

DeMaria calls for Council to pull license on Joseph’s Lodging House on Broadway

By Seth Daniel

After a federal drug bust for methamphetamines, and what the City says is a long history of police activity, Mayor Carlo DeMaria this week called for the City Council to revoke the rooming house license for Joseph’s Lodging House on Broadway.

The lodging house, at 312-314 Broadway has fallen under disfavor for some time, going back to a number of calls for service since 2018. That was compounded last week when federal agents arrested a resident of the establishment for distribution of methamphetamines.

“I write...to request that you consider revoking the rooming house license that has been awarded to 312-

314 Broadway, also named ‘Joseph’s Lodge,’” read a letter from the Mayor’s Office last week. “Within the last day, there was an arrest of an individual who was charged by a Federal Agency for distributing a large amount methamphetamine via search warrant.”

That arrest came on Sept. 23 for a man wanted on a federal warrant.

According to the police logs provided by the mayor from 2018 to the current time, there were 69 calls to the lodging house address, and 41 were for incidents inside or on the property. Most of those were for disturbances and medical issues – according to those statistics.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin – who represents the area in Ward 6 – said he

supports the uses of sober houses and recovery houses in the community, but felt there needed to be a closer look at this property.

“I absolutely understand Mayor DeMaria’s feelings regarding this lodging house license for the number of calls requesting service over the last three plus years, but I strongly believe every license holder deserves a fair and open hearing and process before we as a Council revoke any license,” he said. “That being said, I fully support a strong conversation with the owner of this license happening as soon as possible, but we can’t and shouldn’t ever just revoke a license without due process.”

A hearing before the Council is expected soon.

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back to the Council for reconsideration Monday night.

“I find it disgusting,” said Martins in a point of personal privilege on Monday, saying as someone that has spent her professional career promoting diversity, she didn’t like having people give false information in public and also disparaging others on Facebook.

In a letter to the Council on Monday, Bishop Brown said he did not tell Adrien it was ok, and he would like to have the request routed to his Commission.

“During that presentation, there was a reference to a conversation between Councilor Adrien and myself which stated that I was agreeable to the resolution by-passing the Commission,” he wrote. “I would like to correct erroneous information provided to the Council in this regard. I did not agree to this action nor did I indicate that the resolution should or could by-pass the Commission.”

At the Council, Brown told the body he had actually contacted Council President Rosa DiFlorio the morning of the last meeting to ask that Adrien’s request not bypass his Commission. He said when he saw the meeting, and heard about Adrien’s comments, he had to pause and reflect.

“I did not support the motion,” he said. “When I first heard it, I had to think for a minute and I did not have that conversation.”

McLaughlin said he voted in favor of Adrien’s request only because she told the Council that Brown approved of it. He said he wouldn’t have voted for it if he had known the full truth of the matter.

“I voted for this to go to Human Resources because I was led to believe it was your request,” he said. “I have known Bishop Brown since I was a

kid so I have tremendous respect for him. If he’s going to ask us as a body to do something, then I’m going to consider it very closely...I am frustrated that this wasn’t your request. It has me very concerned and confused.”

Councilor Adrien did not speak during the discussion at the meeting Monday, and was not called upon to speak on the matter either. After the meeting, she said the Commission is something the mayor has come up with and is working too slow. She said her request for racial and gender and ethnicity statistics for City Hall employees needed to be acted upon much quicker than the Task Force could move on it. In her statement, though, she did not directly address the inconsistency about whether the conversation with Bishop Brown took place or not.

“When diversity should be a priority for the Mayor and his administration, my request for the true plan for Diversity at City Hall is being pushed off to the Diversity Group that is still in formation,” she wrote. “The Diversity Group has no plans in the next 90 days to even touch diversity at City Hall. When City Hall has three current job openings, actions would have been displayed louder by showing in 30 days to provide the report. It is sad that Everett, as diverse as it is, it still needs to wait for the Mayor’s answers on what the facts are. “Diversity was never a priority for City Hall and only was when I, as a councilor, started making noise about it, the group has started,” she continued. “The residents of Everett deserve better representation at City Hall. I will continue to use my voice as a City Councilor to hold the Mayor accountable on where the taxpayer’s funds should be going. Bishop Brown has noted to me that in my role as a City Councilor, I can continue to use my

voice as I feel - as long as it does not disparage the group’s work. To put this report on hold is not fair at a time when we are trying to combat racism.”

Mayor DeMaria said the Commission exists to unify the City, and he was disappointed to hear of anyone disparaging the work of the Commission.

“The Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Equal Opportunity is guided by a philosophy that Bishop Brown often states: Unity in Community,” said the mayor. “As a result of the divisiveness demonstrated in our country, this Commission was formed to engage our diverse population, study policies that impact people of color in our city, and address any and all forms of racism that may exist. The members of this board were picked because of their background, education, experience, and training. I’m disappointed in anyone who discredits the Commission and promotes outright divisiveness in our City. The very goal of this group is to eradicate division and promote unity. Thank you to all who continue to serve our City in this capacity, as their role is more important than ever.”

At Monday’s meeting, Bishop Brown said the Commission is just getting its feet under it, and he said it will be critical in helping to identify and fix the problems of racism, exclusion and structural barriers that exist around the country and in Everett too.

For the Council, several in the aftermath of the meeting indicated there was discussion amongst the membership of censuring Councilor Adrien, as her incorrect statement about Bishop Brown’s support led others to vote for her request erroneously. Members in the recent past have been subject to censure, or proposed censure, over inappropriate or misleading behavior, so it would not be a first.

Auto body shop owner pleads guilty to tax fraud

The owner of Everett and Worcester auto body shops pleaded guilty last week to a payroll tax scheme resulting in a tax loss to the IRS of more than \$290,000.

Adam Haddad, 43, of Shrewsbury, pleaded guilty to three counts of aiding the preparation of false tax returns before U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman, who scheduled sentencing for Jan. 13, 2021. Haddad was charged

in August 2020.

For tax quarters ending in March 2015 through June 2017, Haddad paid a significant portion of the wages to employees of his company, Accurate Collision, Inc. “under the table.” In doing so, Haddad caused Accurate Collision, Inc. to file false returns with the IRS which underreported the actual wages he had paid his employees as well as the employment taxes

due to the IRS. In total, Haddad caused a loss to the IRS of at least \$292,231.

The charging statute provides for a sentence of up to three years in prison, one year of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Emergency License Board meeting Thursday

By Seth Daniel

Just one week ago, the Everett License Board politely and sympathetically informed all establishments – and a few that had received complaints about lack of COVID-19 protocols – they needed to tighten up their operations, but apparently the message wasn’t taken seriously.

An Emergency Meeting of the License Board on Thursday, Oct. 1, will hash out those very issues at several establishments

observed by state and local officials to be off the mark on COVID-19 restrictions last weekend.

Board Chair Phil Antonelli reported there had been a major situation at Braza Grill last weekend just days after the owner, Paul, had assured Antonelli he was taking the matters seriously.

Reports that came in indicated Braza had more than 100 people inside dancing to music, and practicing no social distancing at all. There are some members

of the Board that are calling for the license to be pulled at Thursday’s meeting.

Meanwhile, Antonelli told the Independent that the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) was in Everett over the weekend and had found violations at numerous establishments, including three of the establishments that had been to the License Board Sept. 21 to talk about complaints – which included Lafania Bar & Grill and Lafinca Bar & Grill.

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The Everett Public Schools is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Under this provision, schools provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in the Everett Public Schools through the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Household income applications are not required to determine eligibility for school meals at schools participating in CEP.

Daily school meals for students completing eEducation remotely will be available for pick up at select sites in Everett. Please visit <https://www.everettpublicschools.org/> for details on pick up locations and times.

For additional information please contact
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, October 19, 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: 43 Corey Street
Map/Parcel: C004-000038
Person Requesting: Sergio Cornelio
43 Corey Street
Everett, MA 02149
Reason for Denial:
Applicant seeks to alter and convert an existing two (2) family and change the use to a six (6) unit residential dwelling located within the Dwelling District on a 15,553-sf lot.
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Zoning Ordinance:
1. Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 4(a)1 limits a single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance (1926) to convert to not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance allowing the conversion of a double semi-detached dwelling to a six-unit dwelling.
2. Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 17(A)2 requires two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit. The proposed plan contains four (4) parking spaces requiring relief in the form of a variance for eight (8) parking spaces.

Mary Gerace – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals
September 30, 2020
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 94 Wyllis Ave.
Map/Parcel: D0-06-0000772
Person Requesting: Mr. Sujan Kharel
94 Wyllis Ave.
Everett, MA 02149
To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant owns an existing single-family house, built in June 1925, and would like in to convert it to a three-family (3) dwelling. The existing 8128 sf lot is located in a Dwelling District.
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Reason for Denial:
• The floor area ratio of 0.95 is above what is allowed in the Dwelling District.
Zoning Ordinance:
Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional Requirements 2 Lot Area line c which states
c. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)

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At virtual groundbreaking, new Bus Lanes in Everett predicted to improve Transit for 9,600 riders

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), the MBTA, and the City of Everett announced last week the groundbreaking for a series of bus lanes on Sweetser Circle, Main Street, and Broadway. These bus lanes are a major component of the Rapid Response Bus Lane Program, a transformative MBTA-municipal collaboration to improve service reliability in order to better social distancing measures for MBTA riders and operators on the system’s busiest routes in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bus lanes will go into effect upon completion, which is expected in mid-October 2020.

“Improving transit reliability and supporting the commuting needs of essential workers is a key component of Governor Baker’s Reopening Massachusetts plan,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. “Implementing these changes to Sweetser Circle demonstrates MassDOT’s commitment to an equitable recovery from COVID-19 in addition to creating safer and more reliable bus facilities.”

Said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak,

“In the last few months, as riders have returned to MBTA services, it was clear that routes like the 104, 109, and 110 faced challenges around crowding that were greater than most other routes. We launched our Rapid Response Bus Lane Program with our state and local partners to take these challenges head on, and ensure that we were doing everything we could to immediately improve service reliability and minimize the chances of overcrowding. Giving buses their own lane is the best way to do that, and we could not have accomplished this without the support of our close partners at MassDOT and the City of Everett.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he believes the new bus lanes will relieve some of the bottlenecks around Sweetser Circle and maybe get more commuters on public transit.

“Sweetser Circle is a major bottleneck for the City of Everett, and this project aims to make it into a gateway for thousands of residents who rely on MBTA services to get to work, school, and services,” said DeMaria. “These transit facilities will make our city more resilient in response to the COVID-19 pandemic while also strength-

ening our workforce and our regional economy at a critical time.”

Project components include:

- A first-of-its kind all-day bus lane along the outside lane of Sweetser Circle;
- An outbound evening rush hour bus lane on Main Street from Sweetser Circle to Tileston Street effective from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays; and,
- An outbound evening rush hour bus lane on Broadway from Sweetser Circle to Chelsea Street effective from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

The outbound evening rush hour bus lane on Broadway from Sweetser Circle to Chelsea Street corresponds with an inbound lane that was first implemented by the City of Everett in 2016, creating a connected network of bus priority facilities traveling from major up-route corridors and then into and through Sweetser Circle.

As is the case with other bus lanes throughout the region, areas with wide skips in red paint and directional turn arrows are shared space for turning general purpose traffic and bus lanes. Areas with narrower skips in red paint without directional turn arrows are meant to be kept clear for pass-



Log-jams on Main Street, Sweetser Circle and Broadway could be a thing of the past if the new afternoon bus lanes on Broadway and Main Street work as predicted. Both new lanes will be restricted to afternoon hours only, and will not go all the way up the thoroughfares. Broadway will only go to Chelsea Street, and Main Street will end at Tileston Street. Sweetser Circle will have a 24/7 dedicated bus lane.

UFCW and Stop & Shop announce new premium pay agreement for grocery workers on frontlines

Staff Report

Last week, the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) – which represents 1.3 million workers in grocery, retail, and other frontline industries – announced a new agreement with Stop & Shop on premium pay for 56,000 union Stop & Shop associates represented by UFCW.

The agreement will provide retroactive premium pay – in the form of lump sum payments equal to 10 percent of all hours worked between July 5, 2020 and August 22, 2020 – to recognize their ongoing efforts to ensure communities have access to the food and supplies they need as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

UFCW International President Marc Perrone and Stop & Shop President Gordon Reid released the following joint statement:

“Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in the U.S. in March, UFCW members and Stop & Shop workers have gone above and beyond to ensure that our stores have remained open to serve our communities’ essential needs. These workers have risen to the challenge and Stop & Shop deeply appreciates everything they have done in difficult circumstances - at work and at

home - as they care for their neighbors and their families during a national crisis.

“Working in partnership when the pandemic began to take hold, UFCW International and UFCW local unions together with Stop & Shop offered union members a temporary premium. When that pay raise expired in July, the UFCW local unions and members asked Stop & Shop to do what is right for grocery workers and UFCW members.

“Today, UFCW and Stop & Shop are proud to announce a tentative agreement has been reached on a new premium that recognizes Stop & Shop workers for their incredible efforts. The UFCW wants to acknowledge Stop & Shop for not only recognizing its workers, but for remaining committed to work with UFCW, America’s largest food and retail union, to better the lives of these dedicated workers and their families.

“Today’s agreement is a further testament that by negotiating in good faith, Stop & Shop and UFCW have been able to achieve a real victory that is shared by the company, its customers, these communities, and the grocery workers who continue to serve.”

Everett Councilor Michael McLaughlin said

he stood by the workers during the summer months, and they had endorsed him during his state representative race. He said even with that ending, he still is standing with those workers.

“On August 1st, I stood strongly in support of doing what was right by the individuals who have done right by my family, friends and community especially throughout the past six months,” he said. “These men and women went to work every day putting themselves in dangerous conditions so our families could have the food and products needed to stay healthy and safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. These men and women deserved the 10% hazardous pay and I am pleased to see, after an unfortunate fight that should never have had to happen, they were rewarded for the work they have put forward. As a City Councilor I will always stand on the front line and fight for what is right for workers in Everett and across Massachusetts.”

UFCW International and UFCW Local unions have been negotiating with employers across the country this year to recognize how hard grocery workers are working to provide necessary food and supplies to their communities as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

The new agreement announced today by UFCW and Stop & Shop includes the following:

- 56,000 union Stop & Shop associates represented by UFCW, will receive retroactive premium pay for this past summer.
- Retroactive premium pay will be provided to each employee in the form of lump sum payments equal to 10 percent of all hours worked between

July 5 and August 22.

- The retroactive premium pay excludes any paid-time off accrued in this time period and does not apply to any employees represented by UFCW local unions currently engaged in contract negotiations with the company.
- Additionally, Stop & Shop has agreed to observe a moment of silence on Labor Day and Workers Memorial Day, starting

in 2021, to recognize both the frontline workers lost to COVID-19 and the collective strength that union membership has provided to its associates.

This is in addition to the initial Stop & Shop premium pay between March and July, as well as the two additional weeks of paid leave provided earlier this year if any workers become sick.

Council votes to approve Nov. 3 polling places

By Seth Daniel

The City Council voted unanimously on Monday night, in what is a formality of sorts, to approve the warrant for the Nov. 3 General Election and the COVID-19 altered polling locations.

The polling locations will be in the same configuration as they were during the Sept. 1 Primary Election. There will also be early voting that will start on Oct. 13, and mail-in voting will commence next month as well. Many registered voters have already received cards in the mail from the Secretary of State to be able to request a mail-in ballot

for Nov. 3.

They polling places include:

- Ward 1 Prec. 1 Edward G. Connolly Center (Armory), 90 Chelsea Street
- Ward 1 Prec. 2 Edward G. Connolly Center (Armory), 90 Chelsea Street
- Ward 2 Prec. 1 Keverian School, 20 Nichols Street
- Ward 2 Prec. 2 Keverian School, 20 Nichols Street
- Ward 3 Prec. 1 Recreation Center Building, 47 Elm Street
- Ward 3 Prec. 2 Recreation Center Building, 47 Elm Street

- Ward 4 Prec. 1 Pope John High School, 888 Broadway, Rear Entrance
- Ward 4 Prec. 2 Pope John High School, 888 Broadway, Rear Entrance
- Ward 5 Prec. 1 Wellness Center, Old Everett High School, 548 Broadway, Maple Ave Entrance
- Ward 5 Prec. 2 Wellness Center, Old Everett High School, 548 Broadway, Maple Ave Entrance
- Ward 6 Prec. 1 English School, 105 Woodville Street
- Ward 6 Prec. 2 English School, 105 Woodville Street

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while giving residents an opportunity to do business in person, will be available to serve residents during normal business hours when the building isn’t physically open.

As the pandemic hit our nation in early March, City Hall immediately closed its doors and began serving the public remotely within days of the building being closed. Everett’s ability to steadily move from in-person services to remote was well-regarded throughout the Metro Bos-

ton area. Their plan was used as a model for many communities while their IT team provided guidance and support for other surrounding communities.

“This is our Fall schedule. We will be using this time as a period to test what works and what doesn’t. The safety of our employees and residents will remain paramount as we continue to ensure that our residents receive the services they need. Residents can still access all City services via our

website to avoid making the trip to City Hall,” said Mayor DeMaria.

To enter City Hall, you must have your temperature checked and provide your name and phone number for contact tracing purposes. All patrons must enter and exit through the parking lot entrance. There is a limit of 25 non-employees inside the building at a time, and you must sign out upon exiting.

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TRUMP’S TAXES: SHOCKING, BUT NOT SURPRISING

The recent disclosure by the New York Times of President Donald Trump’s personal tax returns for nearly a 20-year period, up to and including his 2017 return (which Trump would have filed in April, 2018), presents evidence of the extent both of Trump’s tax avoidance schemes and the precarious situation of his personal finances.

Trump always has stated his disdain for taxes. While it may be true that he has been able to avoid paying taxes because of loopholes that favor the wealthy, especially real estate developers, what really stands out is the bottom line figure of \$750 in taxes that he paid in BOTH 2016 and 2017.

Americans who make only the minimum wage pay far more in federal income taxes than Trump paid in 2016 and 2017.

In addition, anyone who has filed a tax return for more than one year knows that it is almost impossible to have the same bottom line figure in two consecutive years (which is especially true for someone like Trump, who has multiple business ventures), unless you go out of your way to manipulate the figures.

Another fact that is evident from the tax returns is that Trump is hardly the mogul billionaire he always has claimed to be. The tax returns demonstrate that Trump is a truly terrible businessman.

Just as Trump’s casinos and other projects failed miserably in the late 1980s and early 90s, his high-end golf clubs around the world are a cash sinkhole for him today.

Most disturbing however, the tax returns demonstrate the extent to which Trump personally is deeply in debt. Trump has almost half a billion dollars in loans (that he personally guaranteed) coming due within the next four years, but few liquid assets available to cover this huge debt.

Given that we know Trump is the ultimate embodiment of a pay-to-play president, does anyone doubt that Trump’s desperate need to curry favor either with a bank, an exceedingly-wealthy individual, or a corrupt foreign country in order to refinance his huge debt could compromise his sworn oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States?

Finally, the story in the Times makes it clear that for Trump, his re-election is highly personal. If he loses in November, he almost certainly will be facing heightened scrutiny by the IRS and federal authorities relating to his tax filings. He also will have no ability to leverage the office of President in order to obtain refinancing for his huge debt.

The danger lurking for our country is that we know that Trump will go to any extent to win the election -- and that does not bode well for our democracy.

SUFFOLK DA ROLLINS STEPS UP

The announcement this week by Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins that her office will be expanding the database (often referred to as LEAD) that is comprised of law enforcement personnel whose prior conduct could impact their credibility as witnesses in a court proceeding comes as welcome news to every citizen in the Commonwealth.

The LEAD (Law Enforcement Automatic Discovery) database includes officers who have had incidents of untruthfulness, criminal convictions, candor issues, or some other type of issue reflecting on their ability to perform their job impartially, including discriminatory or defamatory actions, language or conduct targeting any protected category or class, based on race; color; religious creed; national origin; immigration status; sex; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy; ancestry; or status as a veteran.

Although the LEAD database has been in existence for a while, Rollins has expanded it with the addition of 115 officers to a new total of 136 names of law enforcement officers who work, have worked, or could work in Suffolk County.

The list includes former police officers in the cities of Boston, Revere, and Chelsea, as well as MBTA police and Massachusetts State Troopers.

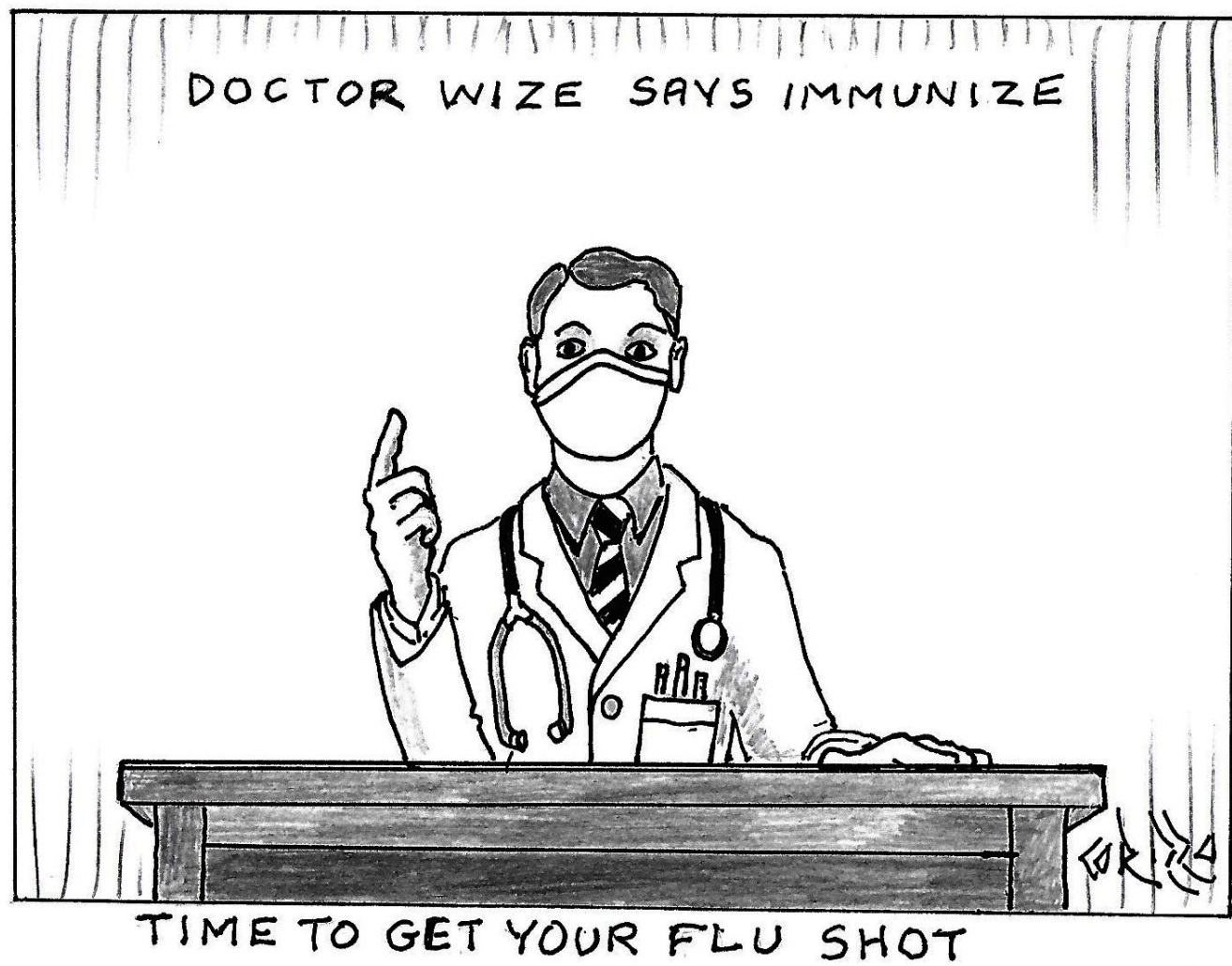
We hasten to point out that the expansion of the LEAD database should not be seen as a reflection that in any way casts doubt upon the basic honesty and integrity of those who work in our police departments.

Even though a total of 136 officers (most of whom have resigned or retired) may seem like a large figure, it represents only a small fraction of the overwhelming majority of our men and women who wear a badge and who do their job, day-in and day-out, protecting our citizenry with honor, dignity, and compassion.

The criminal justice system is imperfect, even under the best of circumstances, for everybody involved, victims and defendants alike.

We applaud District Attorney Rollins for taking this step to ensure that every citizen of our state -- not merely Suffolk County residents -- receive a fair trial, which is an essential cornerstone of our democracy.

Independent Forum



Council approves slate of new Board and Commission members

By Seth Daniel

After holding up several new appointments to various Boards and Commissions for a few weeks, the Council voted nearly unanimously on Monday night to approve 11 new Board members to various posts.

There had been one contentious appointment to the Zoning Board – Tyler Cao – who was nominated to replace long-time member Mike Dantone. There were allegations that it was politically motivated, but that was disputed by Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

Nevertheless, the Council asked that all the appointments be sent to Committee before being voted upon – a rarely used rule that has not typically been enforced.

On Monday night, action was again called for and some were still not quite ready.

Councilor John Hanlon said he was hoping those being appointed could come up to the Council Chambers to be seen, or at least that their photo could be put up on the broadcast for the public to see. He asked that the votes be delayed until that is done.

That set off a lot of discussion.

“I can sympathize with my colleagues that may not know all the individuals, but it’s no reason to hold them up,” said Councilor Anthony DiPierro. “We had the resumes... The reason some of us don’t know all of them is because the Administration is trying to diversify the boards. It’s not a slight to us if we don’t know some of these candidates.”

Councilor Peter Napolitano said enforcing the Committee rule now is a bad look, as the effort is to get more diversity on the Boards. He said they’ve had that rule for seven years, and not one appointee has been sent to Committee for review.

“It sends the wrong message,” he said. “If you want to set a precedent, do it after the pandemic.”

Councilor Michael McLaughlin, who eventual-

ly cast the lone ‘no’ vote against Cao, said that Cao lives in Stoneham, and the City should be appointing people who live in the City at the time of their nomination.

“We have 50,000 people or more that live in this city, so let’s appoint our residents first,” he said.

That set off Councilor Hanlon, who said his colleagues were out of line in their discussion.

“I never said I didn’t know these people,” he yelled. “Some of the public doesn’t know who they are. I only asked for their picture to be put on TV and that’s all I asked for. Everything everyone said is only because you want to talk.”

Those approved were:

- Patty Cheever, Election Commission (two-year term)
- Eleanor Gayhart, Library Board (three-year term)
- Scott DeSalvo, DPW Commission, (three-year term)
- Paul Degenkolb, Youth Commission (two-year term)
- Holly Garcia, Youth Commission (two-year term)
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- Rousie Noel Thomson, Council on Aging (two-year term)
- Jordana Torres, Council on Aging (three-year term)
- Tyler Le Cao, Zoning Board (three-year term)
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THE EVER-POPULAR COUNCILOR MATEWSKY

Councilor Wayne Matewsky has a way of rising to the occasion at most Council meetings, knowing when to be serious and when to keep it light.

So it is that many times late in the agenda that Councilor Matewsky often keeps the legislative body in stitches. Those of the serious nature who follow the Council meeting might be frustrated by the humor, and sometimes

puzzling comments, but those who have followed the Council for a while figure – what the heck.

•Councilor Matewsky brought about more than a few double-takes on Monday night’s second in-person meeting when he was quizzing the Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano and dropped the bomb that he had been tested for COVID-19 five days prior and still didn’t have his result yet. While the councilor was making a point about how long it takes to get a result in some cases, others of his colleagues scrambled for another part of the Chambers.

•There was great discussion on Monday night about figuring out how to slow down drivers on the streets of the city, as many are speeding in the neighborhoods. Councilor Matewsky advocated for more three-dimensional crosswalks, like ones in other cities and one that is at Everett High.

“Those things work,” he said. “I was driving by one the other day with my dog on my lap and jammed on the brakes when I saw it and the dog almost went out the window.”

•Finally, Councilor Matewsky put in a very timely piece on eliminating the robo-calls that he said are inundating the City – particularly both-

ering senior citizens and those with landlines.

“The don’t-call list – please,” he said. “They call you more. I have a landline, but I talk to people with cell phones and they get these calls too.”

Then he diverged into what he said was a humorous script he follows when he gets the calls at home.

“It is quite humorous what I do,” he laughed. “I do all the talking. They don’t get a word in. It’s really hilarious. I should probably tape record it.”

No one got to hear the contents of that script.

Perhaps it better left to the ears of the robo-callers.

•More than a few members and observers of Monday’s meeting were perplexed by Councilor Napolitano using the term “rice burner” to describe loud motorcycles and cars that speed through the neighborhoods.

Though it’s hard to know what is and isn’t fully appropriate in speech these days, a quick look online does list the term as having roots as a derogatory term for East Asians, as well as a demeaning comment towards those owning and/or making foreign cars. Others entries indicate it isn’t derogatory but a mild slang term that is, though, antiquated language.

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Everett, ‘red’ communities left out of next re-opening phase

By Seth Daniel

When much of the rest of the state moves on to the next phase of Gov. Charlie Baker’s re-opening plan on Oct. 5, Everett and other ‘red’ or ‘high-risk’ communities will be left behind – and as Mayor Carlo DeMaria has pointed out, perhaps unfairly.

Want to try on a pair of

pants at the boutique?

One will be able to shay into some tight-fittin’ jeans at a store in Malden, but not Everett.

Looking to have a big indoor concert?

Go to Melrose and one can hear the music, but not in Everett.

Those and many other things will still not be allowed in the City on

Oct. 5 despite having case numbers under 10 on most days, and even two days in a row last week with zero cases. Add that the Census numbers being used to calculate the rates are likely far too low – as pointed out a few weeks ago in the Independent by the mayor – and it makes for what seems to be an unfair situation for undercount-

ed, dense urban areas in a system that seems to favor the wealthier suburbs.

On Tuesday afternoon, Gov. Baker announced that effective Monday, October 5, lower risk communities will be permitted to move into Step II of Phase III of the Commonwealth’s reopening plan. All other communities will remain in Phase III, Step I. Gov. Baker also issued a revised gatherings order on Tuesday, and will issue industry-specific guidance and protocols for a range of Phase I, II, and III businesses will also be updated.

On May 18, the Baker-Polito Administration released a four-phased plan to reopen the economy based on sustained improvements in public health data.

Last month, the Administration began releasing data on the average daily COVID cases per

100,000 residents, average percent positivity, and total case counts, for all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns.

Lower risk communities are defined as cities and towns that have not been a “red” community in any of the last three weekly Department of Public Health (DPH) weekly reports.

Effective October 5, a limited number of sectors will be eligible to reopen, with restrictions, in Step II of Phase III for lower risk communities only:

- Indoor performance venues will be permitted to open with 50% capacity with a maximum of 250 people.
- Outdoor performance venue capacity will increase to 50% with a max of 250 people.
- For arcades and indoor and outdoor recreation businesses, additional Step II activities like tram-

polines, obstacle courses, roller rinks and laser tag will also be permitted to open and capacity will increase to 50%.

- Fitting rooms will be permitted to open in all types of retail stores.
- Gyms, museums, libraries and driving and flight schools will also be permitted to increase their capacity to 50%.

Revised Gatherings Order:

- The limit for indoor gatherings remains at a maximum of 25 people for all communities.
- Outdoor gatherings at private residences and in private backyards will remain at a maximum of 50 people for all communities.
- Outdoor gatherings at event venues and in public settings will have a limit of 50 people in Step I communities, and a limit of 100 people in lower risk, Step II communities.

DiDomenico reminds residents to respond to the 2020 Census

Sen. Sal DiDomenico has once again put out a call to his constituents and residents across the Commonwealth to respond to the 2020 Census.

Last week, a federal judge barred the Trump Administration from ending the census count a month early, issuing a temporary injunction that prevents the federal government from halting census-taking on September 30th, a full month before the original October 31st deadline approved by Congress. Senator DiDomenico hailed this decision as a win for hard-to-count communities, like Everett and Chelsea. However, he also warned his constituents not to delay responding to the census, as the recent court decision is likely to be appealed by the Trump Administration.

“This is a major win for our communities to help ensure that the census count is fair & accurate,” said Senator DiDomenico. “I have been working hard this legislative session to secure state funding to help reach historically hard-to-count communities, like Everett and Chelsea, and the Administration’s decision to end the count a month early did nothing to

help our efforts. This ruling is a big win, but still so much uncertainty remains. If you haven’t responded to the 2020 Census yet, please do not delay any longer. Our district and the entire Commonwealth depend on your household to respond so our communities get the fair share of federal funding and representation that we need and deserve.”

Preparations for the 2020 Census has been a top priority for Senator DiDomenico this legislative session. He has worked closely with the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund to secure funding needed in advance of the 2020 Census and to spread awareness on the importance of a complete and accurate census count. Throughout the legislative session, he has partnered with advocacy organizations to host legislative briefings at the Massachusetts State House to secure support for census funding in the state budget and help legislators and staff understand what is at stake in the 2020 Census. Most recently, the Senator secured funding for the Everett Haitian Community Center and La Comunidad to support additional census outreach in the city of

Everett.

Last budget cycle, DiDomenico played a key role in securing funding in the state budget that will help to ensure a complete and accurate count in the 2020 Census. The Senator was the lead sponsors of an amendment in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget that provided \$2.5 million to establish a grant program for statewide census outreach. This grant program will help to support trusted community organizations and grassroots leaders reach historically hard-to-count communities.

While the COVID-19 crisis has created new obstacles to 2020 Census outreach, there are many ways that households can respond to the census without anyone having to come to their door.

Massachusetts residents can respond to the census today:

- Online at my2020census.gov
- Over the phone at 1-844-330-2020
- Or via mail (census forms were mailed to households across the nation last month)

Online responses and those done over the phone are available in over 13 languages.

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ward council seats.

“I think it’s only fair,” he said. “to get 10 percent of the vote in your ward and be the councilman there strikes me as unfair. The City of Lowell was sued by this Civil Rights group and I think it cost them \$1 million...I really believe a ward councilor should be elected from the ward...We’re trying to right what’s wrong.”

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said he would vote for it reluctantly.

“It’s not my suggestion; I like it the way it is and it gives us a better understanding of the whole City and how it’s running...I don’t like this, but I understand it and I’ll support it reluctantly.”

Others like Councilor Peter Napolitano and Councilor Fred Capone were not in favor of the change.

Napolitano, more than anyone else, talked for years about fundamentally changing the Charter – and invested time and money into getting the change made and before the voters. The voters approved the current Charter by nearly a 90 percent vote a little less than 10 years ago. He said it wouldn’t be fair to change something at the Council that the voters wanted.

“The voters set up the charter the way it is,” he said. “They made the decision to vote us citywide... This isn’t Boston where you have racially insulated neighborhoods like Roslindale, JP, South Boston or Roxbury. Everett is not a place where you have ethnicities or race in

just one neighborhood...I invested a lot on getting people educated on the need for change. Voters set it up like that. Now to make a change without them doesn’t seem right. I’m not comfortable with it.”

Said Capone, “This body should not decide the charter. The voters should decide. It should be up to the voters.”

Councilor Anthony DiPierro said it was time to make a decision one way or the other. The time to talk, he said, is over.

“I think we should be ready to take action,” he said. “We’ve spoke about it for hours over several years. We don’t need a long history on the Charter...I’m tired of talking about it quite honestly. Let’s take this into consideration and be ready to vote in the future.”

School Committeeman Frank Parker, who represents Ward 3, said he would be in favor of returning to a system with ward-only voting for School Committee.

“I’m a product of the bicameral system and it was a Ward race and position that allowed me to serve this community both as a Common Councilor and then on the School Committee,” he said. “I look forward to running as a Ward candidate again.”

The proposal would change only the ward council seats and the School Committee ward seats. It would also change the numbers of signature one needs to get on the ballot. While at-large seats would stay at 250 signa-

tures, a ward seat would require just 150 signatures to get on the ballot. Similarly, a final change to the Charter would be that to recall a ward councilor, there would need to be a petition signed by 20 percent of the voters in the ward only rather than city-wide.

LCR Boston attorney Oren Sellstrom said on Tuesday they continue to watch and monitor the efforts to change the system in Everett – as they did in their winning battle against the City of Lowell. He said they are encouraged Everett has come up with a proposal and are seriously considering it. However, he said they are ready to use the courts if need be.

“We are encouraged to hear that the Everett City Council is considering a voluntary change to the City’s electoral system, as it appears that the City’s current system illegally dilutes the vote of Everett’s communities of color,” he said. “Maintaining the current system would open the City up to a lawsuit under the federal Voting Rights Act...If the Everett City Council were to affirmatively reject a proposal for voluntary change, that would only strengthen any voting rights claim. LCR and Everett’s communities of color continue to closely monitor the City’s actions and will explore all available legal options to ensure equal voting opportunity for all.”

The Council is looking to bring the matter back to the floor potentially in two weeks.

East Boston Savings Bank celebrates the opening of third Brookline branch

East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) has opened its 3rd branch office in Brookline. The new branch is located at 473 Harvard Street and is the 43rd location in EBSB’s branch network.

“The Bank has been part of the Brookline community since 2015 with our two other Brookline branches at 1050 and 1441 Beacon Street. We have developed a great relationship with our customers in Brookline as well as the surrounding communities,” said President, Chairman and CEO, Richard J. Gavegnano. “We are looking forward to continuing to provide products and services that meet the needs of the ever-growing consumer and business community.”

The Bank appointed Ruslan Kagramanov as Vice President, Branch Officer. Ruslan is responsible for the branch’s business development initiatives as well as overseeing the daily operations of the branch and staff development. Assisting Ruslan will be Assistant Branch Manager, Diana K. Bell.

About East Boston Savings Bank

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Assistant Branch Manager, Diana K. Bell and Vice President, Branch Officer, Ruslan Kagramanov outside EBSB’s Brookline branch.

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and then was stationed in North Carolina when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese. His regiment deployed from California to Samoa to man the beach defenses there. They moved on to Guadalcanal in September 1942, seeing their first combat there. Morrissey was soon a veteran of battles along the Matanikau River, but the month of September ended with a disastrous defeat at Point Cruz.

On Oct. 9, 1942, the battalion was operating in support of another Marine outfit, heading along a ridge towards the ocean. They suddenly came under attack though, and Morrissey and three others were hit by machine gun fire. The battalion called in support from mortar fire and drove off the Japanese attack, however, with no further losses. Before evacuating the area, they quickly buried Morrissey and the two other.

They lay there for 70 years.

The burials had been catalogued carefully, but a search after the war using a map of the burial could not locate any graves. Morrissey was then listed and missing after being Killed In Action.

In 2011, While working on an outside kitchen for a building on Skyline Ridge, Honiara resident Yorick Tokuru uncovered “possible osseous remains” – in the form of a partial human skeleton. The remains changed hands several times, from the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force to a local archaeologist, then to historian John Innes, who contacted JPAC to take possession of the remains.

Then, in 2012, Michael Tokuru Jr. unearthed more bones while working on that same kitchen. JPAC made an excavation and identified a third set of remains – which turned out to be Morrissey.

On Aug. 28, 2017, Morrissey was officially identified.



Master Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Harding, trumpeter, “The President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band, plays “Taps” during a full honors funeral for repatriated WWII Marine Pfc. Harry Morrissey.

The process has taken some time since then to get Morrissey to his final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery, but that did finally occur last Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Morrissey’s older brother, Charles, served with the 110th Infantry in Europe and was captured in combat. He died in a German POW camp on March 6, 1945, and is buried in Lorraine American Cemetery.



Lance Cpl. Joshua Murphy, flag bearer, the Official U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard, marches with the National Ensign during a full honors funeral.



Marine Corps Body Bearers, Bravo Company, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., prepare to fold the National Ensign.



Marines with a Bravo Company firing party, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., stand at “ceremonial at ease.”




A Marine Corps Body Bearer, Bravo Company, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., folds the National Ensign.

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City preparing for possibility of census extension, but ready either way

By Seth Daniel

The City is planning for the possibility of the Census 2020 effort being extended to Oct. 31 – as it was originally planned for – but operating under the possibility that a federal court ruling could put an end to the effort as early as today, Sept. 30.

The Census has been a conglomeration of moving dates since COVID-19 hit, originally scheduled to be done in July, but extended to Oct. 31 due to the pandemic. However, over the summer, the federal government moved the finish date back to Sept. 30 instead. Several states had protested that in court, and California federal judge did restore the extension to Oct. 31. However, that is still being played out in court this week, and it’s left City Clerk Sergio Cornelio and his team planning for either outcome.

“We are expecting to hear the ruling on this Wednesday or Thursday maybe,” he said on Monday. “I’m currently preparing as if there’s an extension. I’m preparing literature and I’m working with community groups to keep it going...We’re planning our next steps if there is an extension, but if there isn’t, then Sept. 30 will be the last chance to get people to fill it out.”

For Everett and many surrounding communities, the alarm went off in the summer as numbers were very low and looked as if the official population would actually decline on paper – even though the actual population is much higher than the last Census 10 years ago, which was also artificially low due to low participation.

Cornelio said in the last month, there has been a tremendous effort, and Census enumerators going door to door and going out in the community have also helped, plus the fact that it is the first time in history one can fill out the Census online. The City Hall workforce spent most of one day last month dropping literature on every doorstep in the City, and the community groups like the Everett Haitian Community Center (EHCC), La Comunidad and LUMA have also bolstered the effort in communities where English is a second language.

Right now, Cornelio said the City’s participation rate is approaching 60 percent, which is consistent with what took place 10 years ago. That would



EHCC Director Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers with Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



EHCC Director Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers with keynote speaker Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

likely mean the City wouldn’t lose population in the final count. Losing population has a number of consequences. Cornelio estimated that each person counted accounts for \$2,400 in federal funding per year, or \$24,000 over a 10-year period. That money goes to schools, hospitals, roads/sidewalks, and public safety – but is lost if one isn’t counted.

With another month to work at the pace the Census Committee is going now, Cornelio said he expects they can eclipse the last count in 2010. That has been the goal all along, to get Everett’s official number closer to the actual number, but that effort has been hamstrung severely by COVID-19.

“Things are going well, but it’s still a little less than our goal,” he said. “If we can get that extra month, I think we can surpass what we did 10 years ago. We’re approaching our numbers from 10 years ago, but we want to surpass that. We’re at around 60 percent of resident households participating. We’re ready for

anything.”

One of the greatest helps, he said, has been the arrival of the official Census enumerators that go door-to-door and hit up community events. He said one example of that is enumerators went to the ChromeBook distributions at the Keverian School last week. “They were able to sign up 12 families in a couple of hours while we were there,” he said. “Our numbers will increase substantially if we can reach people face-to-face like that...That’s really what’s been helping increase our numbers over the last six weeks or so.”

Cornelio encouraged everyone to take time today, Sept. 30, to fill out the Census if they haven’t done so already. It is officially the last day, even though many are planning hopefully for the extension.

In any case, he said to treat Sept. 30 as the end.

“We really need this for the City,” he said. “We only get one chance every 10 years.”



Members of the EHCC show off the literature they planned to hand out over the weekend.



Major Census efforts have been underway in the last six weeks, such as this one led by the City, elected officials and the Everett Haitian Community Center last weekend. Numbers are improving, but City officials hope to benefit a one-month extension to Oct. 31. Pictured here is State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, Councilor Stephanie Martins, EHCC Director Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, Patti Frati and Councilor Michael McLaughlin.

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The entire crew gets ready to canvass areas of Everett last weekend.

of motor vehicle larcenies, an opportunistic crime that only takes seconds to pull off, is up all over Boston.

Citywide the number has gone from 1,891 in the third quarter of 2019 to 2,377 so far in 2020, a 25 percent increase.

“The Department obviously takes great pride in the fact that arrests were made in all three incidents, we would, nevertheless, like to take this opportunity to remind community members to employ common sense preventative measures to protect items of value when exiting their vehicles,” said the statement. “As simple as it may sound, protecting your motor vehicle from a break-in starts with locking the doors and closing windows. Simple? Yes. But, highly effective.”

In fact, simple steps can often spell the difference between your car being broken into and the would-be thief moving on to another, more desirable target.

“More than anything else, thieves look for the easy score,” said the police. “So, don’t make it easy. If you have items of value, be it a cell phone, charger, money or iPad, take them with you when you exit your car. Because if a thief can see it, you can be sure he or she will do everything they can to steal it.”

As for other Part One Crimes in Eastie there have been zero reported Homicides for 2020; Rape or Attempted Rape is down from 7 to 4; Robbery or Attempted Robbery is up from 35 to 44; Domestic Aggravated Assault is up by from 32 to 40; Non-Domestic Aggravated Assault is up by from 33 to 41; Commercial Burglaries are up from 19 to 12; Residential Burglaries are up by from 38 to 41; other Larcenies are down by from 131 to 112; and Auto Theft is up slightly from 32 to 37.

So far this year there has been a total of 519 Part One Crimes, up from the 402 reported in the third quarter of 2019.

Again, police are reminding residents that of the 117 additional reported Part One Crimes reported so far in 2020, 104 of those crimes have been traced back to motor vehicle larcenies.

As always, if you observe any unusual activity or observe a car theft or a break-in in progress, don’t hesitate to call 9-1-1.

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CROWLEY STILL HELPING

LYNN - With a storied career in public service, Paul Crowley is moving on to his next chapter by providing financial and management services to small businesses and for individuals approaching retirement.

Paul Crowley has opened a new office in the Clock Tower Business Center at 330 Lynnway.

The former Lynn city councillor and chief executive officer of Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS), Crowley has jumped right in by helping 35 businesses secure loans in the Paycheck Protection Program [established by the CARES Act].

“Those businesses received about \$3 million and put 300 people back to work,” said Crowley. “As a result of this work, my clients have looked to me to provide further help in other areas.”

Three terms on the City Council

A 1977 graduate of Lynn Tech, and 1987 graduate of Northeastern University’s business program, Crowley served three terms on the Lynn City Council from 2005 to 2011.

Prior to his first election, he had become a board member on the Lynn Council on Aging, having been appointed by then-Mayor Patrick McManus. He became very active in the Lynn Chamber of Commerce and the Lynn Lions Club.

“Around the year 2000, I just started helping everywhere I could and I was enjoying it,” said Crowley, whose family owned the Lynnway Bowling Center at that time. “I also realized how important it was to give back to the community.”

In 2005, he was elected as a councillor-at-large in his first bid for public office. “I finished second as a dark-horse candidate,” he recalled. “Tim Phelan topped the ticket.”

Crowley said he has no current plans to run for public office.

“It’s in my blood but as it stands right now, I feel like I’ve given my service in government,” said Crowley. For the past 20 years, I have been a passionate advocate for the City of Lynn through my work on the council, in non-profit organizations and other endeavors.” In recognition of his public service and contributions to the community, he received the Lynn Journal ‘Man of the Year’ Award in 2007.

He is currently a board member of the Lynn Shelter Association and a

member of the board at the Riverworks Credit Union.

His years at GLSS Crowley became the chief executive officer for GLSS in 2009, serving for 10 years. In that role, he also oversaw the MBTA’s “The Ride” public transportation program for seniors on the North Shore.

“The Ride is a good service and a needed service,” said Crowley. “At our peak, we were doing 2,500-3,000 rides per day.”

He is proud of his achievements at GLSS.

“I worked with some extraordinary people at GLSS and it is an outstanding organization,” said Crowley. “I was blessed to be a part of that and I’m very proud of the accomplishments we had there.

“We set the standard for elder care during the ten years I worked there,” said Crowley. “People were looking to us for guidance across the state. We were a \$75 million agency when I left. When I took over, it was a \$50 million agency, so we grew by 50 percent. We were the largest non-profit doing elder care in the state.”

Crowley praised GLSS Chief Executive Officer Kathryn Burns.

“Kathy Burns, the new CEO, is an extraordinary talent and has a warm sport in her heart for the elderly ,” said Crowley. “She has been taking care of seniors for many years. She is a natural fit for that position and I think GLSS will be on good hands for many years to come.”

Paul Crowley and his wife, Kathy, a native of Augusta, Maine, have been married for 33 years. They have a daughter, Emmy, 24. Kathy is the owner of Payroll Express Services, a full-service payroll and financial company in Lynn.

SHARING THEIR COVID STORY

REVERE - Four Revere residents are telling their first-hand experiences with the coronavirus as part of an initiative launched by the City of Revere and Revere TV.

Marvin Pena, Elayna O’Neil, Brittany Sao, and Sara Restrepo talk about their recoveries from COVID-19 and stress the importance of wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance during the vignettes that can be viewed on Revere TV’s Youtube Channel.

Pena is a 35-year-old war veteran who served in Iraq. He emigrated from El Salvador when he was 8 years old. Pena and several members of his fam-

ily were diagnosed with COVID-19 in March.

“My cousin lives with my parents and I went to my parents,” recalled Pena. “A few days later I found out that my cousin’s co-worker had COVID. I took it serious enough where I started quarantining myself.

“I went to the VA and they didn’t have enough tests yet,” he continued. “The VA sent me home and they told me, ‘if you get worse, come back,’ and I came back and I was way worse. A few days later I found out that I had COVID.”

Pena said in addition to having a 104-degree temperature, chills, and a headache, he also lost his sense of tasting and smelling his food.

“My wife, my mother, and my brother had immediate contact with each other and my cousin, so we all ended up getting sick,” he said.

Pena said when he walked from the kitchen to the living room “I was completely out of breath and needed to a nap. That’s when knew I needed to get professional help from somewhere else other than the avenues I was already exploring.”

Pena said he was immediately admitted to Mass General Hospital “and I spent five weeks in the ICU. And 23 of those days were in a coma where I was on a ventilator. I lost 50 pounds. I had muscle atrophy.”

Pena praised MGH personnel for its outstanding treatment and care during his recovery process. An avid long-distance runner, he is hoping to return to the Boston Marathon as a participant.

He said that “people should take the coronavirus seriously.”

“The moment they’re affected directly, that’s going to change their mind. If I can reach at least one person by taking time out of my day to say, “Put a mask on, clean your hands – it’s worth it.”

O’Neil, 66, said “after being home sick for a week,” she spent 45 days in the hospital, including 20 days on a ventilator.

“I was dropped off at the hospital by my son alone and I could not see anybody in my family because there were no visitors at that time, between the Beth Israel Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation.

“Now it’s months later and I’ve gone back to work. I’m a hair salon owner and a hairdresser and the lasting effects I have right now are really severe joint pain in my knees. I did have bad knees, but they got worse.

It’s an ongoing disease and it’s still affecting me. I also have no sense of taste or smell.”

O’Neil said there were many people walking around that had no symptoms.

“You cannot take a chance that you’re not going to catch it because you don’t know who’s walking around with it,” said O’Neil. “It’s a silent disease. Some people do get really sick and you know they have it, and there are other people walking around that just pass it on you without you being aware of it.

“You have to be so careful with wearing a mask, socially distancing, and washing your hands, trying not to go anywhere where there are crowds.”

Sao, 19, said the virus spread quickly among members of her family.

She said her father had gone to get tested on March 22 “and he wasn’t able to get tested because at the time testing was very limited.”

“My mother (who is a medical assistant) sensed something was definitely wrong with him,” said Sao. “My father was tested at MGH Boston and a week later, he got his results back and he was positive. His condition got a lot worse. He ended up having pneumonia and a bad fever. He spent 45 days in the ICU. He was put on a ventilator to help him breathe.

“My mother ended up catching it, too, just as bad as my dad. Right after my mom caught it, I caught it, too,” said Sao. “My mother, my sister, and I were stuck in our house for a good month because my mother just kept re-testing positive. Thankfully we had a lot of family that was able to help us and bring us food and everything. But April was a really rough time for me and my family. We called the doctor every single day to receive an update on my father.”

Sao, who was completing her first year of college at that time, said the family has gradually returned to good health and is partaking in its daily routines.

“We’re always wearing

our masks everywhere,” said Sao. “We have hand sanitizers immediately ready. We’re making sure that we’re taking all precautions.”

Restrepo, a professional singer who delivered her remarks in Spanish on her Revere TV segment, spoke of her three visits to the hospital and being put on oxygen to help in her recovery. She noted the isolation from her family during her illness and stressed the importance of wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing.

(Information from the City of Revere press release and the actual remarks of the residents on Revere TV were used in the compilation of this story.)

WINTHROP HIGH STUDENTS START BUSINESS

WINTHROP - Since the pandemic sent the world into uncharted territory six months ago, there have been varying outcomes of emotion. Job losses, diminishing social circles and shifting family systems have naturally led to a rise in stress levels.

However, a few brave high school football players have stepped up to the challenge and launched a successful business on a mission to help their families and the community.

When Bryan Conceicao, Stevie Perullo and Jack Brodin realized that COVID-19 would likely cause them to lose their summer jobs in town, they decided to replace hopelessness with creativity. With the help of Jack’s father and football coach, Derek Brodin, the seniors launched Viking Property Management (VPM), a business that allowed them to stay outside and socially distanced while earning money, keeping busy, and giving other students an opportunity to do the same. As the three principal founders of the business, the boys created flyers, made t-shirts and recruited the help of other motivated football players to launch a business that would keep them busy raking and picking up leaves, mowing

lawns, detailing cars, and landscaping for the spring and summer months.

According to Derek Brodin, the boys executed the business on their own and have taken it above and beyond what he ever imagined.

“They came to me with the idea and I gave them a few tools and tips to get the business going, and then they ran with it.”

Without being able to practice football and get summer jobs, the young entrepreneurs felt the need to contribute to the community. Five months later, the boys have a full crew of 11 workers, all with the common bond of football and a desire to work hard and better their lives. Taking Brodin’s advice and running with it, the boys created a Facebook page, designed t-shirts and developed a spreadsheet that includes payroll, jobs and schedules.

“In the face of difficulty, these kids rose up and adapted by working together,” said Brodin.

In just a few months, VPM secured a steady flow of customers, many of whom are recurring, and they plan to take it a step further during the winter months. As the summer season comes to an end, they are looking forward to expanding the business with leaf and snow removal.

While they originally started the business to earn cash over the summer, they are hoping that VPM continues to go strong in the future, providing the next generation of football players with jobs.

“This has been a great learning experience,” said senior, Stevie Perullo. “We learned how to landscape and detail cars during the first month and now we teach the skills to younger students. We won’t be in high school forever and we hope this can continue on, to help future generations.”

For more information on VPM, please visit the Facebook page: Viking Property Management Landscaping Company

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OBITUARIES

Francis Michael Mahoney

Decorated veteran and United Airlines retiree

 Francis Michael “Fran” Mahoney, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away on Sept. 25 at the age of 88.

Fran proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War and received numerous medals for his service to his country. After returning home from the war, Francis worked for United Airlines, retiring after 30 years. He was an avid sports fan with all of the Boston teams being his favorite. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.


Born in Revere on Sept. 6, 1932 to the late Michael and Ethelyn (Mallison) Mahoney, he was the beloved husband of the late Jeanne (Roy, devoted father of Karen Ruggieri and her partner, Bastiano Mancuso of Wayland and Philip Mahoney and his late wife, Kathleen

of Weymouth; cherished grandfather of Tyler Ruggieri and Olivia Mahoney; dear brother of Ethelyn Mitchell and her husband, Jim of Revere and the late Helen Vorhees and Philip Mahoney. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and local officials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere, Ma 02151. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VFW, Processing Center, P.O. Box 8958, Topeka, KS 66608-8958 or at www.heroes.vfw.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com

Richard Constance

He cherished time spent with family

 Richard J. Constance, 91, of Everett, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 23 in the Brudnick Center for Living in Peabody.

Richard was the loving husband of Rose M. (Bille) Constance for 66 wonderful years. He was born on August 23, 1929 in Worcester, the son of Ralph Constance and Mary Del Greco.

Richard was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having served towards the end of World War II and during the Korean Conflict and discharged with the rank of Corporal. He worked at the Charlestown Naval Shipyard and as a Supply Technician in the Air Force Geophysics Lab at Hanscom Air Force Base prior to retiring.

Richard cherished being with his family and especially the time he spent with his grandchildren and great-granddaughters. He was an avid ballroom dancer and Rose and he were on the dance floor every Saturday night. Richard had many passions during his lifetime, following all the Boston sports teams and probably the greatest passion was savoring every last bite of Rose’s Italian cooking and baking.

Richard is survived by



his beloved wife, Rose and was the dear and devoted father of Frank Constance and his wife, Mary Dusseault of Bedford, Grace A. Flammia of Saugus and Dianne M. Wallis and her husband, Brian of Danvers; cherished Nonu of grandchildren: Bobby Flammia, Matt Flammia and Shaina Flammia and her fiancé Joe Badolato, Brianna Wallis and Cale Wallis; and adoring great-grandfather of his granddaughters, Adrienne Flammia, Eva Rose Badolato and Ellie Badolato. He will be dearly missed.

Funeral arrangements were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main Street) Everett. Interment was in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Richard’s memory to the New England Center for Homeless Veterans, 17 Court St., Boston, MA 02108 would be sincerely appreciated.

Paula Hatfield

35 Year employee of KAYEM Foods

Paula Hatfield, 59, of Everett, formerly of Chelsea, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 20, after a brief illness with her loving and caring sister, Carol by her side.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was a beloved daughter of the late George F. and Emma F. (Kehoe) Hatfield. Paula attended school in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1980. She worked for KAYEM Foods for over 35 years. Her life was devoted to work, family, home and her pets.

Paula enjoyed gardening, attending concerts, Red Sox games and watching the Patriots play.

In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by two brothers, Philip Kehoe and Richard Hatfield. She was the loving sister and sister-in-law of Robert Hatfield of Chelsea, Judith Hatfield of Dover, DE, her twin brother, Paul Hatfield of Chelsea, Carol Manzo of Everett and Yvonne Kehoe of Revere. She was the cherished aunt of Jennifer, Robert, Jr., Eric, Stephanie, Meghan and Tabatha and the adored great aunt to several grandnieces and nephews and the dearly beloved friend of Roseann Gill, Chuckie Garvey, John Tracy and



Geanne Lacroix. She is also survived by several extended family members and friends.

Funeral arrangements were by the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Graveside services were held at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

Should friends desire, contributions in Paula’s name may be made to the MSPCA-Angell Memorial, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02135, MSPCA-Angell or to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN, 38105. www.stjude.org/donateChelsea.

We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit; www.WelshFuneralHome.com.

RMV extends designated appointment hours for customers 75 or Older

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that it is extending designated Wednesday appointment hours for customers 75 years of age or older into October and to additional Service Center locations. This new customer service option began successfully in early September at the RMV Service Centers in Danvers, Leominster, New Bedford, South Yarmouth, Springfield and Watertown, and will continue to be offered on Wednesdays at these locations through October.

In Oct., 11 additional Service Centers will begin to dedicate Wednesdays (hours vary by location) to customers 75 years of age or older whose driver’s license or ID card expire in September and October, including customers whose licenses/IDs were extended from March, April, May and June and are due to expire soon. This new service option is being offered to provide customers with some flexibility while conducting transactions and to facilitate proper “social-distancing” protocols

and procedures to keep customers and staff safe and healthy. Information regarding the new service hours and additional resources for seniors can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/older-drivers>.

Senior hours are by appointment only and will be available beginning in October at the following locations:

- Brockton (starting Oct. 7)
- Fall River (starting Oct. 7)
- *Greenfield (starting Oct. 14)
- Lawrence (starting Oct. 7)
- Martha’s Vineyard (starting Oct. 7)
- Nantucket (starting Oct. 7)
- North Adams (starting Oct. 7)
- Pittsfield (starting Oct. 7)
- Plymouth (starting Oct. 7)
- Revere (starting Oct. 7)
- Worcester (starting Oct. 7)
- *The Greenfield RMV Service Center is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Everett awarded with excellence in financial reporting award

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett has received one of the most prestigious awards highlighting the City’s strong fiscal structure and financial reporting.

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City of Everett for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive

spirit of full disclosure and clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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Luxury units planned for Masonic Temple, but Zoning Board will determine fate

By Seth Daniel

An Allston developer is attempting to develop the old Masonic Temple on Broadway into 11 luxury units of housing, but after a Planning Board meeting on Sept. 14 that centered on the parking plan (there isn't one), the fate of the project seems to hinge on a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting next Monday, Oct. 5.

The Planning Board on Sept. 14 refused to recommend to the ZBA the no parking plan, and only voted in a 3-2 decision to endorse the no parking plan with the caveat that residents cannot get resident parking stickers – which flies in the face of the developer's plan to be able to seek stickers for residents.

The Affordable Housing unit plan was approved 5-0 by the Board.

Attorney Anthony Rossi represented developer Mani Farahani at the Planning Board and explained his client is seeking historic tax credits to renovate the building into 11 units of housing, while spending \$2 million on the re-development as well. The kicker will be that there is no parking on the site, as it is an historic (though vacant) building and is landlocked on all sides by other homes and the old Everett High School.

Rossi said they would have six two-bedroom duplexes, four one-bedroom duplexes and one studio. There would be two affordable units in the building, one being a one-bedroom and another being a studio.

"My client likes to build certain products and he develops certain products," said Rossi. "He develops in multiple cities and feels good about the location here. He wants to spend the money and he is hoping he gets these tax credits too. If you get these tax credits by

restoring the building, you get federal and state credits."

Despite the fact that the ZBA has not been in favor lately of granting parking variances without the caveat of not having residential stickers, Rossi said their plan is to plead the case for the stickers. He said most of those buildings have been larger apartment buildings, while his client is developing an existing, historic building that has no way of providing parking.

"It is a serious concern of my client and we've had a few conversations about that," said Rossi.

As has played out at the Planning Board over the last year, the development discussion centered around the argument of whether people will or will not have cars. Member Jim Tarr has frequently been on the side of having a city with fewer cars and residents using public transit – such as here with the dedicated bus lane steps from the front door. Meanwhile, Member Leo Pizzano argued that the residents would bring cars to these luxury units and would park in the neighborhood.

"You have some beautiful apartments there and you are expecting your clients or owners not to have a vehicle," he said. "The building plan is beautiful and you're saying no one will have a car."

After some discussion, Tarr put forth a recommendation to support the developer's plan of no parking with stickers. That did not get a second, and it died.

A motion by Member Michael O'Connor called for supporting no parking, but also not allowing residential stickers. That passed 3-2, with Pizzano and Chair Fred Cafasso voting against.

The matter will come to a head on Oct. 5 when the project goes before the ZBA.

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News and Notes

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

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

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News and Notes

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New Library Board member grateful to have an opportunity to serve Everett

By Seth Daniel

As Mayor Carlo DeMaria looks to diversify and get new people on the City's Boards and Commissions, few of those new recruits will be as grateful and enthusiastic as Edna Michelin to have landed on the Library Board.

Micelin, 35, was nominated to the revamped Library Board – which had been made up for years of several individuals that didn't live in the city – by Mayor DeMaria, championed by Councilor Wayne Matewsky, and approved by the full Council on Monday night.

Now, she is ready to serve her community, she said.

"I heard it was available if you live in the city and I have a passion for teaching and helping children," said Michelin. "I have a lot to bring to the City of Everett...I'm excited to

serve the community and make the library even better. The library is already very good here, but if there are any tiny cracks, we'll get them sealed. I'm here to help."

Micelin is a life-long Everett resident who went to Immaculate Conception grade school, Parlin Middle School and Everett High School. She is the daughter of Joseph and Marie Michelin, and the sister of Jonel Michelin. Her son JJ is a 6th grader at St. Anthony's School in Everett (where he has perfect attendance and has never missed a day of school) and plays ice hockey in the Everett-Revere Youth Hockey.

After high school, Michelin attended Roxbury Community College, Suffolk University and Lesley University – earning a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education. She currently works in Child

Care, and therein lies her passion for childhood reading and for public library services.

"With me being a mother, I started reading to my son when he was still in the womb," she said. "Reading early is so important. You start them very young...It's extremely important to let your kids go to the library and pick the books of their choice. I'm not so excited about the technology and so I think flipping pages and reading a real book is very important for kids."

However, she also said education is an ongoing process for young adults, adults and older adults – and the library can be the place to continue learning.

"Education never stops," she said. "Just because you aren't in school still doesn't mean you're done learning. I say to stop by the library and keep educating yourself."

In the future, she said she would like to see a partnership between the Parlin Library, the Shute Library, and some of the senior buildings – helping them to continue life-long learning through the library.

Even for herself, when in college, Michelin said she used the Everett libraries to get her text books for classes instead of having to spend a ton of money to buy them at the college bookstore. It was a nice perk of the Everett libraries that few know about, she said, but all should take advantage of.

Micelin said she really appreciated the mayor's confidence in her to nominate her, and she also said she appreciated Councilor Matewsky for believing in her and fighting for good causes in Everett.

"I admire him and his work for the community," said Michelin. "Wayne has



Edna Michelin is a new member of the Library Board – shown here with her son JJ, who attends St. Anthony's School in Everett. Michelin is a life-long resident of Everett and is one of many new faces on the City's Boards and Commissions. She said she has a passion for teaching and helping children, and wants to bring that to the Board.

a pulse on the community that others don't have. The things he fights for are very important and others may not pay attention to them – like the abuse of dogs. Mayor Carlo DeMaria is someone I've been working with for a

long time and the mayor has always been there for the community."

After having been approved by the Council Monday night, Michelin starts her service on the Board Oct. 1.

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Others have permitted projects in the general area, but few have put the financing in place and gotten the equipment arranged to be able to start construction.

The 603 Broadway project for Antonelli is challenging as the City asked him not to put in parking, but rather to opt for a ground floor retail establishment to activate the streetscape. Originally, Antonelli had parking, but he said the City nixed that

as it wanted more activation in the area.

Now the no-parking building on Broadway has become a focal point for planners and builders on either side of the car vs. no-car debate. Antonelli, despite building the project, may not be as much of a fan of the no parking as one might expect.

"The no parking is a challenging condition the City keeps imposing on these developments," he said. "The City wants



Antonelli had a well-known graffiti artist from the North Shore paint an American flag on the elevator shaft as a symbol of unity while construction goes on during the pandemic. The mural will eventually be covered up, but until then the flag will fly.



GTA Crews digging out the foundation earlier this year.



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and encourages development, but it's an obstacle because people do have cars. Where are they going to park? That's not to say they need two spots per unit, which is the requirement now, but they do have cars."

That said, he is excited about the retail offering that will activate the street, which he said would be a "mom and pop" operation. He said it will likely be a coffee shop or a food establishment with 25 indoor seats and 15 outdoor seats.

Antonelli has set the standard high for construction in the area, and he doesn't credit that to granite countertops or other frills. Instead, it's the large hole he built for the foundation and the anchor he gave to the building.

"The difference between this and a lot of other projects is I dug the hole," he said. "I dug the hole. We dug deep to have a real cellar. That will become storage for the retail and the tenants. That's different than most buildings like this. The typical construction is podium – just

jack it up."

By Christmas, he said, they will have buttoned up the outside of the development and will begin working exclusively inside. It will be a mix of larger one-bedroom and two-bedroom units.

"My ideal unit is a two bedroom now because people want to share the rent and share the apartment," he said. "One year ago people wanted to live by themselves and they wanted made more money. Now, they want to share the rent and they

don't want to live alone."

The building is part of a momentum of development for Antonelli.

On the other side of the City, at 120 Tremont St., he is just finishing a rehab of 48 micro-units in an old industrial building that abuts the Northern Strand Bike Path and the RiverGreen Park. He said he expects to finish those on Nov. 1 and have them occupied by Dec. 1.

Meanwhile, he has just finished and sold smaller condo projects at 15 Morris St. and 128 Waverly St.

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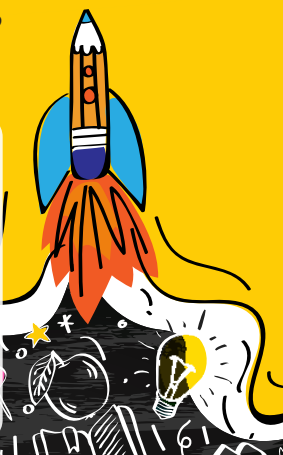
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