court

case before taking any action on renaming things that carry the name of Foresteire — including the Center.

On Monday, in what was a surprise to observers, Mayor DeMaria moved to have the Committee go ahead now

and consider the renaming.

Dorothy Martin Long was a long-time community and education advocate in Everett, serving in numerous capacities before her unexpected passing earlier this summer. She was prom-

inent on the Superintendent Search Committee that met many times in 2019 before picking new Supt. Priya Tahiliani.

The matter was voted to Committee on an 8-0 vote.



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This Tuesday, September 1, is primary election day in Massachusetts for both national and state legislative offices.

Primary elections in Massachusetts typically are of little or no consequence because of the overwhelming Democratic voting enrollment and because most Democrats run unopposed.

However, this year's primary election is different because of the hotly-contested U.S. Senate race between incumbent Ed Markey and Congressman Joseph Kennedy that will draw a larger-than-usual turnout for a primary.

In addition, there are two truly unique and important aspects to Tuesday's election.

This will be the first election in which we will be voting either early, by mail, or in person amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Tuesday's primary will be a good test of the ability of Massachusetts' election officials to conduct an election under these difficult circumstances and thus will serve as excellent preparation, both for voters and officials alike, for the upcoming November Presidential election.

It is important that all of us participate in the democratic process on or before Tuesday so that both we and our election officials can be as knowledgeable as possible about the procedures that we will need to follow in November to ensure a successful final election.

In addition, thanks to the chaos that reigns throughout the country (for many reasons), it is not an understatement to say that the elections to be held this year -- both the primaries and the final -- have taken on more significance than any in our nation's history.

The Presidential elections of 1860 (prior to the start of the Civil War) and 1932 (when we were in the midst of the Great Depression) arguably were the most consequential elections since our founding, but the 2020 election cycle will be even more significant than both of those.

The pundits talk about the existential threat being posed to our democracy and institutions because of the situation in the White House. However, regardless of what one thinks of the current policies emanating from Washington, what undeniably is true is that our democracy certainly will come to an end if we fail to exercise the most important right we have as Americans -- the right to vote.

There is no greater threat to America's survival than our own apathy. A strong voter turnout in every election, including the primaries, will send the clearest possible message to our political leaders that we care about the future direction of our country.

We urge all of our readers to be sure to vote in the primary election -- it is more important than ever.

## POLITICIZING THE PANDEMIC

This past Sunday evening, President Donald Trump held a news conference to announce that the use of blood plasma in treating patients who have contracted Covid-19 has been shown to reduce the death rate from Covid-19 by 35% -- a rather dramatic reduction -- and therefore the FDA was allowing for the emergency use of plasma throughout the country.

The FDA Commissioner, Dr. Stephen Hahn, also spoke at the news conference and appeared to support Trump's statement.

The problem however, is that what both Trump and Dr. Hahn said was not accurate.

The following day, the New York Times published a story in which experts pointed out that the potential benefits of blood plasma treatment had not been proven by randomized clinical trials and certainly not to the extent claimed by Trump and Dr. Hahn.

When Dr. Hahn was contacted by the Times, he issued this statement via Twitter:

"I have been criticized for remarks I made Sunday night about the benefits of convalescent plasma. The criticism is entirely justified. What I should have said better is that the data show a relative risk reduction not an absolute risk reduction."

In short, Dr. Hahn admitted that the claims made by Trump and himself on Sunday evening were wildly exaggerated.

We would remind our readers that the FDA previously had given emergency use authorization for hydroxychloroquine as a Covid-19 treatment after it had been touted by Trump -- only to withdraw that authorization when it was shown that hydroxychloroquine was both ineffective and dangerous.

It is clear that once again the work of the professional scientists and experts is being interfered with by the White House for political purposes.

With the pandemic still causing carnage across our nation (we continue to lead the world in Covid-19 cases and deaths), it is more essential than ever that we need facts based on science -- not on considerations of political grandstanding.

## Your opinions, please

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# Independent Forum



WILL VIRTUAL SCHOOLING HAVE FIRE DRILLS ?

GUEST OP-ED

## Everett's new-found waterfront is a great place to spend a day

By Patrick Herron

I can attest to the Malden River being a great place to spend an afternoon. Just this past week, I kayaked up the river, spotted an osprey and several great blue herons, bumped into the committed volunteers who are leading the Trash Free Malden River project, spoke with John Preotle, who developed River's Edge from a "dumping" ground to the beautiful site it is now, caught a peek of the new River Green boat launch and ate some great barbecue from 'The Porch' (I only wish I could have integrated Nightshift Brewing into the trip).

The River Green boat launch is just the latest improvement emerging on the Everett waterfront. Since I became Executive Director of the Mystic River Watershed Association, I have

seen Encore Casino move into the neighborhood and spend \$68M to clean up contaminated land and sediment, create a living shoreline along the Mystic and build pathways on the Mystic and Malden Rivers. These improvements were augmented by the MA Department of Transportation building underpasses for the Woods Memorial Bridge (Route 16) on both sides of the Malden River--making it easier to walk or bike to or from Malden, Medford, Everett and Somerville. A new park at River Green opens a vista on the Malden River that was almost unimaginable just five years ago. Once only a vision of Everett Mayor DeMaria, now a beautiful park is present that includes playing fields, a playground and a beautiful overlook and boat launch.

All of these improve-

ments require committed partners at the local and state level. I can safely say that we have these partnerships and this commitment. The new Everett boat launch was an outcome of collaboration between Fred Laskey of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Representative McGonagle and Mayor DeMaria. Improved water quality at Island End River, as reported by the Everett Independent on August 19th (water quality grade goes from 'F' to a 'B') is the result of joint efforts of the Cities of Everett and Chelsea.

I hope that you can get out and enjoy the new waterfront. I also hope that you will consider getting involved as there is still more work to be done. Join our partner, the Friends of the Malden River, in helping remove litter and inva-

sive species along the river, find out more about the Malden River Vision plan that includes paths around the entire river--creating a 3+ miles of contiguous paths (only ½ a mile to go) and continue to just go out and enjoy your riverfront. The latest in this effort is a partnership in Malden of community leaders of color, youth, environmental advocates, Mayor Christenson, and MIT is designing a new waterfront at the site of the Malden River Department of Public Works.

Looking at the track record over the last five years I am optimistic that we can achieve "A" water quality on our rivers, 'trash free waters' and continuous paths and beautiful parks.

*Patrick Herron is the Executive Director, Mystic River Watershed Association.*

GUEST OP-ED

## Setting the record straight

By Michael McLaughlin

I would like to set the matter straight on my voting record on the following issues:

### ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT POPE JOHN SITE

I voted against the taking of a "Friendly Eminent

Domain.." I voted against "the sale," due to the lack of information that was provided to the Council. I did not vote against affordable housing for our veterans and senior citizens; they well deserve and have earned this property to be called their new home.

I proudly voted for the \$10.5 million dollars to purchase the property and deliver it to our community for affordable housing for our seniors and veterans. Again, this is a fact.

### ON CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

I voted for the \$3 million improvement plan at the last City Council meeting.

I voted against the bus lane on Broadway. I voted against this for two reasons. First, the local small businesses reached out to me asking for my help because they were concerned about the 'no parking' restrictions drastically hurting their business. Secondly, I voted against this because our residential neighborhoods would become a parking haven due to the loss of

parking from the bus only lane. I wanted to have a 24 hour residential parking sticker program so our residents would be able to park in their own neighborhoods. My first and main priority before passing the bus lane was to the residents. I wanted to talk about the pros and cons of this program. I was neither for or against it. I just wanted to study the issues that may have come from it.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you are voting by mail, vote early in-person through August 28, or in-person on September 1.

We have an opportunity to send a message that Everett needs and deserves a state representative who will get results for Everett, not just piggyback rides. Please elect a proven independent leader who has shown up, listened and has gotten results for the people of Everett over the past seven years.

I respectfully ask for your support to make me your next State Representative.

*Michael McLaughlin is a candidate for State Representative.*

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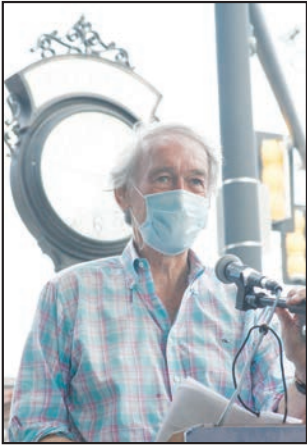
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SEN. MARKEY STOPS IN EVERETT SQUARE AS PART OF HIS ‘LEADS AND DELIVERS’ BUS TOUR

PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

U.S. Sen. Ed Markey arrived in Everett Square on Monday afternoon with his ‘Leads and Delivers’ bus tour to stage a rally with local elected officials and supporters. Markey – who is from Malden originally – said he remembers coming to Everett as a boy, and now as an adult, he said he is back in Everett as their U.S. Senator asking residents for their vote to re-elect him.



U.S. Sen. Ed Markey said he came to Everett from Malden as a boy to play basketball in the CYO leagues, and now he is coming back as a U.S. Senator to ask for another term in Congress.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle welcome U.S. Sen. Ed Markey to Everett, introducing him to a constituent he helped with a citizenship issue some years ago.



U.S. Sen. Ed Markey with supporters in Everett Square on Monday.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria said Sen. Markey is someone who gets things done on a personal level for people.



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico was the emcee of the rally for Sen. Markey.



School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros.



DA Marian Ryan.



School Committeeman Frank Parker, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, Phil Mehki, and Philip Spaulding.



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MICHAEL MCLAUGHLIN HOLDS RALLY IN EVERETT SQUARE

Councilor and State Rep. candidate Michael McLaughlin held a socially-distanced rally in Everett Square on Monday afternoon. McLaughlin, who represents Ward 6 on the City Council, is running in the Sept. 1 Democratic Primary for state representative. With a host of excited supporters, they took to the Square to rally the voters for the upcoming election.



Guillermo and Ana Palomaires.



Candidate Michael McLaughlin and Christie Ann Belfort.



Candidate Michael McLaughlin and Vincent Ragucci.



Larry Gamst with his step-son, Timmy LePore, and Candidate Michael McLaughlin.



Angel Duarte was in support of Michael McLaughlin.



Denise Selden with Candidate Michael McLaughlin.



Candidate Michael McLaughlin with his parents, Edward and Violet McLaughlin.



Councilor Michael Marchese endorsed Candidate Michael McLaughlin. Shown here are Patti Frati, McLaughlin and Marchese on Monday.



Antonio Amaya of La Comunidad, Candidate Michael McLaughlin and Antonio Amaya.



Candidate Michael McLaughlin with UFCW Local 1445 union organizers Matt Farrell and Walker Barnes – who mostly represent Stop & Shop workers.



Candidate Michael McLaughlin with Tiara Collins, Marquita Blatt and Giuliana Blatt.



Zoning Board member Mike Dantone, Candidate Michael McLaughlin, Paul Smith and Ray Torres.



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# Malden Catholic’s exceptional distance learning creates demand for fall admissions

Malden Catholic students completed a full curriculum and uninterrupted academic programming throughout the spring as the school seamlessly shifted to an exceptional Distance Learning model in March. The school provided interactive, academically challenging classes taught by veteran teachers on a secured Zoom platform after the onset of COVID-19, closing for only a single transition day on March 13. As a result, the school has seen a tripling of the normal transfer demand since June with a record-high number of applications and growing waitlist. Currently, Malden Catholic expects to open the school year with nearly 650 students across four classes of boys and three-classes of girls and only a few seats remain available



Malden Catholic School.

for transfer students in specific classes. “Staying ahead of the curve and keeping students’ minds engaged was the objective of Malden Catholic’s Distance Learning strategy,” commented Headmaster John K. Thornburg. “We

are delighted to offer an exceptional academic option for the fall with a Hybrid Model that will allow our students complete fall courses utilizing the ideal combination of in-person and Distance Learning experiences.” Malden Catholic is committed to

educating the whole person and believes that live classroom instruction is optimal for the growth and education of our students. After working with several experts in the medical field, Malden Catholic constructed a Hybrid Model that will maintain the standard CDC guidelines of 6 feet of social distancing while allowing every MC student to come to school 2-3 days/week to participate in live classroom studies. Teachers will be live in the classroom 4 days/week. In addition, Malden Catholic continued with Distance Learning offerings during the summer. The school developed a robust offering of 13 classes in the Summer Program with over 200 participating students from the Boston area for students grades 7 –

11. Students could choose from a broad course selection offering including the following: SAT Prep, Algebra I, Python Programming, STEM, 3D Printing, Girls Leadership, Bridging the Gap for Science, Public Speaking, College Application 101, 20th Century Fiction, a pre-course for AP Bio or Language Arts through Philosophy Texts. 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 renown 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-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 Robotic and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.malden-catholic.org>.

# Budget cuts were avoided, but it’s still a ‘weird’ year for School Department

By Seth Daniel

Count it a weird budget year for the Everett Public Schools when several School Committee members truly considered de-funding the football program, in an historically football-crazy city, to ensure that the after-school program would be funded next spring – if school was even open for in-person learning by then.

It was only a discussion during the School Budget hearings this past Thursday and Monday nights, but it certainly signified the radical shift in priorities in the schools due to traditional reorganization and non-traditional COVID-19 realities.

“At some point we’ll go back and we will need an after-school program there,” said Member Millie Cardilo. “It would make me feel more comfortable seeing it there...Even if we had to take it out of sports – and I’ll probably get my house egged for saying this – because we’re not going to have sports as we’ve known them in the past.”

Said Chair Tom Abruzzese, “February football, I’m not so sure how well that’s going to work out, but that’s my take on it. I would suggest there’s a very strong probability there isn’t going to be football this entire season...There may be a time down the road we look at utilizing that (football) money for a potential after-school program.”

In the end, the \$100,000 from football and sports was found elsewhere, in the budget for Special Education Transportation, which will not be used in the first few months of school. Still, even the suggestion signifies that if that discussion can happen in Everett, anything can

happen in 2020.

After a very spirited presentation on Monday night at the School Committee meeting, and a three-hour discussion last Thursday line-by-line in the School Budget, the Committee voted 7-0 to pass a document that is better than expected. In May and June, drastic cuts were expected and made all across the school system, with the potential of having further cuts this month. However, guarantees of level-funding in early August from state government leaders allowed the schools to continue last year’s program with a slight increase.

“We expected significant cuts, but we did not have to do that,” said Supt. Priya Tahiliani. “We even expected a second round of significant cuts, but we didn’t have to do that either.”

Said Asst. Supt. for Business and Finance Charlie Obremski, “Overall, I think we’re in good shape on the budget. I believe a lot of districts are in a lot of trouble overall. I think we’ve done a good job of managing the budget.”

The official budget was \$84.099 million with an added \$4.2 million for Special Education Transportation. That total was up by just over \$400,000 from last year. It should come in context though – and as was pointed out by Obremski – that the schools expected to have an increase of more than \$7 million this year due to the first year of the Student Opportunity Act, which is now on hold due to COVID-19.

Despite the level funding this year, there is very little that resembles last year’s budget and school structural arrangement under new Supt. Priya Tahiliani – who

has combined restructuring changes she had eyed before COVID-19 with necessary changes to accommodate COVID-19 remote and hybrid-learning plans.

In the end, much of the budget priorities lie in funding more teachers to handle remote online learning, and funding more support staff to supervise the E-Learning Centers proposed for some families in the school system.

Tahiliani said they are focusing in the budget on the here and now, and not worrying so much about things like the after-school program for later in the year. Even though it’s important – it is not part of the crisis they are addressing now in trying to start remote and transition to a hybrid model.

“We have this situation to cover between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. until mid-November and we have made judgement calls,” she said. “We have to staff these centers for families who have to go to and to support our most vulnerable populations. It’s a promise we made to the community and what we’re doing now is making contingency plans, which is what you see in front of you with this budget. It’s how we are going to staff these E-Learning Centers...We are really trying now to plan for the worst-case scenario, which is what we think we might be up against in two or three weeks.”

The proof is in the pudding, as there is an increase of \$3.37 million in funding teachers – with a total of \$42.8 million spent on that. Administration pay is down, and deans at the high school have now been moved into a lower tier bargaining unit as Department Heads – saving lots of money as well. Any savings will be re-purposed

for staffing the E-Learning Centers.

Tahiliani and the School Committee members all agreed that the budget needed to be a working document, and Members like Frank Parker asked that there be bi-weekly or monthly updates.

“This is a working document and could change and moving forward we should treat it as such on a monthly basis or bi-weekly basis,” said Parker. “If we could look at this frequently, that would be wise, on a quarterly basis at a minimum.”

That was agreed to at the final vote on Monday night as well, and all members said they would expect to be addressing the School Budget at least once a month going forward this year.

Tahiliani agreed and committed to taking that approach as well.

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- Everett Public School's Parent Advisor Council Recipient 2018 Outstanding Community Contributor
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# W'ISH LIST

## Zamor's college suitors start with Michigan

By Cary Shuman

Everett High football fans will have to wait until the spring to see the No. 1-ranked player in Massachusetts.

The MIAA Board of Directors voted to move the high school football season to the spring of 2021, which means that super-talent Ismael "Ish" Zamor and the Crimson Tide won't begin playing games at Everett Memorial Stadium until March.

"They [the MIAA] will have guidelines that will allow us to practice as a team in the fall," said Zamor. "Right now, we're scheduled to begin practice on

Sept. 18. I'm a little upset that we won't be playing this fall but I respect the decision."

This fall was going to be a breakout season for the 6-foot-2-inch, 185-pound junior. A highly skilled wide receiver, Zamor is rated by nationwide recruiting services as the top college prospect in Massachusetts from the Class of 2022 and one of the best players in the nation.

Humbled by his blue-chip recruiting status, Zamor is very excited about the prospect of the Everett High football team bringing a much sought-after state title to the city.

"I feel it's going to be a

big year to show everybody the type of player I am," said Zamor, who turns 17 in October. "And I'm excited about this year's team. I think we have the group of guys that can win it all. We're all in it together. There's no selfishness. We work hard. We have fun and compete. And we have a great coach to lead us."

### The college football recruiting process begins

The offers have been pouring in for Zamor who holds nine, including one from the University of Michigan, where his former Everett teammate, Mikey Sainristil, is a second-year wide receiver for the Wol-



Ismael Zador is rated as the state's No. 1 college football prospect in the Class of 2022.

verines (The Big 10 Conference season has been canceled due to the coronavirus). The other schools in the "Mix for Ish" to-date are Syracuse, Boston College, Rhode Island, Central Connecticut, Howard, Merrimack, UMass Amherst and Buffalo.

Zamor noted that two of his classmates, juniors Josaiah Stewart and Tyrese Baptiste, have also been busy in the recruitment process. Stewart has committed to Coastal Carolina, where former Everett football player Isaiah Likely is an All-Sun Belt Conference Third-Team tight end and a President's List student. Baptiste has also received a number of college offers, including one from Michigan.

### An interest in the study of law

Ismael Zamor has other schools he is considering, including Penn State. While the Nittany Lions are a perennial college football powerhouse and play in the Power Five Big 10, it is Penn State's outstanding law school that interests the scholar-athlete.

"It's my dream school," related Zamor. "I want to study pre-law and eventually attend law school."

Credit Everett High and teacher Carolyn McWilliam for his interest in the field of law. "I took an Introduction to Law class this year and I found it really interesting," said Zamor. "I was trying to figure out what I wanted to study in college and this class really got my attention about how

the justice system works. At the beginning of the class, it was new to me, but I put all my efforts into it."

Zamor received the highest grade possible in the class and he intends to take a Law and Government Class this year.

He credits his parents for his ardent focus on academic excellence.

"My parents [Pierre Zamor and Marie Zamor] have always been big on coming home with good grades and making sure school is first," said Ismael. "The colleges have let me know that's one of the reasons they have made offers. They like what I'm doing on the field but most importantly in the classroom."

Ismael was born in Haiti and came to the United States in 2010. "I'd like to go back and visit Haiti. Hopefully, if everything works out, the dream that I keep working on, I want to go back and give back to my homeland."

Ismael has a younger brother, Christian Zamor, who is beginning his freshman year at EHS and will be a candidate for the varsity football team. Like his older brother, Christian excelled in the Everett Pop Warner program, benefiting from the excellent instruction he received from coaches such as CarolLyn Manuel, Victor Ruiz and Frank Cafarelli.

"Our 'A' team came one game short of making it to Florida," said Ismael.

Another brother, Jerol Zamor, is nine years old and plays quarterback for Everett Pop Warner. "I'm trying to get him to come to my workouts but sometimes he wants to stay home and play video games, but I'm not going to let that happen. He needs to be active," offered Ismael.

### A meeting with Chief Mazzei

Ismael said he was working at the Everett Recreation summer camp when he met Everett Police Chief Steve Mazzie for the first time and they began chatting about the high school football season.

"I hadn't realized that is was his son [Central Catholic placekicker Nick Mazzie] who kicked that field goal against us," said Ismael.

That dramatic 41-yard field goal by Mazzie ended Everett's quest for a Super Bowl title in Ismael's freshman year. "I know he [Nick Mazzie] has had other long field goals as well."


Last year, Everett was again derailed by Central Catholic in the state playoffs.

But come this spring, keep an eye on No. 3 in your program, the state's premier junior, Ismael Zamor.

"I just have to keep working hard, keep doing what's right," he said.




Everett High junior Ismael Zamor chats with teammate Cam Mohamed on the sidelines during a 2019 game at Everett Memorial Stadium.



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# Sports

## EVERETT GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE HOLDS FIELD AWARDS DAY

Staff Report

The Everett Girls Softball League held its Awards Field Day on Saturday at Glendale Park.

The day began with the coaches playing the eighth graders in a game of softball. Everyone enjoyed pizza and ice cream before the presentation of awards for the 2020 season.

The Black Widows received their Major League championship trophies. The Stars received their Minor

League championships trophies. Each player also received specially designed league attire.

Several parents thanked EGSL President Vinny Oliva and the other officers for organizing a successful season that was delayed because of the coronavirus. Because of the board's resiliency and unified effort, the league was able to complete a regular season and exciting playoff competition, continuing the momentum from previous seasons.



The Storm players and Coaches Mike Masucci, Jim Tiberii, Nick Olson, and Robin Babcock, who took first place in the regular season.



The Major League Banshees are pictured at the Awards Day celebration. Front row are Gianna DiPaolo, Juliette Romboli, and Bailey DeLeire. Back row are Coach Charlie Mason, Arabela Cvitkusic, Alanna O'Brien, Bryanna Mason, Alessandra Foster, and Coach Adam Foster.



Proud parents Kimberly Colman and Ronald Colman, with their daughter, Jessica Colman of the Black Widows team, who is holding her championship trophy.



Natallya Velez and her daughter, Luiza Velez of the Black Widows team, who is holding her championship trophy.



Making sure everything went smoothly at the Everett Girls Softball League Awards Field Day were league officers, President Vinnie Oliva, League Coordinator Peter Sikora, Vice President Laura Tiberii, and Equipment Manager Jim Tiberii.



It was a fun day at Awards Field Day for the Allen Family who celebrated the Minor League Stars' championship season. Pictured are Stars Coach Anthony Allen and Michelle Allen, and their daughters, Mia Allen and Amania Allen.



The Minor League Mustangs are pictured at the Everett Girls Softball League Awards Field Day celebration Sunday at Glendale Park. Front row are Savannah Donnelly, McKenzie Rivera, and Kaylin Rivera. Back row are Coach Adam DeCastro, Arianna Lopez, Olivia Dresser, Arianna Osorio, Julia Hardy, and Coach Craig Hardy.



The Stars players and coaches are pictured after receiving their championship trophies at Awards Day. Front row are Alexandra DeMaria, Amara Louis, Abigail Citro, and Emily DeLeire. Back row are Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Caitlyn Hurley, Mia Allen, Coach Anthony Allen, Amania Allen, Gianna Headley, and Head Coach Danielle Mendonca.



The Major League Legends are pictured at the Awards Day. Front row are Coach Paitti Scalesse, Coach Carolyn Manuel, Riley Kenney, and Janessa Sikora. Back row are Mia Oliva, Stephany DeSouza, Coach Andrea Bitto, Christina Snook, Julianna Edwards, Kayley Rossi, and Coach Melissa Rossi.




The Minor League Peaches enjoyed their season competing in the Everett Girls Softball League. Pictured at Awards Day are Coach Peter Sikora and players Morgan Salvi, Jordyn Sikora, Kelsey Medeiros, and Graziella Foster.



The Black Widows players and coaches are pictured after receiving their Major League championship trophies during the Awards Field Day on Sunday at Glendale Park.



The Major League Warriors are pictured with Coaches Laura Fahey and Billy Seward at Awards Day.




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CRIMSON KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM TRY POLICE STYLE OBSTACLE COURSE

COURTESY PHOTOS

On Monday, August 24, members of the Everett Police organized an outdoor, police style obstacle course for youth in the Crimson Kids Summer Program.

The Everett Police Department led the youth in six stages: Tire flip, latter, zig zag cones, a simulated human body pull, army crawl under the bench and jump rope.

The EPD gained inspiration for the obstacle course from the one officers are required to take in the academy. Prospective police officers are required to pass a more difficult obstacle course during their pre-entrance exam to the academy. Once they enter



Rolling the tire was not as easy as it looked, but this Crimson Kid had it down.

the academy, they are expected to frequently take the course and continuously improve their times.

The goal of the activity on Monday was to help

youth work on their mental toughness, stamina and it provides kids with a better understanding of the physical challenges police offers endure daily.



Crimson Kids, Camp staff and Everett Police helped to have a fun day on Monday at the Stadium doing an obstacle course inspired by drills from the Police Academy.



An Everett Police Officer with one of the young Crimson Kids during Monday's obstacle course day.



One of the Crimson Kids works on the tire flip portion of the obstacle course.



Officer Toby Cassidy instructs Crimson Kids in some drills.

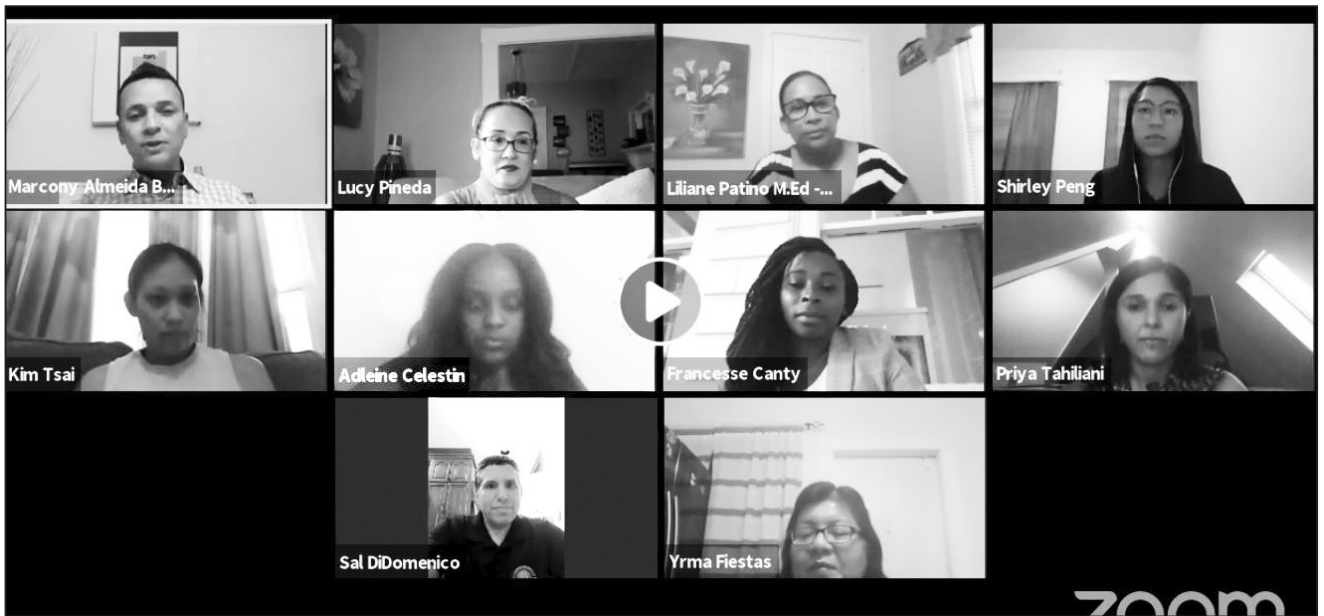
School Committee member Almeida-Barros hosts virtual office hours

Last Thursday, School Committee Member Marcony Almeida-Barros organized a virtual Back-to-School Office Hours where Supt. Priya Tahiliani presented the Back-to-School plan and introduced new members of her leadership team to community leaders and the school community. This is the fourth time that Almeida-Barros has hosted office hours, but the first in a virtual setting, answering questions from parents concerned about their kids returning to school during a pandemic.

Almeida-Barros and Tahiliani were joined by Everett community leaders Yrma Fiesta, from La Comunidad; Liliane Patino, from the Family Resources Center; and Lucy Pineda, from Latinos United in Massachusetts (LUMA) who asked questions about

returning to school on behalf of parents served by their organizations. Representatives from Mayor DeMaria's office also joined the Office Hours, along with Senator Sal DiDomenico who spoke about the legislature's efforts to bring funding to the schools and prevent future cuts during this difficult state budget season due to COVID-19.

Superintendent Tahiliani's new leadership team, all bilingual and coming from diverse backgrounds, joined her in welcoming the community and highlighted the school plan to safely reopen on September 15 with remote learning and eEducation Learning Centers, providing in-person services to the school's most vulnerable students. "I'm so glad Marcony organized this event to answer our questions so we



A Zoom image of School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros's office hours online meeting last Thursday.

can continue to inform our families how much work has been put into safely welcoming their kids back," said Yrma Fuentes, a community organizer at La Comunidad and Parent

Liaison at Everett High School.

"My goal from day one was to be in constant contact with our school community and to bring all resources I can to make their

school journey successful," said Almeida-Barros. "And I'm so glad to have our fierce and outstanding new leader – Superintendent Tahiliani – joining me for the second time during Office

Hours. It shows her commitment to be a constant presence in the communities we serve." Almeida-Barros is planning additional Office Hours in different languages.

Sen. DiDomenico serves as member of Bond Bill Conference Committee

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature recently passed a Governmental Bond Bill focused on capital improvements to strengthen government infrastructure, support early education and care providers with safe reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic, and expand equitable access to remote learning opportunities for vulnerable populations across the Commonwealth. During the Senate debate of the bond bill, DiDomenico secured a total of \$1.75 million in additional funding for the city of Everett.

This funding includes:

- \$1.5 million to address the racial disparities in education, housing, and small businesses in Everett.
- \$250,000 for free wireless internet in parks and other public spaces in the city of Everett.

DiDomenico also secured \$5 million for the development of a common application for MassHealth enrollees to more easily access the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Senator has been longtime champion of food security in the Commonwealth and has repeatedly filed legislation to streamline the process for individuals and families applying for fed-

eral SNAP benefits in an effort to help people more easily access the nutritional resources they need.

Following the debate of the Senate version of the bill, Sen. DiDomenico was appointed by Senate President Karen Spilka as a member of the conference committee charged with reconciling the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. Through his role as a conferee, DiDomenico worked to ensure that funding for his district and top priorities were included in the final compromise version of the bond bill.

"As a member of the conference committee for this bond bill, I felt it para-

mount that we not only authorize capital investments for our district, but also maintain a strong focus on historically underserved and economically disadvantaged communities," said Sen. DiDomenico. "I am especially proud to report that this bond bill includes the \$1.75 million in funding that I was able to secure for our Everett community and additional funding for vital food security initiatives that I have been advocating on behalf of for many years now. I would like to thank Senate President Karen Spilka for appointing me to this conference committee and for her leadership in ensuring that our communities

receive the support that we need."

The final version of the bond bill includes \$660 million dedicated to state information technology needs, including \$40 million in education grants to public schools to enhance remote learning environments and services. The capital plan also includes the following:

- \$798 million for state and local general technology infrastructure;
- \$660 million for state information technology upgrades;
- \$110 million in public safety infrastructure and equipment;
- \$117 million for reinvestment in disproportion-

ately impacted communities;

- \$105 million in educational information technology and other capital projects;
- \$65 million in housing and economic development grants;
- \$37 million in food security grants;
- \$30 million in public safety accountability technologies including body cameras and a race and ethnicity data sharing system; and
- \$10 million to fund technology investments at community health centers.

The bill was signed into law by the Governor.

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Everett officials prepare hazard mitigation plan update


The City of Everett is ready to begin preparation of its Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The plan allows the City to apply for and receive MEMA/FEMA funding for PRE- and POST- disaster mitigation in accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Act of 2000.

The City recently received over \$500,000 in grant awards for the back

to back blizzards in 2018; with some of those funds directed to the Market Culvert permanent repair.

A part of the of the Hazard Mitigation Initiatives is working to protect against climate change and sea level rise, including the 2070 storm flood map. As the City of Everett Engineering Department works through this plan update, the department will have various public outreach meetings where community public participation is encouraged.

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FAMILY, FRIENDS CELEBRATE 75TH BIRTHDAY AMIDST COVID-19 FOR RICH ELISEO

By Seth Daniel

Family members of Rich Eliseo Sr. had planned earlier this year to have a big party for their father’s 75th birthday this August, but COVID-19 put a damper on all of those plans, yet it didn’t stop a surprise birthday party for Eliseo with a select group of friends on Aug. 18.

Richard Eliseo Sr. celebrated his 75th birthday this past Tuesday night, Aug. 18, with a small gathering of friends and family at his favorite local restaurant The Village Bar & Grill.

“We were going to have a bigger party at a function hall but obviously due to the situation we’re living in, we had to make it a lot smaller and make it local,” said Rita Eliseo, his daughter. “We wanted to support John Lopes at the Village Bar & Grill because they’ve been great to my dad. It’s also his favorite restaurant so it was good in both ways. He was very surprised. He



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Richard Eliseo.

had no idea. He kept telling us he didn’t want to do anything. He was so surprised when he walked in and even got a little teary eyed.”

Eliseo is a Veteran, retired city worker and longtime resident of Everett. At the party, he was presented

with three citations, the first from Mayor Carlo DeMaria for his many contributions to the city over the years. The second was from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts presented by his dear friend and State Senator Sal DiDomenico, and



Rosa DiFlorio, Marcony Almeida Barros, Stephanie Martins, Anthony DiPierro, Richard Eliseo, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and owners of the Village Bar and Grill, John and Doroteia Lopes.

the third from The City Council presented by President Rosa DiFlorio, Councilors Anthony DiPierro and Stephanie Martins - as well as School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros.

Eliseo, his wife Rosalie, Son Richard Jr. and Daugh-

ter Rita said they would like to thank all who attended. They said they would also like to extend a special thank you to the owners of The Village Bar & Grill John & Doroteia Lopes and their amazing staff for their generosity and hospitality.

“I think it was more heartfelt for my dad because of these tough times we’re living in,” said Rita. “He felt very appreciated and loved by everyone who attended. It really meant a lot to him.”

Councilor Adrien calls for more information on City litigation, lawsuits

By Seth Daniel

Councilor Gerly Adrien is asking that the City Solicitor provide the Council and the public more information on lawsuits and claims against the City – whether related to police misconduct, unlawful discrimination and any other litigation facing the City.

Adrien said she thought the idea was a good one after hearing her colleague Councilor Fred Capone ask frequently for all of the lit-

igation and claims against the City. She said it would promote transparency for the City, and also help make government work more efficiently.

“It always involved us asking for it and waiting months for it,” she said. “I thought maybe the City Council can get a report every six months on what lawsuits we have pending and if we have paid anything out. If we put that on the website and analyze it, we can learn from it. If we get sued because of a pot-

hole over and over, we’ll learn we need to focus on fixing that potholes so we don’t get sued again. I just want more information from City Hall on the website. It’s so easy.”

She said there is precedent with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD). After a fight for more information from a citizen, MCAD began putting bi-annual reports of its activities on the website.

She said she hopes to get everything pending in the

public domain, including lawsuits against the police and City officials.

“I want anything related to the police,” she said. “I look at other cities and they may have a lot of lawsuits with the police and residents. We may not have a lot of those in Everett, but if we report those we have publicly, we may have more transparency with the police officers.”

She said her request includes police, fire, the Library, and City Hall – to name but a few.

The matter is set to be discussed at the Aug. 27 Council Committee meeting, and Adrien said she is ready to listen and see what can be done to get this kind of information readily available.

The full text of her order is as follows:

“To require the City of Everett City Solicitor Department to post on the City of Everett’s website certain claims against the City of Everett police misconduct and unlawful discrimination; requiring the City of

Everett City Solicitor Department to report to the City Council on certain litigation involving the City of Everett; prohibiting the City of Everett City Solicitor Department from approving certain settlement agreements that require claimants to waive certain rights; defining certain terms, and generally relating to improved transparency and oversight of claims against the City of Everett.”

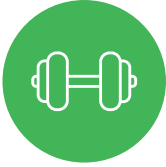
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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### CLARK SCHOOL NAMED AFTER MORRIE SEIGAL

CHELSEA - The City of Chelsea and the Chelsea School Committee would like to recognize and acknowledge that the Clark Avenue Middle School has been dedicated to Morris H. “Morrie” Seigal and will be forever designated as the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School.

The Chelsea School Committee recommended this dedication by vote on Feb. 7, 2019. However, due to COVID-19 in May, the formal dedication of the school is postponed.

Morris Henry Seigal was a lifelong resident of the City of Chelsea, and his contributions to the Chelsea Public Schools are to be commended.

Morris Henry Seigal lived his 92 years as a lifelong resident of Chelsea. He graduated from Chelsea High School before going on to receive his undergraduate degree from Salem State College and his graduate degree from Boston University. Seigal served a three-year tour in the U.S. Army during WWII, including 18 months of combat service in the South Pacific. During his 36-year career in the Chelsea school system, Seigal was a teacher, master’s assistant for grades 1-6, submaster at the Williams School, and lastly the headmaster at the Mary C. Burke School. He also served as president of the Chelsea Teacher’s Union for several years. Morris served for 29 years on the Chelsea School Committee, elected in 1983 and was twice elected as School Committee Chairman. He was a youth director at the Young Men’s Hebrew Association (YMHS) for 21 years and also served as the assistant director of Camp Menorah. Mr. Seigel sponsored the motion that led to the Boston University/Chelsea Partnership, which resulted in the construction of four new schools in Chelsea. He was instrumental in the motion that resulted in the naming of these schools after Chelsea residents who had lost their lives while serving their country.

### NEW BUS LANE CONSTRUCTION TO START

CHELSEA - A dynamic, new dedicated bus and bike lane will start construction in the Broadway business district in September, with an eye to finishing up the project in three to four weeks before the end of the

construction season.

Planner Alex Train and Public Works Director Fidel Maltez said they have all of the designs ready and approvals from the City Council and Traffic/Parking Commission.

“We’ve fully designed the bus lane project and are proceeding with construction in September,” said Train. “We’ve had a lot of conversations with business owners concerning the implementation. But we’re extremely excited for this and it’s a positive and a great step in the right direction for mobility. Route 112 carries 12,000 people a day, and the Route 116 and 117 use the same route and carry more people every day. This bus lane will really improve these three big bus routes and create better waiting areas, too.”

The bus lane will run along the western side of the Broadway and will be delineated by distinctive red paint to let drivers know to stay out of that lane when driving or parking. The lane will go from Bellingham Square southbound to Third Street/Everett Avenue. It will also accommodate bicyclists and provide a safer way for them to travel down Broadway as well. Meanwhile, the Fourth and Broadway bus stop will be widened and improved for those waiting there. The project is expected to cost \$570,000, and there is an online public meeting about the upcoming construction on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.

One of the keys, Maltez said, is to make sure the Chelsea Police and City officials enforce the dedicated lane, which will not be separated with dividers or other traffic posts. He said that will be key, and that the Police are on board with it. “That was one of the first challenges we wanted to take on,” he said. “Enforcement is going to be the key...We want it ticketed and enforced. The red paint we believe will make a difference. We’ve seen it work in two places, including City Hall and Park Square. Having the red paint tells people not to go there. Just the red paint itself is a deterrent.”

He also said they have begun to add more short-term parking zones along Broadway, and Train said they looked at frequent double parking spots and tried to home in on those areas for the short-term parking.

Those five-minute zones were unveiled along Broadway two weeks ago, and have been working well initially.

The Broadway bus and

bike lane could also tie in to other routes too.

Maltez said for the bus aspect, there has been talk at the state level about adding a dedicated bus lane to the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. There is also a dedicated bus lane included in the re-design of Rutherford Avenue and the North Washington Street Bridge in Charlestown. With all those pieces working together, it could mean a seamless and quick ride to downtown Boston from Bellingham Square, he said.

“The Route 111 in particular would have a dedicated bus lane from Bellingham Square all the way to Boston if that dedicated lane come into effect on the Tobin in the future,” he said.

Train said the bike lane aspect would tie into upcoming lanes on Williams and Beacham Streets, as well as a planned bike lane on Upper Broadway to the Revere line.

Looking to the long-term future, Train said there is a much larger project being designed with MassDOT to fully revamp downtown – including new utilities, sidewalks, paving, traffic signals and new public spaces. That has an estimated start date of 2025.

### BPDA TO HOLD ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) Molly McGlynn is reminding East Boston residents there are still two more opportunities to participate in a virtual community meeting regarding the Suffolk Downs proposal.

McGlynn added that residents still have time to weigh in on the project through the Public Comment Period.

“The meetings will include Spanish and Arabic translation, and are posted to our website here: [www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/suffolk-downs](http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/suffolk-downs),” said McGlynn. “As part of these meetings, the agency will be seeking additional community input on the project through August 21.”

The remaining virtual BPDA meetings are scheduled for Thursday, August 20 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 25 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

McGlynn added the virtual meetings are being held to facilitate additional outreach to Spanish- and Arabic- speaking residents, as part of the BPDA’s review of the project. At each meeting, there will be a presentation by the propo-

nent that will provide an overview of the project, anticipated impacts, and proposed mitigation.

Following the presentation, members of the public will be given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments and feedback. Simultaneous translation services will be provided through the Zoom platform. Suffolk Downs project documents have been translated into Spanish and Arabic, and these are available to the public on the BPDA’s and project proponent’s websites.

With the BPDA poised to approve the 161-acre Suffolk Downs mixed-use project the community process came under some criticism that resulted in a civil rights complaint by the Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR). LCR filed the civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) back in February.

The complaint charges that the BPDA has violated federal civil rights law by failing to make the Suffolk Downs review process accessible to non-English speakers.

According to the complaint filed on behalf of GreenRoots, Inc. and City Life/Vida Urbana, LCR is asking HUD to halt the project until the BPDA comes into full compliance with federal laws, and urge the City of Boston to voluntarily conduct an independent language access audit of all city agencies.

“We are not anti-development. We are pro-growth—smart and equitable growth,” said Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Executive Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights. “The BPDA was well aware that a significant percentage of East Boston residents speak primarily Spanish or Arabic. By failing to hire interpreters versed in the language of planning or zoning, or to translate key documents, the BPDA is effectively excluding immigrant residents of East Boston from the development process. Under well-settled federal law, this exclusion constitutes national origin discrimination.”

If approved, the project will create an entirely new neighborhood in the heart of Eastie, a historically working-class community with a significant non-English speaking population.

McGlynn said each meeting will be hosted online, using Zoom.

“You must register for each meeting through the links provided below, then you will receive a confir-

### MASSIVE UPPER BROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



The massive Upper Broadway infrastructure and roadway project began on Monday at Chelsea City Hall. Aqualine contractors will work the next two years to replace water and sewer pipes from City Hall to the Revere line. After that, the City will reconstruct the roadway, sidewalks and drainage. The project is expected to wrap up in 2025.

mation email with instructions for joining the meeting,” she said. “You will also receive an email before the meeting regarding technical assistance. The meeting will open about 20 minutes before the start time for each meeting for you to join and troubleshoot any technical issues, including respecting simultaneous translation services. If you’re calling in by phone, you’ll need to download the Zoom application to see the presentation and access language interpretation.”

### EAST BOSTON YMCA RETURNS

EAST BOSTON - The East Boston YMCA on Bremen Street has been busy all through the COVID-19 pandemic as a neighborhood food distribution site for families and a free emergency day care provider for essential workers.

As the state’s phased COVID reopening plan began earlier this summer things at the Eastie Y have been slowly returning back to normal with some restrictions.

As summer programs began, the Eastie Y provided summer day care for youth with limited capacity and strictly enforced rules and regulations.

Recently another part of the Eastie Y’s operations made a comeback.

The East Boston YMCA reopened its fitness portion of their operation to members at a reduced capacity.

“If this pandemic has shown us anything, it is that East Boston is a strong community,” said the Eastie Y’s Executive Director Joe Gaeta. “It has been 5 months and the community continues to pull together in its time of need. To this date, the Y has served over 250,000 meals, 3,000 produce bags and 6,000 plus hours of emergency childcare for children. The last missing part was the health and wellness portion of the Y’s mission.”

Under Governor Baker’s phased plan, gyms were allowed to reopen in Phase 3 starting July 13.

Gaeta said the Eastie Y took its time to make sure all areas of safety were met before opening their doors.

“Our gym is very safe,” said Gaeta. “The Y has taken measures that either meet or exceed the guidelines issued by the State. Each machine is spaced 14 feet apart and all group exercise classes are held outside. We have a brand new reservation system where members secure space for 45 minutes and are in their own areas while working out, this allows for targeted cleaning of the equipment after each usage every hour on the hour.”

Extra sanitation stations, advanced chemicals and shields are part of the Eastie Y’s plan to keep members

safe while on their fitness journey.

Gaeta said members who have returned have been very receptive to the new guidelines and excited about the new levels or precautions that the Y has labeled “Safe for you, Safe for us.” For each entry, members must take a virtual pre-screen before arrival and temperature check to enter the facility, and masks are to be worn throughout their visit.

“Just because the gym side is open does not mean the Y has stopped its other areas of focus,” said Gaeta. “The gym side opens at 1pm for members so that the Y can still be a beacon of food service for the community. We are still giving out grab and go meals and pantry bags at our Bremen Street and Ashley Street locations.”

Gaeta said grab and go service is Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Bremen Street and 10am-2pm at Ashley Street. The Y is also still running its childcare center and summer camp at reduced capacities in line with the Department of Public Health.

“We have been very, very busy here at the Y, but we can see the difference we are making in East Boston” said Gaeta. “All of this work cannot be done without the generous support of members who opted to keep their memberships drafting while our gym and programs were on hold, their continued support is what keeps us serving the community.”

Donations can still be made to the YMCA to help with their community efforts. Please contact Joe Gaeta at 617-418-8320 or [jgaeta@ymcaboston.org](mailto:jgaeta@ymcaboston.org) for more information.

### BIKE PATROL IN CBD

LYNN - If you have visited the downtown area recently you may have seen our newly formed Central Business District (CBD) Bike Patrol Team in action. The team’s neon green uniform makes them easily recognizable. As the population of the downtown area continues to grow, we recognized a greater need for a unit to specifically address the diverse concerns of the residents and business owners. The CBD team is designed to patrol the downtown and deal with issues, such as anti-social behavior, that affect the quality of life for people visiting or residing in the area. The unit’s primary mode of transportation is the bike, which allows them to move around quickly but still have the ability to easily interact with people. The team consists of five officers and



### - LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT

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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker’s declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board’s website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk’s website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

**Whereas a petition has been presented by:**  
**Property Address: 118 Elm Street**  
**Map/Parcel: NO-04-000010**  
**Person Requesting: Hermes Barbosa**  
**118 Elm Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks to convert the use of the existing attached ground level parking garage area containing two (2) parking spaces, into a retail bicycle repair shop located on a 3350-sf lot within the Dwelling District. The proposed bicycle repair shop will be 18’ x 18’ (324 sf) requiring two (2) parking spaces. Two (2) existing parking spaces will be eliminated as a result of the renovation. No additional parking is being provided for this proposal that requires a total of four (4) parking spaces. The bike shop will have an advertising sign located on the front wall with dimensions 10’ w x 3’ h.

Reason for Denial:

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A as follows:

1. Appendix A Section 4 (A) Dwelling District Uses “Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, of for other than the following specified purposes” The commercial use is prohibited in the Dwelling District. Therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance.

2. Appendix A section (17) Off-Street Parking: Requires one parking space for each 300 sf of retail use. Therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance for two (2) parking spaces.

3. Appendix A section (17) F. “Buildings

in existence or for which building permits have been issued on the effective date of this ordinance shall not be subject to these parking requirements as long as the use of such buildings remain unchanged. However, any parking facilities thereafter established to serve such buildings may not in the future be reduced below the requirements specified in paragraph (A) or (B). One- and two-family dwellings constructed prior to 1988 shall not be subject to these requirements so long as the use remains unchanged”. The proposed use change would eliminate two (2) existing parking spaces located on the lot. Therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance to eliminate the existing parking spaces.

4. Section 12A-53 Signs in Residential Districts “In any residential district as defined in the Everett Zoning Ordinance, there shall not be any sign except as follows:”

a. “One sign, not exceeding two square feet in total area, attached to the building or on a rod or post not more than four feet high and at least three feet in from the street line, and stating only the street number and name of the occupant or occupants of the lot.” Therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance for the proposed sign.

**Mary Gerace - Chairman**  
**Roberta Suppa - Clerk**  
**August 19, 2020**  
**August 26, 2020**



# Worcester man charged with human trafficking women at Encore casino

Staff Report

A Worcester man facing charges of human trafficking and kidnapping has been held without bail following a dangerousness hearing, Attorney General Maura Healey announced today. The AG’s Office alleges the defendant trafficked a victim for sex at Encore Casino in Everett and at a Natick hotel and kidnapped another victim in an attempt to traffick her for

sex as well. On July 14, a Middlesex County Grand Jury indicted Ronald Hall, 46, of Worcester, on charges of Trafficking for Sexual Servitude (2 counts), Kidnapping, Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (2 counts), Deriving Support from Prostitution, as well as a being a Habitual Criminal. Hall was arraigned on the charges in Middlesex Superior Court on July 31 and held without bail pending a

dangerousness hearing. After a dangerousness hearing last Thursday, Judge Kathleen McCarthy ordered Hall held without bail. Hall is due back in Middlesex Superior Court on Sept. 8 for a scheduling conference. The charges against Hall are the result of an investigation led by Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG’s Human Trafficking Division and the AG’s Gaming Enforce-

ment Division along with MSP’s High-Risk Victim Unit. During the investigation, authorities developed evidence indicating that Hall trafficked a victim for sex at Encore Casino in Everett and at a hotel in Natick. Hall facilitated sexual encounters between the victim and sex buyers and received the majority of the money as a result. The AG’s Office also alleges that Hall kidnapped another victim, attempted to traffick her for

sex, and physically assaulted her. The victim later escaped and was intercepted by authorities. These charges are allegations, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty. This case is being prosecuted by Deputy Division Chief Jennifer Snook and Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Bourgeois, both of the AG’s Human Trafficking Division, with assistance from Chief of the

AG’s Victim Services Division Nikki Antonucci, Financial Investigator Jill Petruzziello and Digital Evidence Analyst Brenna Casey of the AG’s Digital Evidence Lab. The investigation was handled by the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG’s Human Trafficking Division and the AG’s Gaming Enforcement Division, along with MSP’s High-Risk Victim Unit, and Homeland Security Investigations.

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a sergeant who utilize a variety of solutions to the problems that they encounter. The officers frequently refer people or problems to other agencies that can provide additional assistance. The officers then have the opportunity to follow-up on the issues to make sure that they are resolved. The team is frequently accompanied by a member of our Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) who can offer a wide variety of services. Many of the individuals that the officers’ encounter need help with issues such as mental health or addiction and BHU is there, meeting people where they are, to offer immediate assistance.

## ELECTION DEPARTMENT IS READY FOR VOTE

REVERE - The City of Revere Elections Department is preparing for record voter turnout ahead of this year’s Sept. 1 State Primaries and Nov. 3 State Election. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many residents’ polling locations have changed and new Vote-By-Mail procedures have been implemented. The Election Commission has already processed 4334 Vote by Mail ballots and 444 Absentee ballots. “In September 2016, which is comparable to September 2020, only 2,138 voters cast a ballot. We have already tripled that number,” said Diane Colella, Revere’s Election Commissioner. “In my 20 years on the Election Commission that number has never been so high during a State Primary in an election year.”

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Massachusetts legislature has approved no-excuse Vote By Mail for all 2020 elections. Registered voters can complete the application, available on the Elections Department website, and mail or bring it to the Elections Department. The deadline to submit a Vote by Mail application or an absentee ballot application for a mailed ballot for the September 1 primaries is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. In person early voting for the State Primaries will be held from Saturday, August 22, 2020 through Friday, August 28, 2020. The hours of early voting on Saturday, August 22, 2020 and Sunday, August 23, 2020 is 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The hours of early voting from Monday through Thursday is 8:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:15 a.m. until noon. Early voting will be held at St. Anthony’s Church, 250 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151 Bingo hall, rear entrance. The City will also install a secure drop-box for ballots with a camera monitor

next to City Hall to give voters another chance to avoid in-person-voting. All votes placed in these secure ballot boxes will be counted if dropped off before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. The Elections Commission website has been updated to include all new polling locations and early voting information (available here), information about what will be included on ballots at each election, and all deadlines (available at <https://www.revere.org/departments/election-commission/ballot>).

## MANAGER OUTLINES STATE OF THE TOWN

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met remotely on Aug. 18 for its regularly scheduled weekly meeting where it heard updates on COVID and its impact on the school reopening and the library. COVID-19 Health Director Meredith Hurley reported 334 documented COVID cases in Winthrop, with 24 deceased, 19 in isolation and 291 recovered. The majority of new cases are in the age range of 21 to 40. According to Gov. Baker’s new COVID color chart of Mass. cities and towns, Winthrop is currently a Yellow Zone trending toward a Red Zone, which is the most critical. Town Manager Austin Faison drove home the severity of Winthrop’s current situation, saying the governor called him personally to address Winthrop’s climbing numbers.

“We are not in a good place,” he said. “We shouldn’t be looking for the light at the end of the tunnel. We are in the midst of it right now. This is very serious and it’s not going away.”

Faison reported that Gov. Charlie Baker is willing to provide resources to the town, such as increased testing and possibly opening a testing facility.

Caller Kurt Millar claimed the Winthrop Ferry was available for two-hour rentals for BYOB parties, which he said “sends a mixed message” to the community regarding social distancing.

School Reopening The School Committee met on Aug. 17, where it decided the district would be abandoning its previously agreed-upon hybrid model of in-person and remote learning in favor of a fully remote curriculum for the fall. The decision came after Gov. Baker released the new COVID chart of Mass. towns that put Winthrop in a zone requiring remote learning.

Council President Phil Boncore was at the meeting, which he called “long

and intense.” He blamed the current situation on Winthrop residents not taking social distancing and mask-wearing seriously.

“We’ve not been great,” he said. “We need to distance. We need to stay apart. People’s lives depend on it. If socializing stops, kids can go back to school.”

Town Manager Faison added that if the town had taken safety protocols more seriously for the past several months that “we might have been ready to send our kids to school.”

Councilor Rob DeMarco expressed his disappointment in the committee’s decision, saying the hybrid model had a remote fallback plan that could have been implemented if needed. He alleged that the decision was made to benefit the administration more than the students.

Library The library is currently offering pickup and dropoff service for physical media. In addition, it is enhancing its collection of digital materials. The Council has requested more creative ways to expand library services.

Town Manager Faison reported that his office is currently working on virtual learning opportunities and getting Chromebooks and internet into the homes of children.

“[The library] can’t be a community center. It can’t be what it was,” he said. “We’re not close to being open to the public. We’re trying to keep people safe.”

He added that the town is

currently engaging with the union to “make the community happy.”

Asst. Town Manager Anna Freedman added that the plan is to bring back all of the furloughed library employees. She emphasized that their salaries cannot be moved to any other Town departments.

“Those funds will remain at the library,” she said.

Council asked that a library representative attend the next council meeting.

General Updates

- The Councilors unanimously voted to name the new fieldhouse at Miller Field after Anthony Fucillo, who coached at Winthrop High School for 35 years.
- Early voting will be available in the Harvey Hearing Room at Town Hall from Aug. 22 to 28.
- The contractor for the CBD redevelopment project has asked to extend work into December. The town is researching whether or not this will be possible. The CBD will feature parklets for increased seating.

An outside engineer has completed a bike study of the town that has been passed to the DPW for review. The plans create a network of bike paths around town. In addition, a group wants to extend the Greenway into Winthrop.

Resident Bill Rice claimed that there was a large number of complaints from residents about a lack of enforcement of illegally parked vehicles on Point Shirley.

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Staff Report

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the digital collection by visiting the library’s website or downloading Libby, the award-winning one-tap reading app from OverDrive.

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was on a consistent upward climb over the 12 years we have had the service, but has increased 50% the recent months.”

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Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE) founded over 30 years ago to share library resources to better serve their users and to share technology and expertise to improve service and efficiency. Nearly 2.6 million items are available to users of member libraries and over \$21.5 million worth of materials were shared among NOBLE libraries in 2019.

## OBITUARIES

### Vanda “Vera” Pescara

Great cook and skilled seamstress

Vanda “Vera” (DiFelice) Pescara of Wakefield, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, August 19 in the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere after a brief illness. She was 89 years old.

Vera was born in Vittorito, Italy and lived in Everett for many years before transitioning to Annarita’s home these last 10 years. She was a great cook making homemade pasta, best bread and delicious pizza. Her gnocchis were famous. Vera cooked and baked from scratch. What a talent! She was also a very skilled seamstress who made her daughter’s clothes growing up. Her greatest joy was being a loving mother, dotting grandmother and friend to many.

The beloved wife of the late Amleto Pescara, she was the dear and devoted Mamma of Antonio Pescara and his wife, Anita of Medford and Annarita Bottari and her husband, Joseph of Wakefield, loving Nonna of Joe Bottari and Michela and Antonio Pescara, Jr., sister of Carmela Ravasini



of Medford and the late Lilla and Lucia DiFelice; devoted Zia of Meris DeSimone and her husband, Joe, Sandro Malantra and Lisa Ravasini.

Vera’s Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, August 22 in St. Anthony’s Church, Everett followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Vera’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett..

## Exelon says it will shut down remaining two generators in 2024

By Seth Daniel

After a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ruling against Exelon energy’s Mystic Generating Station, the company said late last week they will continue with the plan to shut down the remaining two generators on the Everett power plant – joining two older generators that will shut down in 2021 and leave the vast acreage without a power plant use.

Exelon said after its complaint against ISO New England was dismissed was dismissed by FERC, the tough decision to close the plant was probably their only course of action. They would close Mystic Units 8 and 9 – which were brought on new only in 2003 – on May 31, 2024. That will join the already-planned closure of the much-older Mystic Unit 7 and Mystic Jet, which are scheduled to close on May 31, 2021.

“Mystic Generating Station has a long and proud history of keeping the lights on in Greater Boston and beyond, dating back to the Second World War,” read a statement from the company. “We appreciate FERC’s consideration of our complaint that challenged the process ISO-NE is using to replace Mystic’s

reliability benefits to Boston, and while we disagree with their order, we accept it. As a result of the order, there are no options to continue commercial electric generation at Mystic Generating Station Units 8 and 9 after the Cost of Service agreement expires on May 31, 2024; consequently, we will retire Mystic 8 and 9 at that time.”

The decision dates back several years to 2018 there was some discussion of closing the two units if a Cost of Service agreement couldn’t be worked out. They planned at that time to close them in 2022, but an agreement was worked out to keep the generators running through 2024. Not long ago, Exelon had tried to work out another agreement for a third year Cost of Service agreement, but ISO New England apparently declined.

Instead, they determined they didn’t need Units 8 and 9 and began a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to find different service to replace the retired Exelon units. There were a variety of proposals presented, including wind power and traditional utility modifications. In the end, ISO New England chose a proposal by National Grid and Ever-source to enhance reliability.

That whole process triggered a complaint from Exelon saying ISO New England exceeded their authority and didn’t follow their process correctly. While Exelon said they felt they had good arguments, FERC disagreed and dismissed the complaint late last week.

At that point, Exelon said they had no choice but to shut down the Station at Everett – leaving a huge unknown as to what might happen with the land and the equipment if the plant does indeed shut down, not to mention whether or not the reliability of electricity would indeed be ensured for Greater Boston.

The closure could be good and bad for the City of Everett, who had a contentious tax agreement with the company for several years, but an agreement that has run out this year. That means the company now pays its full value in taxes, but would only do so for the next four years if the plant does close. If the plant were sold for another use, it could mean the dawning of a new day for Lower Broadway’s waterfront in Everett, but likely no other use would generate as much tax revenue as the plant does at full value.

Exelon said they are still evaluating whether or not

they would keep the LNG plant there, and said that even with the power plant closed, the LNG facility is in a strategic location that could retain value for them.

“We have not made a decision to retire Exelon Generation’s nearby Everett LNG Facility,” read a statement. “We are continuing to evaluate Everett’s future and are hopeful that it will continue to operate following Mystic’s retirement. Everett is strategically located, with interconnections to two interstate pipelines and a natural gas distribution system, and a large LNG trucking operation. Marketers and utilities in the Northeast have relied on LNG from Everett for decades as an integral peaking fuel to supplement their pipeline supplies.”

The two units to retire in 2024 are located in the back of the Exelon property and are major generators at all times of the day and year – running on clean natural gas provided by the LNG facility. They were built and initiated in 2003.

The Unit 7 and Mystic Jet are older generators from the 1970s that mostly run on oil and are brought on at peak times only for the most part. They were announced to be retired next year some time ago.

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## Encore initiates new protocols after videos of large hotel parties emerge

By Seth Daniel

Just about everywhere, people are ready to shake the quarantine and let loose this summer, but they’re not going to be able to do that at Encore Boston Harbor anymore.

On Monday, Encore Boston Harbor released new protocols for its hotel area following videos on social media and in news reports showing large parties happening in hotel rooms there – perhaps as many as 50 people in one

of the videos.

Spokesman Eric Kraus said once alerted to the behavior, they put a stop to it, and have put in place new protocols that will prevent such gatherings from happening before they start.

“We have zero tolerance for irresponsible or unsafe behavior anywhere on our property,” said Kraus. “Once aware of any issue, we immediately take the necessary steps to rectify the situation. We have enhanced our policies and protocols to further underscore the importance

of physical distancing and safety.”

Effective immediately, Encore said they would allow a maximum of four people to any hotel room, and a maximum of eight people in any two-bedroom suite. They will also initiate fines of guests who violate the occupancy limits, with charges of \$3,000 to the registered guest of any room violating the limits.

Other protocols include:

- All supplies taken to guest rooms monitored to ensure that there are no party materials or exces-

sive quantities of food and beverages;

- Surveillance utilized to monitor hotel hallways and elevator banks to ensure safe physical distancing and room occupancy;
- Increased security personnel stationed at the hotel elevator banks to ensure only registered guests have access to hotel rooms and that no more than four people are in an elevator at any given time; and
- Security personnel increasing their patrol of hotel floors throughout the night.

## MSO promoting civic engagement amongst returning citizens

Staff Report

With the state primary election less than a month away, Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian announced the preliminary results of an ongoing effort to help enhance civic participation amongst returning citizens.

Between November 4, 2019 and August 4, 2020, the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office facilitated 119 voter registrations involving individuals preparing to leave the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction. Of that total, approximately 90 percent

indicated they were not registered – or did not believe they were registered – prior to their incarceration.

“When most people think about re-entry, they immediately – and rightly – focus on the importance of housing, employment, behavioral healthcare and family reintegration,” said Sheriff Koutoujian. “But what is often overlooked, is the critical importance of ensuring individuals are able to actively and productively participate in the civic life of the communities they are returning to. They must be able to advocate for

laws, policies and programs that will improve their lives and the lives of their loved ones.”

According to MSO Reintegration Coordinator Jackie Santangelo, the vast majority of those who were registered over the past eight months did not realize they would be eligible to vote upon release. Several indicated they had never voted before.

“Through simple one-on-one conversations, Jackie has not only helped these individuals register, but also educated them about the process and why

their votes matter,” said Sheriff Koutoujian. “These conversations can – and have – almost become mini civics lessons.”

In addition to the registrations facilitated as part of reentry, the MSO is also working to support eligible incarcerated individuals who wish to cast absentee ballots in the upcoming election cycle.

The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office has also previously worked with representatives of the League of Women Voters (LWV) to host voter education sessions.



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  
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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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

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

Glendale 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.

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– 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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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:

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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.

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