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Braza Grill appeals week-long suspension

By Seth Daniel

One of the four bar and grill establishments that had been shut down for one week due to alleged flagrant violations of COVID-19 protocols appealed its shutdown and was able to open its doors last weekend and this

Braza Grill appealed its shutdown late last week via an attorney and City officials granted them a stay of the one-week suspension until the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) could hold a hearing - which might be months away.

"Under Massachusetts law, an establishment who appeals a violation has the right to stay the suspension until it is heard by State authorities. Any of the closed establishments had the right to appeal the board's decision, but only one chose to do so," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria

On Oct. 1, a hot License Board meeting took place where all of the cit-

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Comprehensive housing support initiatives look to stem Oct. 17 eviction date

By Seth Daniel

The coming Saturday has been a date marked on the calendar for many State Legislators – including State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and dozens of community advocates who have been fearing for months a tidal wave of evictions from renters who owe thousands in back rental payments - money that could also spark a foreclosure crisis for landlords if the rent isn't paid and they cannot keep up with mortgage payments, as the freeze on those payments is also lifting for many property owners this fall.

On Oct. 17, the Housing Courts re-open for summary process evictions of tenants for non-payment of rent, and many low-income families are behind thousands and cannot make up the payments. Many other families worked in the service sector, perhaps at hotels or in Logan Airport, and those good-paying jobs have not yet come back. Most tenants have benefitted from an eviction freeze since March, but after one extension last summer, there are no more

extensions in the making. State Sen. DiDomenico has been on the forefront

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Council approves late budget at \$202.6 Million, despite two 'no' votes

By Seth Daniel

In an in-person meeting that was difficult for the online public to decipher, the Everett City Council voted 7-2 to approve the General Operating City Budget for this fiscal year on Weds., Sept. 30.

The Council voted 7-2 in their City Budget meeting on Sept. 30 to approve the \$202,615,099 operating budget, which comes late due to COVID-19 concerns. City leaders had been using an month-bymonth budget since July, but had to pass a permanent budget in October. Councilors Fred Capone and Gerly Adrien voted against the City Budget.

Those voting for the City Budget were Councilors John Hanlon, Jimmy Tri Le, Peter Napolitano, Anthony DiPierro, Michael McLaughlin, Stephanie Martins, and Michael

Marchese.

One of the hallmarks of the meeting was the desire of the public to participate, but the inability of anyone to hear what was being said or follow what was going on due to the Council being in-person, but the meetings online.

"I think you should fix the sound so constituents can be part of your process," said one resident, whose name could not be heard completely.

Aside from one gentleman on Ferry Street who was upset by his neighbor keeping the grass too high, most of those that called in wanted to discuss the priorities of the budget – particularly calling for more investment in social services and less investment in the Police Department.

Several constituent though it couldn't entirely be heard well enough to quote – said the long lines at the Food Pantry demanded more investment in Social Services. Some of the others wanted that money for such services to be shifted from Police Department salaries to those humanitarian efforts.

One man named Edwin from Jefferson Avenue spoke for more than five minutes on the topic, but what he said could not be heard in total.

However, those requests and comments came too late as the Council had a thorough review of the City Budget – line by line - on a Saturday in September, a marathon session of many hours. By the time the hearing on Sept. 30 came around, the Council could not remove any line items. Even so, the Council is restricted by Charter from shifting any monies within the Budget – which

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Mayor hires former **RMV** Director as new chief of staff

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Carlo DeMaria hired the former state Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) Director Erin Devaney as the new chief of staff.

Devaney considered a very talented government, upper-level manager, and had steered the RMV in a good direction for a few years before having to resign in June 2019. Devaney once worked at City Hall some years ago with the mayor, and now will make a return as his top

Devaney, who is an attorney, will serve as the Mayor's Chief of Staff. She holds a JD from Suffolk University Law School and a BS in Political Science from the College of the Holy Cross. With more than 20 years in government service, Erin brings a wide-range of experience in upper level performance management, project administration, and strategic plan-

His former Chief of Staff, Kevin O'Donnell, is still working close to the mayor and, sources said, is heading up a human resources role as those in that department have been reallocated to critical positions outside of City Hall.

Devaney's hiring brings in a seasoned manager of a statewide agency, and comes also with two other hires in the Communications Department - with the recent departure of Michelle Fenelon and reallocation of Tom Philbin. Hired for Communications were Michelle Doucette and Vanessa Alvara-

"I am excited to welcome Erin, Michelle, and Vanessa to the City Administration. I am confident in their abilities and willingness to help further the mission of the City of Everett and my Adminis-

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Looking at the News

To Zoom or not to Zoom, it seems to be the question

By Seth Daniel

The country's sudden experiment with online meeting experience online meetings is one with ups as one has in-person, then and downs in Everett.

There have been some real bad meetings, and there have been some really good meetings. However, the rush to get back to normal and meet in person may be a mistake that could lose the tremendous increase in citizen participation during the pandemic. Rushing to be face-to-face and feel "normal" is something many elected officials have been chomping at the bit to do

for several months - but until technology can be adjusted to have as good a the rush might be hasty.

At the outset of the pandemic, a curious e-mail came into my inbox from an obscure government services department at the State House. I had gotten exactly one e-mail from this department prior to this one in 10 years. The e-mail indicated Gov. Charlie Baker had issued an executive order to allow open meetings to take

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COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT



Volunteers consulted on the colors to paint the community mural on Burditt Lane last week, as the Neighborways group and Everett High Art program converged with volunteers to pull of the project. The colorful project is near the intersection of Ferry Street and Broad-

way in an area that has been a frequent problem for loitering. See Page 6 for more photos.



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Middlesex Sheriff's Office announces 27 negative COVID tests

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office today announced that 27 incarcerated individuals tested for COVID-19 over the past week have all tested neg-

"At the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, we are following a medically driven model, guided by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and our outside, infectious disease physician, with whom we are in daily contact – sometimes multiple times a day," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter

J. Koutoujian. "We have followed every directive given to us by these medical experts, and will continue to do so."

Seventeen (17) of the 27 had been retested on the advice of our infectious disease physician following a previous positive test in one housing unit last week. All 17 have now tested negative twice and the unit's quarantine will now be lifted.

Of the remaining 10 tests, only one was for a symptomatic individual.

"As the Commonwealth continues its phased reopening, we recognize there is an increased risk of COVID entering our facility. We are not a fortress on a hill, but rather a part of the community and we must all remain vigilant," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "The health, wellness and safety of all those who work at, live in and visit the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction are and will continue to be our top priorities."

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ed establishments were to be suspended for three days and have to submit a COVID-19 operating plan to the City. However, a fiery exchange between Paul of Braza Grill and License Board members Phil Antonelli and Phil Aloro resulted in an increase of the penalty to one week closure and the COVID plan. That went across the Board to Braza, La Fania Bar and Grill and La Finca Bar and Grill. Tres Gatos on Chelsea Street was suspended three days. All but Braza chose to serve the suspensions that started on Oct. 9 and continues until this

Friday, Oct. 16. The violations were related to not following COVID-19 precautions and rules, and were uncovered by ABCC investigators, License Board members and Everett Police all of which were acting on complaints. Prior to the Oct. 1 meeting, the License Board had warned Braza, La Fania and La Finca on Sept. 21 to tighten up their protocols as there had been complaints, and all agreed to do so, but seemingly were caught not doing so only a few days later.

License Chair Phil Antonelli said Braza chose to appeal, while others did

"The Licensing Board initiated a one-week suspension," he said. "Braza Grill retained an attorney and requested a stay order and the City granted it with the knowledge they will appear before the ABCC at a future date. They have a right to appeal and clearly they went for the appeal while others chose to serve their suspensions."

The hearing at the ABCC might be a little more perilous than in past years, when local Board decisions are often overturned or reduced. That may not be the case with COVID-19 violations, as

Board at the Oct. 1 hearing that most violations that have been appealed to them have ended with indefinite suspensions of the license – far worse than a one-week suspension.

One advocate for leniency on the establishments has been Councilor Stephanie Martins, who said the suspensions were a little unfair in her mind. She has also been a champion of re-thinking the new 11 p.m. across the board closing time in Everett instituted recently when cases started to increase.

"The decision was ex-

tremely concerning given the fact that businesses have just reopened after being fully or partially closed and receiving no financial help since Federal Assistance didn't reach many of the smaller businesses," she said. "These businesses are just getting used to functioning at a limited capacity and bracing for the winter when there will be no outdoor seating. Two other factors made the decision even more concerning: all restaurants were being punished with the early closing time because 3 restaurants were found in violation of COVID-19 guidelines, but the big corporate chains TGI Fridays, Texas Roadhouse, and the casino were still allowed to operate with their normal later alcohol serving licenses creating an unfair competition."

She said one establishment reported to her that the 11 p.m. closing time resulted in a loss of \$15,000, as they make most of their money in the hours between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. closing.

owners after the Licensing Board's decision to close our restaurants at 11PM.

"It is unfair to hit our small and mostly immigrant-owned businesses with the early closing time while allowing the big a greater access to capital to remain open," she said. "Either we allow our businesses that are not violating rules to operate under their normal time allowed by their licenses or we close all of the Everett businesses at the same time with no exceptions.

corporations which have

"While I agree that it is outrageous that some businesses have received multiple notices about COVID-19 violations, it is our duty as a City to first offer resources and consulting to train these businesses on exactly what the rules are before we fully suspend their license," she continued.

She said Chair Antonelli, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the City Solicitor's Office, and the Everett Chamber of Commerce have been working together with her to explore programs where businesses like those suspended can get more guidance on what is accepted

and what isn't. Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin, who represents the area where most of the suspended businesses are located, said he disagreed with Martins. He said it's important to send a message to those who knowingly violate the restrictions - spreading COVID-19 and keeping Everett in the 'red, highrisk' category.

"The entire situation around Braza Bar and Grill is a disappointment to say the least," he said. "I hope and will do anything I can in my official position to see that the State and ABCC will take the right action and end this irresponsibly-run business in our downtown. We must continue to fight hard so the City of Everett can someday get out of the red category and move forward, but that absolutely can't happen until we hold individuals and businesses accountable for taking a proactive response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This ownership thinks they can run the business as they want and clearly that is not possible in the face of the worst health crisis in more than 100 years." The ABCC has not set a

hearing yet on the appeal, but there is reportedly quite a backlog at the state level due to so many appeals of COVID-19 violations.

place online during the pandemic emergency. It was a footnote to the major issues that were hitting the state at that moment, but it gave birth to the modern online or hybrid-online public meeting - something that City leaders in Everett and beyond should not be so quick to dispatch to the history books. In fact, though not on purpose, cities like Everett might have found the answer to getting more people involved in the process of City government - if that is indeed a goal and

I think it is for the most

A true silver lining to the pandemic has been the amazing uptick in participation with online and civic meetings in Everett over the last six months. Almost immediately, the School Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board - among some others - took up the idea of a Zoom public meeting. I approached it with skepticism, but I tuned into the April School Committee meeting and found rich information and a smooth delivery of critical happenings to parents and students. Parents were able to tune in while they cared for their children, cooked dinner, or even took a break at their second (or third) job.

At the Planning Board and Zoning Board, the meetings took shape very quickly as well, and developers were able to forge ahead with projects and development in convenient and informative meetings. Members of both boards quickly adjusted to the format, and while it wasn't the ideal way of doing things, they got them done. Soon, the public got involved in those meetings, and meetings were helpful in that one could see the plans "shared" on the computer screen, and input could be given live on video, in a "chat" or via e-mail. Debates unfolded from one living room to another about the future of cars in the City, or how building design standards should

be implemented. Developers told me they were very impressed with how Everett had moved forward with development review despite the pandemic - way further ahead than other cities of its size around the country. One local permitting attorney said this new format was the wave of the future, while a national developer said they would consider it another mark of a positive development environment to have the ability to attend online. One of the largest developers in the nation said they had put most projects on hold nationally during the pandemic, but had gone ahead with Everett due to the success of their online meetings and public input processes.

Quickly, I realized this was the new way to communicate to school communities, development teams, City officials, neighbors, abutters, the

general public and other stakeholders across the community. School Committee members said last week they often get more than 1,000 views of their Zoom meetings, sometimes as high as 10,000 views, and at one of their spring meetings drew almost 2,000 people viewing the meeting live. That's like a Homecoming football crowd!

The City Council has been slow to adopt the online world. They were one of the last to have online meetings, and they have been the first to push for in-person meetings at all costs. It's noble and gives some sense of stability, but these meetings have not been very successful. After a series of diffi-

cult Zoom meetings, with technological challenges and user frustrations, that sometimes went on beyond midnight, the Council began having in-person meetings when not every member was comfortable with coming into the Chambers. The online product was poor in that no one in the public could hear what was being said. The participation seemed to be cut in half, and some of the magic of what had been happening with civic participation began to melt away. The prime example was the City Budget hearing held on Sept. 30. Many have pointed to that meeting as to why there is apprehension to leave the Zoom world. There were many callers that expressed serious reservations with the City Budget priorities, including what they termed as a lack of investment in social services and an over-investment in the Police Department.

Good luck deciphering

what they were saying. One man named Edwin from Jefferson Avenue spoke for like 10 minutes, but I could not grab more than a word or two from his speech. Many other callers said they couldn't hear and it was trustrating. The online product was simply just not adequate for public meeting participation, and therein lies the frustration with trying to transition back to what we know. The Council isn't at fault for wanting to get back to what we know, and they're not alone as this has been in interesting trend in Councils across the region. The fact is we've entered a new era where serving the public means public officials need to allow for simultaneous in-person and online meetings that are conducted at the same time - whether that's for members, the general public or presenters. To ignore that new era is a disservice to the public being served and their ability to follow what's happening in their community. Not everyone can come down to City Hall for a meeting, but they can follow in translated Spanish or Haitian Creole while on break at their second jobs, or they can watch in English as they prepare dinner for the stands of youth sports events. These meetings have to be seamless, and until that is perfected, it might be wise to return slowly.

To cite some numbers. the License Board one week ago has had 1,400 views so far, the new Housing Task Force has had 1,500 views, and a routine Retirement Board meeting has had 596 views. Meanwhile, that Council Budget Hearing has had but 353 views for a document representing more than \$200 million in local spending.

The School Committee is now calling for an in-person meeting very soon, and their producers have said they believe they can create this new, post-pandemic meeting experience. Time will tell, and as many members expressed and Supt. Priya Tahiliani said, it would be too bad if the current momentum is lost with a poor online product.

Some have cited the existence of the robust TV network (ECTV) for civic and school meetings that is already on cable and streaming online. That is a plus, but it's not the same. One cannot participate in those meetings, they can't be watched at any time, and there isn't translation (Zoom and other platforms online allow for translation in real time in multiple languages without interrupting the flow of the meeting).

For more than 20 years I have sat in Council Chambers, libraries, community rooms and other gathering spaces in Everett, Chelsea, Revere, Lynn and Boston. There have been hot meetings that drew a vocal crowd, but most of what has gone on - like the City Budget hearings have been done with exactly one person in the audience, that 'one' usually being me. The paper, I believe, has served well to let people know what happened as our reporters sat there alone taking in the proceedings. However, that isn't participation and newspapers are supposed to report on what happened and what people said about it. The old, empty, in-person meetings somehow along the way gave birth to just having things happen to the people instead of the people making things happen with their elected leaders. Before COVID-19, many felt they had no idea about what was happening or no one told them these things were happening.

There is a revolution of participation right now, whether that's stoked by the pandemic or the demand for societal change or a little of both. To go back to the way things were without a comparable, participatory online experience will only serve to make things happen to people again - and it will forego a little bit of civic magic that has taken place in City government over the last six months.

That would be a shame.

Alvarado brings a new

Attorney Eric Gill told the



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"It has been my commitment to hire more bi-lingual employees. Michelle and Vanessa are a great start." All three of the new

tration," said the mayor.

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employees started work on Tuesday. Doucette, MBA, will

munication

serve as the City's Com-

Specialist.

She holds a Master's in Business Administration, as well as a BS in Marketing and Public Relations both from Suffolk University. Doucette brings an extensive background in Communications, website development, and content creation. She will bring her extensive background

in government communi-

cations to Everett's team. Doucette is also fluent in Italian. Alvarado will be serv-

the family, or even from

ing as the City's Public Information Officer. She is a recent graduate of Loyola University New Orleans where she received her

perspective to the Communication's team with an extensive background in journalism, graphic design, strategy, and branding. She is fluent in Spanish, and will further the City's communications BA in Mass Communiefforts with English and cation with a minor in Spanish media outlets. Latin American studies.

Eviction/ CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

of this potential crisis for Everett and Chelsea, fearing many constituents might lose their housing all at once - with those evictions putting people on the streets just after Thanksgiving. DiDomenico has championed the Right to Counsel bill, which allows tenants the right to a lawyer in eviction cases. Meanwhile, he has also been calling for the Housing Stability Act to help with rent arrearages and take the pressure off landlords.

On Monday, however, Gov. Charlie Baker and the State Trial Courts announced a comprehensive set of resources, known as the Eviction Diversion Initiative, to support tenants and landlords during the financial challenges caused by the pandemic. The goal, Baker said, is to keep tenants safely in their homes and to support the ongoing expenses of landlords once the Commonwealth's pause of evictions and foreclosures expires on Saturday. This strategy was developed by a cross-agency team assembled by the Administration in coordination with the Massachusetts Trial Court to manage the end of the moratorium and reflects input from a broad range

of stakeholders, he said. "The pandemic has created financial challenges for many individuals and families who are struggling with rent payments, and today we are pleased to announce a \$171 million initiative to promote household stability, and provide more support for tenants and small landlords," said Baker. "This strategy has been designed to be user friendly and easily accessible for tenants and landlords in need, and is comprised of new or expanded programs to help people stay in their homes. This would not be possible without the Legislature's foresight in granting flexibility for the RAFT authorization. I am grateful to the Court System and all stakeholders for their partnership in this effort in keeping all families and households stable through-

out this pandemic."

Said Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey, "The Trial Court has modified its procedures to provide for a two tier process that will enable tenants and landlords to access resources and mediate their disputes in order to preserve tenancies. The Trial Court has worked to increase its technological capacity to handle these cases safely when parties come into court and to provide those without assistance with information and access to technology where need-

RAFT PROGRAM SEES MAJOR EXPAN-

The Administration is making a \$171 million total commitment this fiscal year, with \$112 million of new funding to support new and expanded housing stability programs during the remainder of the fiscal year. One of the key programs will be an additional \$100 million devoted to the revamped Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program - which is handled locally by The Neighborhood Developers (TND) at its Chelsea office.

The RAFT expansion will help with one problem often cited by housing activists - that once the program is approved for applicants, they are behind even further. The new investments will expand the capacity of the RAFT program and more than double the maximum benefit available through RAFT from \$4,000 to \$10,000 per household, with a goal of helping more families stabilize their housing for six months, or until the end of June if there are schoolage children in the house-

The Administration is also updating the RAFT program to improve turnaround time on applications, while maintaining program integrity, by:

•streamlining the application process for both the RAFT and Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) programs for low to moderate income households;

•verifying applicant eligibility with data collected through MassHealth, the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA), and the Department of Revenue (DOR);

•referring applicants to MassHIRE Career Cen-

 allowing landlords who own fewer than 20 units to apply directly for RAFT and ERMA, with consent from tenants.

That program provides relief to renters and land-

Other investments will include \$48.7 million to HomeBASE and other rapid rehousing programs for when tenants are evicted and are at risk of homelessness; \$12.3 million to provide tenants and landlords with access to legal representation and related services prior to and during the eviction process, as well as community mediation to help tenants and landlords resolve cases outside of court; \$6.5 million for Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs), the "front door" for those facing a housing emergency; and \$3.8 million for the Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP), to provide case management support and to act as a neutral party to help tenants and landlords come to

agreement. New funding will also expand capacity at the nine regional Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs) to provide housing counseling and coordinate with community mediators, legal services, and caseworkers. Income eligible tenants and landlords will also be able to access legal representation and related services as they navigate the eviction process.

"It is important that we support both our tenants and landlords who struggling due to COVID-19, and changes to the RAFT program, as well as increased resources, will deliver relief more efficiently," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy. "To keep people in their homes and help property owners with expenses, we are streamlining the RAFT application process, expanding the capacity at the 'front doors' where tenants access assistance. and allowing small landlords to apply directly for available funding."

COURTS WILL FO-CUS ON MEDIATION

With the goal of bring-

ing landlords and tenants together to avoid an eviction, Gov. Bakers said they will invest in expanding access to mediation services. In coordination with the Trial Court, the Administration is working to launch a new Community Mediation program that will be available prior to a court filing, and supplement court-provided mediation that is generally available after a filing has been made. The Administration will also provide funding to the Trial Courts to support bringing back recall judges to help handle caseload once the moratorium ends and to add additional housing specialists to help mediate agreements. Additionally, the existing Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP) will be expanded to serve a broader population of

Massachusetts will also provide additional funding for post-eviction diversion, helping households to find new housing quickly and prevent a longer period

vulnerable households.

of homelessness. Homethe Commonwealth's rapid rehousing benefit, and the Strategic Prevention Initiative (SPI) will be expanded and continue to offer financial assistance and stabilization case management services to families as they are in the process of securing stable housing. A new temporary emergency program will also provide funds to households for periods of up to 12 months to assist with moving expenses, rent, including first or last month's, or security deposit, while transitioning into a stable housing situ-

CDC MORATORIUM When the state moratorium expires, a moratorium established by the Center for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) will become effective in Massachusetts. Through December, the CDC moratorium will prevent evictions for non-payment for qualified tenants who submit a written declaration to their landlord. Courts will accept filings and process cases, and may enter judgments but will not issue an order of execution (the court order that allows a landlord to evict a tenant) until after the expiration of the CDC order. Protection is limited to households who meet certain income and vulnerability criteria. Declaration may be found at the CDC's website.

In order to ensure tenants are aware of available resources, the Administration has kicked off a public information campaign, including a new option available to call the Massachusetts 2-1-1 information hotline, which was effective Tuesday. October 13. Operators for 2-1-1 are trained to answer questions and connect residents to the agencies that administer RAFT and ERMA. An easier path to important information has also been launched on the state's website: mass.gov/ CovidHousingHelp. This effort also includes outreach through social media, videos, webinars, and other mediums. All materials and messaging will be made available in mul-

tiple languages. The Administration estimates resources will help thousands of households with varying levels of needs; up to 50,000 households will have access to services at their local Housing and Consumer Education Centers. up to 25,000 households will have access to legal support or community mediation, and up to 18,000 households will have direct financial support.

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comes to them from Mayor Carlo DeMaria. They can only make cuts, and cannot make additions. That is the case in most municipalities, including Boston. However, in Boston there is a move afoot to put a question on the 2021 City Ballot to change the charter in a way that allows their Council to make more changes to the City Budget. That could be duplicated in Everett, were it brought forward.

DiPierro Councilor sympathized with the many callers who expressed a desire to shift monies to social services, but explained the Council didn't have that power.

"I certainly appreciate

the many residents that called in to make their voices heard, but unfortunately we can't change the line items and we can't reallocate funds. I understand some might be frustrated, but all we can do is look at what's given to us and cut it or not. If there are residents that want to get more involved in the budget process, I suggest they get in touch with the mayor's office going forward. At this point, what is given to us is what it is, unless we cut it."

With that, he called the question and the 7-2 vote transpired.

The second piece of the hearing was the Capital Improvement Plan

(CIP), which is vastly smaller than in a normal, non-COVID year. The \$18,453,000 CIP Budget was approved also by a 7-2 vote, with Councilors Adrien and Capone voting

The Water and Sewer Enterprise Budget of \$20,922,321 – which is fully funded by ratepayers in the city – was approved by a vote of 8-1, with Councilor Adrien voting

The final vote came for the ECTV Budget of \$505,416, and it was the closest vote of the night at 6-3. Those voting against were Councilors Capone, Marchese and McLaugh-

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RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAM IS A WIN-WIN

The announcement by Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday of a \$171 million package of programs that will help renters stay in their homes comes as welcome news for both tenants and landlords alike.

Housing insecurity never is a good thing both for individuals and society-at-large, but that is especially true amidst a pandemic, when overcrowded shelters could become a breeding ground for the coronavirus.

With the state's moratorium on evictions set to expire at the end of this week, the need to provide relief for renters, many of whom have been affected by the decline in the need for their services in the hospitality industry (hotels, restaurants, and travel), is immediate and necessary to avoid a societal and humane catastrophe for tens of thousands of families across the Commonwealth.

The governor's plan also comes as good news for landlords for whom evicting a tenant for non-payment always is a last resort. Although the big real estate companies that own and manage thousands of apartments probably could get by with an increase in defaults on rents, the small landlords, who have just a few apartments and who need the monthly rent in order to pay their mortgages, would be facing financial disaster without a relief package.

Although some may question whether the \$171 million is enough to get everybody to the other side of the pandemic -- and quite frankly, it probably won't be -- it nonetheless is a good start that can be supplemented as circumstances warrant in the future.

Gov. Baker's rental relief program comes as good news for all of us. We trust the legislature will join in, and perhaps even augment, what the governor has proposed.

MASK UP AS WE APPROACH WINTER

The wonderful weather we enjoyed for much of this past weekend certainly was welcome as we approach the darker and colder days that lie ahead.

However, make no mistake about it: Winter is coming, and so is the need for all of us to be extra-vigilant about taking precautions to ensure the health and safety of ourselves and our loved ones in the months ahead.

This means that wearing masks, not gathering in large groups, and always maintaining physical distancing become crucial measures that all of us easily can follow in order to avoid spreading the coronavirus.

We were struck by a statistic from the CDC that we saw the other day concerning the state of Arizona. COVID-19 cases in Arizona spiked 151% after a statewide stay-at-home order expired, but then dropped precipitously by 75% after local mask mandates were put

Each of us has the ability to stay safe amidst a pandemic if we just follow a few simple rules -- wearing masks, avoiding crowds, washing our hands frequently, and staying at least six feet apart from others when out in public.

Admittedly, this is not an ideal way to lead our lives. But with 215,000 of our fellow Americans already dead, the only way we can avoid doubling that number in the months ahead is if we adhere to these common-sense measures at all times.

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LETTER to the Editor

MBA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

To the Editor:

Thank you for all those who participated in the MBA Charitable Foundation Social Media Campaign. Your votes helped us distribute funds to various agencies who have worked endlessly in supporting those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic across the Common-

Each campaign awarded \$5,000 to six organizations. All selected organizations received a base of \$500 and we used your input and the general public to allocate the remaining \$2,000. Here is a review of the September cam-

- •Boston Health Care for
- the Homeless \$550
- •Bread of Life, \$1,650 •Friends of Boston's

Homeless - \$700

•Greater Boston Food Bank - \$550

•Project Hope - \$1,050 Resiliency •Boston Fund - \$500

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WALK FOR ERSILIA VIRTUAL 5K IS GRATEFUL FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS

To the Editor:

The Kiwanis Club of Everett in collaboration with the City of Everett, Carmine, Amata & Giuseppe Matarazzo and the Cataldo family thank all who participated in and supported the Walk For Ersilia Virtual 5K. Whether you walked, bought a raffle ticket or made a donation, please know we are grateful and that your

contribution is making a difference. While this 2nd annual Walk honored the life of Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo, whose sincere commitment to help persons in need was an inspiration to us all, the Walk also sought to raise awareness of the horrific aspects of domestic violence. It is a problem that is difficult and disturbing to learn of but we believe domestic violence must be discussed openly so that our communities and caring citizens can do more to help those victimized, mostly women and chil-

Thank you to our sponsors who join us in this mission to help. Our Angel Sponsors fortify the way: EverettBank, Rocco Longo at Sabatino Insurance, Deb Fallon at Portal To Hope, Michele & Ed Bauer and Capitol Waste. Our Leadership Sponsors: Senator Sal DiDomenico and Mayor Carlo DeMaria. Our Principal Sponsors: Vin Panzini, Gianna D'Angelo, Marlene Zizza, Jim Mitchell and Metropolitan Credit Union. Our Directors: Joe Cataldo, Frank Mastrocola and Fred Cafasso.

All proceeds from the Walk For Ersilia benefit the Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Memorial Fund. This Fund provides 3 annual \$1500 scholarships to Everett students, supports the Ersilia Stabilization Fund at Portal To Hope and this year has added support around food insecurity in our community.

Everett Kiwanis and the Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Memorial Fund are 501(c) (3) charities. If you wish to make a donation, please send to Kiwanis Club of Everett, PO Box 490186. Everett, MA 02149 or call Marlene Zizza at 781-789-

Everett Kiwanis Club

Encore president asks employees to be diligent away from work

By Seth Daniel

With the opening of the Encore Boston Harbor constantly at the mercy of COVID-19 numbers, Encore President Brian Gullbrants sent a letter out to all employees last Friday, Oct. 9, asking them to be as diligent away from work as they have been

inside the casino confines. The Encore and other casinos in the state have had a very good run since opening up last summer in terms of avoiding outbreaks within the guest and employee population. However, a recent party outside of work apparently put some employees at work, and Gullbrants wanted to remind employees to be as diligent outside of work as they are inside – as the fate of many jobs lie upon every-

one staying healthy. "COVID-19 positivity rates are increasing throughout the State, and several of the communities in which we live are now classified as hot spots," he wrote in the letter, which was acquired by the Independent. "Our Human Resources Department is receiving more and more calls from co-workers feeling symptomatic. And, recently, a group of employees attended an off-site, non-work related party and several people from that party have now tested positive for COVID-19. I share this as a reminder of how important it is to remain diligent regarding your safety and the safety of your friends, family and co-workers. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is rebounding and with the cooler temperatures upon

us, health experts expect a second wave to hit, and hit hard. We cannot put ourselves, our families and our co-workers at risk.

"This isn't just a work thing," he continued. "Please don't let your guard down when you're at home."

Spokesperson Kraus said the letter went out as a reminder for the safety of everyone at work and at home. He said Encore has worked extremely hard to make a safe environment for employees and guests, and that also means being diligent about safety away from work too.

"The letter underscored the importance of being just as diligent when not in work," he said. "Because of the increase in cases, we need our families and friends to be safe.

The letter underscored that need not to take this seriousness about safety away when not in the workplace. We are very diligent in creating a very safe environment for employees and guests, and we want to make sure our employees aren't bringing the virus into this safe environment...We want to underscore that everyone needs to be just as militant when outside of work as they have been in work."

At the last Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) meeting on Oct. 8, the Commission got a very good briefing from MGC investigators, who said compliance is excellent at Encore and other sites, and there were not real issues to be reported.

The hope, Kraus said, is that trend continues.

Your opinions, please

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Mayor announces street sweeping to begin again, but no ticketing or tows

Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced this week that they will be doing a deep cleaning of the streets starting immediately, but the decision NOT to ticket and tow will remain in effect.

Instead, he said he is asking for cooperation from residents to move their cars on street sweeping day so the streets can be cleaned. "Throughout the pan-

demic I have made the decision to not ticket and tow during street sweeping," he said. "However, as Winter approaches, we need to ensure that our streets, tree pits, and sewers can properly drain for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles alike. I am asking each Everett resident to work as a community in moving your vehicle on your street sweeping day. We will not be ticketing and towing, but need to make sure our streets are clean."

The mayor cited the following:

•Street sweeping picks up litter that blocks the Stormwater from entering the drainage system. This can result in localized flooding.

•Street sweeping keeps sediment and trash from entering our streams and waterways. (You can reference resent island end water quality report that quality went from an f to a 'b' in the last couple

•Street sweeping improves our Streetscape and encourages our constituency to keep their properties and frontage clean as well.

•Street sweeping removes oil laden sediment from the public way which is disposed of in a landfill as opposed to the Malden and Mystic rivers.

•Street sweeping removes any loose gravel and sand that may inhibit stopping distances and pedestrian safety. •Regular street sweep-

ing reduces the cost to tax

payers of other costly pipe

repairs caused by debris

buildup in the subsurface

drainage system.

Applicants should have proof of residence (Everett only), birth certificates for underage dependents, and verification of low income status. Applications will not be taken over the phone. During the current health crisis, you must wear a mask, have a temperature check, remain socially distant and out-

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the Connolly Center un-

Mayor Carlo DeMaria

and The Office of Hu-

man Services invites low

income Everett residents

to apply for holiday meal

and toy assistance. Ap-

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at The Connolly Center,

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> **CASES OF** COVID-19 **CONTINUE TO** STAY IN DOUBLE DIGITS DAY OVER DAY The

numbers COVID-19 cases in Everett continues to stay in the double digits every day with the last week (Tuesday to Tuesday) registering 90 new cases in the city.

The numbers are as fol-

- •Tuesday, Oct. 13 − 16 •Monday, Oct. 12 - 13
- •Sunday, Oct. 11 11
- •Saturday, Oct. 10 − 12 •Friday, Oct. 9 – 11
- •Thursday, Oct. 8 − 8 •Wednesday, Oct. 7 –
- •Tuesday, Oct. 6 6

Everett is still a beneficiary of the state Stop the Spread testing program and there is ample free testing all over the city right now through Oct. 31. There is no appointment necessary, and test results are usually available within 24 to 48 hours. The sites and times are as follows:

•Mondays – Big Flo Park, Chelsea Street, 7 a.m. to noon.

Glendale Park, noon to 6 p.m.

•Tuesdays – Sacramone Park, noon to 6 p.m.

•Wednesdays - Little Flo Park, Nichols Street, 7 a.m. to noon. Edith Street Park, noon

to 6 p.m.

Thursdays,

Green Parking Lot Drive Thru Testing, noon to 6

River-

•Fridays, Swan Street

Park, 7 a.m. to noon. Everett City Hall, noon

to 6 p.m. •Saturdays, RiverGreen

Parking Lot Drive Thru Testing, noon to 6 p.m.

Everett man, business partner, indicted for tax scheme targeting immigrant community 2017, they took their cus-

Massachusetts men were arrested last week in connection with a scheme to defraud the Internal Revenue Service by falsely inflating taxpayer's federal income tax refunds and diverting a portion of those refunds to accounts they and their co-conspirators controlled.

Boris Shadari, 44, of Swampscott, and Christian Zynga, 45, of Everett, were indicted on one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. Shadari was additionally charged with three counts of filing a false tax return, three counts of aiding or assisting in filing a false tax return, two counts of theft of government funds, five counts of aggravated identity theft and one count of witness tampering.

According the charging documents, from 2012 to 2018, Shadari and Zynga held Shadari out as a tax professional, particularly targeting the Congolese community of Greater Boston. Until

tomers' tax information to a tax professional at a tax preparation company, and provided the tax professional with false information concerning their customers' dependents, dependent and child care expenses and business income and losses in order to inflate the customers' federal income tax refunds. They then caused the refunds to be split between the customers' bank accounts and accounts they and their co-conspirators controlled. After 2017, Shadari prepared customers' returns himself and added false information to the returns to inflate the refunds due. Shadari also allegedly failed to report the income he received from this scheme on his own tax returns. The charge of conspir-

acy to defraud the United States provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 or twice

the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater. The charges of filing a false tax return and aiding or assisting in filing a false tax return provides for a sentence of up to three years in prison, one year of supervised release and a fine of \$100,000. The charge of theft of government funds provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater. The charge of witness tampering provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of aggravated identity theft provides for a mandatory sentence of two years in prison, consecutive to any sentence received on the other charges. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other stat-

Everett lands \$20K state grant for shared streets and spaces

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the award of almost \$1.2 million in the final round of funding from the Baker-Polito Administration's Shared Streets & Spaces program.

The program, which was launched on June 10, provided technical and funding assistance to help Massachusetts cities and towns conceive, design, and implement tactical changes to curbs, streets, on-street parking spaces and off-street parking lots in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce. With the award of this final round of funding, the program will have given out a total of \$10.2 million to fund 124 projects in 103 municipalities across the Commonwealth, of which

"Many communities have demonstrated their creativity to create safe spaces for outdoor dining, safe connections to businesses and workplaces and expanded space for all transit options—from buses to bikes through the Shared Streets and Spaces grant program," said Governor Baker. "We are pleased that these grants can provide safe and re-

sponsible improvements

while helping to stimulate

60% are Environmental

Justice communities.

our businesses and help people feel more comfortable moving about safely."

This new round will provide \$1.18 million to projects in 17 municipalities, of which 65% are Environmental Justice communities. Some 304 applications

were submitted by 279 municipalities, for a total of \$34 million requested. Two of the local winners •Chelsea was awarded \$81,406.25 to continue

dedicated bike lane and sharrow markings from 3rd Street and Broadway up to Chelsea Waterfront, in conjunction with an MBTA-supposed bus lane project. Everett was awarded \$20,000 to imple-

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Street via a lane reduction and repurposing of road space to outdoor dining/ gathering spaces.

utory factors.

The Baker-Polito Administration launched the Shared Streets & Spaces program to support quickbuild projects that can bring meaningful benefits to cities and towns. The program is modeled after the Administration's Complete Streets Funding Program, created in February 2016, which, as of January 2020, has awarded a total \$46 million to cities and towns for municipal projects improving infrastructure to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation customers. The Administration included \$20 million for the Complete Streets Program as part of the Administration's \$18 billion transportation bond bill which was filed in July 2019.

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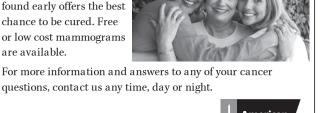


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Encore excited to welcome back Roulette, will result in more re-hires that the state Department By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor was excited to welcome back Roulette to its gaming floor this week after the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted 5-0 on Oct. 8 to allow the game to return for the first time since the casino's shut down in April.

Encore, in particularly, had been pushing to allow Roulette and Craps since the full re-opening last summer, custom building a Plexiglas separator that allowed guests to play the high-energy ball-rolling game at a safe distance and with the right precautions. However, last August, the MGC felt it was too late to bring back such games, and put it off until

Now, however, with a good track record in the resort of being safe and having no compliance problems or COVID-19 outbreaks, the MGC felt it was time to allow one new game to accompany Blackjack and slot machines. Both Blackjack and slots are operating at a scaled-down capacity, and poker and Craps and other games still are not

"We have worked with the licensees to identify health and safety precautions associated with Roulette," said Loretta Lillios of the MGC. She said already Rhode

Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey have brought back Roulette and

of Public Health (DPH) was amenable to allowing Roulette with precautions. Some of the precautions include only having three players to a table, and all are required to be seated, the MGC rules stated. Unlike in normal Roulette, no patrons would be permitted to gather or observe at the tables, and players/ dealers would be separated by a six-foot Plexiglas barrier. Likewise, all bets have to be in before the ball starts rolling in the game - which is unlike the typical game where bets are taken while the ball spins around the wheel.

At Encore, there would be not more than 16 tables with 48 players at them. The new game does not add to their capacity, but simply allows another offering to the games now offered on the gaming MGC regulators said at

Encore, the addition of the new game would likely result in the re-hiring of about 60 people to their Commissioner Gayle

Cameron said she felt it was appropriate to bring Roulette back. "We have a positive

track record and the licensees are working really hard to go by the rules and the numbers of cases in the casinos are minimal," she said. "That's not the case everywhere...I'm convinced the safety precautions here are appropriate and probably stron-

ger than anywhere else, especially with the dealer not taking bets while the ball is in play. It is also pretty important to note that some of these individuals will be getting their jobs back."

Encore Spokesman Eric Kraus said they are thrilled to have Roulette back on the gaming floor, and got started immediately offering the game.

"We don't know yet if there will be any major increase in our volume of our guests, but it allows another game for our guests, who have been asking repeatedly when Roulette would be back," he said. "It helps us really upgrade our games portfolio for our guests."

He said they would be re-hiring dealers for Blackjack as a result of bringing the game back. However they didn't know just how many.

He said Roulette dealers are some of the most experienced, and all know how to deal Blackjack as well. So, when Roulette closed down, many came back as Blackjack dealers. Now, they have moved back to Roulette, and that allows Encore to be able to bring back some Blackjack dealers.

"We're looking at expanding our dealers and we're looking at that now," he said. "We don't know an absolute number that will come back right now, but we're in the process of figuring that out."

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Grants available to support local water quality management

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$220,000 in federal grants to six projects across the Commonwealth to assess watershed pollution and plan for work to address water quality impairments, including one in Everett.

"Preservation of the Commonwealth's watersheds is crucial for natural resources, local economies and the quality of life of residents," said Governor Charlie Baker. "These grants will help local officials identify problem areas and implement comprehensive plans to ensure that watersheds and waterways are safe and healthy for all to enjoy."

The Everett project includes:

Mystic Infiltration Trench Siting and Design Project – \$40,450

City of Everett - The city will advance design plans for the eventual installation of approximately 250 street infiltration trench Best Management Practices through eight municipalities within the Mystic River Watershed.

The grants are funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. Since 1998, MassDEP has funded 109 projects under the 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning program, totaling more than \$5 million to address nonpoint source pollution problems.

"Watersheds and waterways can be contaminated by bacteria and nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus, severely impacting the quality of life in our communities," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "These grants will help communities assess the problem and come up with commonsense solutions."

The term "nonpoint source pollution" refers to contaminants that are carried to a waterway due to precipitation and stormwater runoff from the land or infiltration into the soil. Common types of nonpoint source pollution include phosphorus and nitrogen from lawn and garden fertilizers, bacteria from pet waste and waterfowl, oil and grease from parking lots and roadways and sediment from construction activities and soil erosion.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

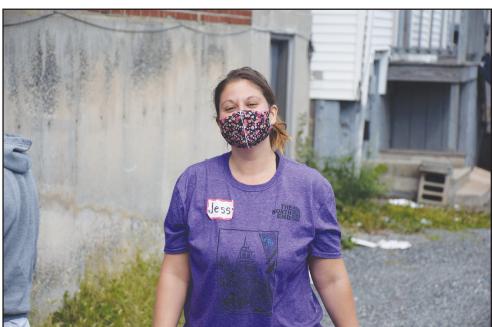
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EVERETT RESIDENTS HELP EHS ARTS PROGRAM WITH COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT



Jessica Mortell, of Neighborways, and Amanda Gill, of the EHS Art's Program, along with many volunteers, put together a community mural project last week on Burditt Lane. The group created this beautiful mural, that goes well with the new tree plantings and the clean-up that has been initiated on this landmark "cut through."



COURTESY PHOTOS

Jessica Mortell of Neighborways.



Volunteers working on the new mural, with one that was done by Kevin Angulo last year.

Councilors proposed to use \$2 million in City funds for those in housing loophole

By Seth Daniel

City Councilors Stephanie Martins and Michael McLaughlin were set to propose a City 'Pay the Rent' program at Tuesday night's Council meeting a program that would require a \$2 million appropriation to help residents pay their rent or mortgages if they has lost their jobs due to COVID-19.

The program comes as the date for the eviction moratorium quickly approaches on Saturday, Oct. 17. And while the state unveiled the expansion of many housing plans at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars, Martins and McLaughlin

said there are still many in Everett who may not qualify or who could fall between the cracks of state

programs. Martins said she felt it was time for bold action on evictions at a local level, hence the request for \$2 million to help pay for

"Unless the City or State Government takes action, there is no way that our tenants can pay five or more months of late rent, which in Everett could add up to more than \$6,000, leading to mass evictions and displacement," said Martins. "We must be ready to act as our tenants are at a risk of displacement and homelessness, and our landlords who depend on their rent as their main source of income - many of them who are seniors - and need to

get paid." She added there are many who have lost their jobs, or had their hours severely cut, and may not qualify for state programs.

"Governor Baker's announcement to add more relief funds is not good enough as the funds are directed to organizations that make applications income limited," said Martins. "Many individuals went from having a good income to no income at all and don't qualify on paper. Relief should be based on the resident's current change of circumstances and need instead."

McLaughlin said he and Martins have been hearing from residents who need a lifeline, and say that the state's announcement might not be the catch-all for them. He said he feels like it is the duty of the City to fill the gaps for its residents.

"Councilor Stephanie Martins and I have been talking with countless homeowners and tenants who have asked for a lifeline from their elected leaders," he said. "This led us to put a request into the Mayor that he immediately make available \$2 million from Free Cash to assist Everett residents.

We must rise to the occasion on this once-in-alifetime occasion and help resolve, or at least lessen, a bad situation. This is the worse health crisis we have experienced in 100 years and that means we must think outside the box and take unprecedented actions during these time. I hope the Mayor can respond today (Wednesday) in good faith and grant this measure immediately."

The calendar item was scheduled to be heard and voted on at Tuesday night's meeting, which came after Independent deadlines.

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moving forward."

Communications Workers of America members win new agreement at WGBH

Communications Workers of America Local 1400 has reached a tentative agreement with WGBH on a new three-year contract covering 240 work-

ers at the public broadcasting station.

The agreement includes substantial improvements over the previous contract, which expired in February

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of 2020. Wage minimums will increase by 13 percent and annual wage increases will no longer be left to the discretion of management. All employees covered by the contract will now receive overtime and holiday pay. There will be limits on cost-sharing for health insurance premi-

"This strong contract is a result of our memdetermination to win much-needed changes at WGBH," said Don Trementozzi, President of CWA Local 1400. "The agreement shows the power workers have when they join together in a union to fight for fair and equitable working conditions. When we fight, we win."

demic," said Barry Clegg,

CWA Local 1400 District

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Other improvements include guaranteed vacation cannot result in layoffs.

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DiDomenico receives Clean Water **Action "Legislative Champion Award"**

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined Clean Water Action's 26th Fall Celebration, an annual event to celebrate the successes from the year and honor champions of clean water, clean air, and healthy communities. During the virtual event, Senator DiDomenico was presented with the "Legislative Champion Award" for his work on Environmental Justice (EJ) legislation to eliminate disparities with respect to exposure to environmental toxins.

"It was an honor to presented with the Legislative Champion Award, alongside my partners Representative Liz Miranda, Representative Adrian Madaro, and Representative Michelle DuBois, for our collective work on environmental justice legislation," said Senator DiDomenico. "This legislation is so important for our communities, and it is even more critical in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am always proud to work with my legislative partners to advocate for justice for our constituents, and I am deeply grateful to Clean Water Action for their unwavering support and work on

environmental justice." Senator DiDomenico is a lead sponsor of the Environmental Justice Act, which seeks to address the unfair share of environmental pollution faced by a handful of communities by defining disproportion-



Senator Sal DiDomenico.

ate environmental burdens as injustices and the individuals affected by them as Environmental Justice populations. It further aims to facilitate a more equitable distribution of energy and environmental benefits and burdens throughout the Commonwealth via the expansion of environmental impact reviews, including evaluations by the Massachusetts Environmental Justice Advisory Council, which will have direct representation from EJ populations.

For decades, low-in-

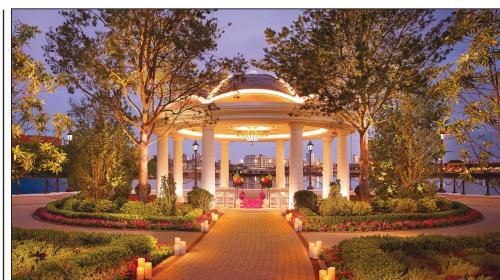
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communities of color in the Commonwealth have borne the brunt of the state's energy choices and have been left out of key decision-making processes. Consequences of these realities have resulted in a disproportionately high rate of COVID infections throughout EJ communities, as represented by data from the MA Dept. of Public health, and related CRESSH study. The

modeled COVID infection rates in towns throughout the Commonwealth, indicated during the height of summer infections that EJ communities like Chelsea and Everett faced 2955 and 1770 COVID cases, respectfully, while more affluent communities faced nearly a quarter of these outbreaks.

"Time and again, cities like Chelsea and Everett have been disproportionately impacted by our long history of short-sighted environmental and have taken on this toxic burden for our entire region. It should come as no surprise then that this history has had severe consequences for our health, and EJ cities like those in my district are now the communities most impacted by the COVID-19 virus," said Senator DiDomenico. "It has never been clearer that we need to pass the **Environmental Justice Act** this legislative session. Our residents cannot wait for us to take action any

longer." The Environmental Justice Act received a favorable report out of the Joint Committee on Environmental, Natural Resources and Agriculture in December of 2019, and is currently pending before the Senate Committee on Ways & Means. Language from the Environmental Justice Act was also included in the House Climate Change bill, which is currently pending before



Encore Boston Harbor has started offering small, "Micro-Wedding" packages at the resort this fall as businesses move forward in living with COVID-19.

Say 'I Do' to Encore Boston Harbor's micro-weddings packages

With the pandemic putting a damper on large gatherings and celebrations, Encore Boston Harbor has created a micro-wedding package for small groups to host intimate ceremonies and celebrations – a trend that is catching on in the region and nationwide as life move forward in living with COVID-19.

From a beautiful ceremony in the splendid Gazebo along the Harbor to an intimate gathering in one of Encore Boston Harbor's private function

rooms, the resort said it was a chance to ensure such a special day will be remembered forever.

The Encore Micro Wedding Package Includes:

- Complimentary 25rose bridal bouquet(s) accompanying and/or boutonniere(s)
- Seating for up to 25 guests on our South Lawn or in our Harborside Gazebo or a private function
- Atmospheric lighting
- Complimentary sanitization station
- Exclusive Resort and Gardens Access for wedding photography

· Priority booking access at Rare Steakhouse, Mystique or Fratelli for dinner following the ceremony

Mid-Week Packages beginning at \$1,500 and Weekend Packages starting at \$2,000. There is also a complimentary suite upgrade for the special couple. Parking is always complimentary in the Encore Boston Harbor

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Encore, Wynn Resorts looking at cutting-edge testing to create 'bubble' environment

CRESSH study, which has

By Seth Daniel

One of the perks of having a multi-billion dollar gaming company in the city during a pandemic is the fact that the company is working on the cutting edge of figuring out how to re-open with innovative solutions between now and the time that a vaccine reduces the threat of

COVID-19.

In an op-ed published across the country on Oct. 1, Wynn Resorts CEO Matt Maddox detailed a new plan that is unfolding this fall at their Las Vegas resorts - one that likely would trickle over to the Everett casino in early 2021 once solidified and worked out.

Maddox announced they have been working with University Medical Center (UMC), George-University town and leading testing labs in New York and California. Through that, they have now formulated plans to open up their own onsite COVID-19 lab with UMC. It will deploy thousands of accurate rapid tests at a fraction of the cost – a true innovation in allowing people to feel safe and comfortable in large spaces where people routinely congregate. He said the progress in rapid testing has been amazing to watch, and Wynn has been a steady partner in realizing such testing in their industry is a bridge solution to live with COVID-19 until a vaccine

"Our lab should be finished before Thanksgiving," he wrote of the pilot

is widely available.

operations in Las Vegas. "Extensive research clearly indicates that what is keeping people away from Las Vegas is not so much the physical environment, which we work diligently to keep sterilized, but rather a fear of other people. We must alleviate that fear."

He also detailed a scenario where rapid testing could allow crowds of people to come see a concert, and enjoy dinner - all with the safety of knowing no one inside is sick.

"Imagine the following: Lionel Richie is playing at the Encore Theater at 7 p.m.," he wrote. "Between noon and 4 p.m. that day, you and your friends each provide a saliva sample at our on-property testing centers. The barcodes are scanned and you download the free UMC app and go about your day. All the information is hosted by UMC and the data is private. When the test results come back at 6 p.m., a negative test triggers a green light on the app and you can attend the show. And because the same process will apply, you can also head into a securely populated convention the following morning."

He wrote that the science they have used shows that it takes 48 hours for someone to be communicable to others. Instead of a bubble, he said, it would be a way of allowing employees and guests to do things that right now aren't permitted or for which people are apprehensive to participate in. He added it could

not only open casinos, but also providing a model for the public schools to reopen safely.

conference committee.

"We are not planning on creating a full 'Wynn bubble' by testing everyone in every environment, but instead requiring a test for employees to work or guests to attend a show, convention, nightclub or other crowded space that exceeds the 'mass gathering' state mandated limits," he wrote. "Clearly, we will need approval from the state to execute this plan, but having worked closely with leading medical experts around the country, I believe that this approach can accelerate... recovery, and not just for the Las Vegas Strip, but also to reopen our schools.

"I see recovery on the other side of this turbulent river, but patiently waiting for the waters to subside is not the most effective approach," he continued. "Rapid tests and safe zones are the stepping stones we can use to continue to cross this river."

Eric Kraus, spokesperson for Encore Boston Harbor, said the company is on the forefront of COVID-19 safety, and it's something they are pioneering in Las Vegas, but could come to Everett at some point.

"Matt Maddox and Wynn are at the forefront of deploying technology to ensure safety and we are following how that progresses," he said. "We're hopefully going to follow Las Vegas. However, there are no plans definitively

for that here yet."



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COVID RAPID DRUG TESTING SITE IN SCHOOLS

CHELSEA - The top state health director, Marylou Sudders, has been called on by Chelsea Public Schools, five other diverse public school districts and a group of leading health researchers to be designated officially for a pilot COVID-19 fast-testing program they're calling the 'Safe Teachers, Safer Students Back to School Testing Collaborative.'

The reason for the program, the collaborative stated, is largely because the traditional flu season is going to overlap with what is believed to be a second wave of COVID-19 infections. The fact that the symptoms for both sicknesses are very similar will make it difficult to figure out who has COVID-19, and who simply has the flu and a common cold.

"Each district in the Commonwealth have access to testing capacity to identify those who are infected with COVID-19 within 24 hours, such that districts can isolate individuals and reduce transmission," read a memo on the program. "Such testing will also facilitate the return to school for those who are not infected, thereby preserving the workforce and reducing unnecessary quarantines. Furthermore, existing safety measures whose implementation is proposed are proving insufficient to reduce fear amongst teachers and parents given that they do not provide actual evidence of the number of asymptomatic COVID-19 cases in our public schools."

To try out the quick-testing program in the schools, Chelsea, Revere, Somerville, Wellesley, Watertown and Brookline have asked for a pilot program, which would be launched immediately as cohorts of students and staff begin to return to the various schools. They were joined in the call by Dr. Douglas Golenbock, chief of infectious disease at UMass Medical, Dr. Nira Pollock, associate director of infectious disease diagnostic lab at Boston Children's Hospital, and Dr. Jesse Boehm, institute scientist at the Broad Institute.

she was very glad Chelsea was in alignment with the other districts and medical professionals on the test-

ing program.

"I am grateful to be part of the Safer Teachers, Safer Students: Back-to-School (COVID-19) Collaborative Pilot because as a collaborative we are learning and working with each other to bring our teachers and students back to school through testing," she said. "With this pilot, it is my hope that when we are able meet physically in-person for school, we can pilot this program with the first phase-in of our hybrid model and bring our most vulnerable students back first."

The memo on the stated it would be the first of its kind in the state, and maybe the nation – if accepted by Sudders as a pilot.

"We believe multi-district pilot is the first of its kind in the public school setting, both in the State of Massachusetts and in the Nation," read the memo. "If successful, this effort will demonstrate how to reduce fear and anxiety about return-to-school, pave the way toward ensuring that in-person public school K-12 learning can continue as long as possible, and increase safety of both teachers and students. Critically, it will create a generalizable framework that any town in the Commonwealth can follow."

The districts were chosen by the medical professionals due to their different choices in backto-school formats, their different geographies, and the different community compositions. Since the pilot launched, the memo indicated 10 other districts have inquired about being involved.

The program would run roughly through Dec. 1, and would include the following types of testing.

•Symptomatic Testing and Contact Tracing: this testing will be covered by insurance.

•Time Zero Benchmark Testing: one-time testing of all staff and students prior to back-to-school.

Weekly Assurance Testing for Staff: continuous monitoring of staff given their diversity of hometowns.

•Longitudinal Surveillance: weekly monitoring

ed schools to provide real time estimation of risk in buildings and provide evidence of whether our safety protocols are working

The collaborative of school districts and medical professionals asked primarily that Secretary Sudders designate the program as a state-supported pilot, and reconfigure existing Stop the Spread test sites in 'red' communities to support the schools.

HOOPBUS COMES TO CHELSEA

CHELSEA - The Hoop-Bus came to the city to join with the Chelsea Youth Adult Alliance and the Chelsea Black Community for a BLM Protest for Breonna Taylor Saturday at Chelsea City Hall.

Residents and participants in the rally and march agreed it was quite an accomplishment for local leaders, including CBC President Joan Cromwell and her son, CYAA leader Kyle Umemba, to bring the HoopBus to Chelsea.

Joey Greenstein, Hoop-Bus driver and producer, said the HoopBus had visited large cities such as Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. [for the March on Washington], New York City, and Springfield, the third largest in Massachusetts by population.

"The HoopBus is about spreading love through basketball and shooting the basketball around [there is an actual basketball hoop connected to the bus] Is a way to show solidarity," too," said Green-

He said the goal of the HoopBus is "bringing people from all walks of life to show support and love each other and to make a positive impact."

Chelsea's second alltime basketball scorer Cesar Castro understands how the sport can bring the community together. Castro and Umemba co-founded the Let It Fly Classic Tournament that has become a very popular event in Chelsea (COVID-19 forced the duo to cancel the Classic this summer). The Classic has resulted in thousands of dollars being awarded to Chelsea students.

"Kyle is my longtime best friend and I'm very proud of him for doing

HOOPBUS JOINS WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS



Chelsea's Kyle Umemba takes it between the legs for a massive dunk on the Hoop Bus last Saturday, Oct. 3, before the Black Lives Matter protest in memory of Breonna Taylor, which he helped to organize.

my support 1,000 percent," said Castro. "This is a beautiful thing bringing the city together and sending a positive message and saying everything about Breonna Taylor and racial justice and making sure that everything becomes the right thing to do and comes to life."

Cromwell delivered the opening remarks at the rally. "I thank you all for being here on such short notice. We reached out to the City and the Police Department and amazingly as usual, everybody is on board as our community always stands with one strong voice and I'm so thankful for that."

Cromwell encouraged residents to fill out the U.S. Census form. "We want to make sure that we get as much [Federal] funding as we can in this city," said Cromwell.

She also urged residents to vote in the Nov. 3 election. "This is an election year and this vote absolutely going to change our country and our world, so please make sure you register to vote," said Crom-

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson said he was impressed by the appearance of the nationally recognized HoopBus in Chelsea.

"But I would like to see more of my colleagues in city government attending this rally and showing their support," said Robin-

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LOOKING AT SOME SALARIES REVERE - Council-

lor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said he was not happy with Mayor Brian Arrigo's memo to the councillors concerning the Mayor's proposed restoration of certain salaries that were reduced by the City Council during the budget process. Zambuto aired his criticisms at a recent Council meeting through a motion that was eventually referred to the Ways and Means Subcommittee meeting on Oct. 26.

"I am distraught by a

memo that tells me that the Mayor is about to circumvent the will of the City Council," began Zambuto. "We had a lengthy budget, sometimes contentious budget deliberation. I don't know about you but I know my constituents voted for the City Council to be the legislative body for the Mayor. I'm sure there's a loophole and the Mayor's found it and we'll deal with that in the future."

Zambuto asked in a motion that Mayor Arrigo be directed to justify his authority to make [salary] appropriations without the approval of the City Council. The increases in salary are believed to be for the members of the Mayor's Cabinet. The Council voted against the salary increases during the Fiscal Year 2021 budget process.

"I'm asking for the justification and how the Mayor has gotten around the law," said Zambuto.

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti asked that the City Council request a written opinion from the Mass. Bureau of Municipal Finance Law "on the legality of certain appropriations relative to salaries made by the Mayor in excess of what was approved by the City Council in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget."

"This is not political," continued Visconti. "This is strictly about checks and balances. I want to make sure we are doing the right thing. I assume the Administration has done that, but I'm here to represent the residents."

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo said, "We are the checks and balances. To make it simplified for people, the Mayor is the President and we're the Congressional, Senate body - we are the ones that deliberate on the budget and the allocation of money, the appropriation of dollars etc."

"The issue is how can you give a pay raise when you have people being laid off and people losing their house and people losing their job here in the city itself, it's hard to justify that," said Rotondo.

"The issue here is beyond the law. It's about perception at this point and that part of this issue."

Zambuto concluded by expressing his further disapproval of the Mayor's

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actions. "I said during the budget process that at the time it was morally repugnant to put up [salary] increases during a pandemic when we laid off people and when people are asked to retire early," said Zambuto. "I can't think of anything more morally repugnant than finding a way around the will of the City Council. Right now, I'm very uncomfortable with what's going on here."

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino requested that the Mayor's communication to the Council be read aloud at the meeting and City Clerk Ashley Melnik did so. It was a somewhat unusual request, but to her extreme credit, Melnik had the communication on tap immediately for public consumption.

In that communication, Arrigo wrote, "The Council's action [rejecting the proposed salary increases of seven positions from the budget] does not diminish the importance of the positions I sought to fund. The reorganization of our administrative framework is critical to facilitate outstanding and efficient service to our residents. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impose extraordinary demands on our workforce and underscore the need for skilled and dedicated staff, I have explored alternative means funding the payroll adjustments without affecting the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget. I have determined we are able to restore the unfunded portions of salaries with a combination of federal, state, and local dollars without impacting

City Council President Patrick Keefe said the matter will be referred to the Ways and Means Committee, asking that Director of Finance Richard Viscay be present for the next meeting to respond to questions from the Council.

the city's bottom line."

AMAZON MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE TENANT FOR SHOWCASE **CINEMA SITE**

REVERE - An agreement has been reached between National Amusements, Inc. (NAI), owner of the Showcase Cinemas de Lux site in Revere, and Northbridge Partners, a Massachusetts based developer and investment firm, for the sale of the property whose connection to a movie-related business dates all the way back to 1948 when the former Revere Drive-In opened. According to Attorney

Gerry D'Ambrosio, the iconic, 22.5-acre property on Squire Road - which has housed a NAI movie theater [building] for the past 50 years - is currently under agreement to Northbridge Partners. D'Ambrosio also con-

firmed that Northbridge "will situate the site" and likely lease the property to Amazon, the world-renowned online retailer, who will build a new distribution facility there. The current theater building will be torn down and a brand-new, multi-million-dollar facility will be built. D'Ambrosio will be representing Northbridge

and Amazon in the redevelopment process. The new Amazon facility would mark the company's second major entry

into the Revere econo-

my. An Amazon delivery

station opened in July at the former New England Confectionary Co. (Necco) site on American Legion Highway.

The current Showcase Cinemas movie complex occupies 102,000 square feet of space. Amazon's proposed, state-of-the-art, last-mile facility will occupy 90,000 square feet. Amazon employees at

the new facility will work closely with the current Amazon site at 135 American Legion Highway.

D'Ambrosio said the Showcase `10-screen Cinemas complex will close once the sale of the property is consummated, "probably by the new year or so when permitting is complete." The theater, a popular gathering place for Revere families and area movie fans for generations, has re-opened after being closed due for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. D'Ambrosio said the

decision to open a second facility in the city underlines the fact "that Revere is viewed as an up-andcoming city with a lot of economic development potential. The city's quality workforce and proximity to Boston, as well as the North Shore, make it an ideal spot. And Northbridge and Amazon's decision to expand is a recognition of City's excellent long-term forecast for the City of Revere is excellent.

The economic benefits for the city are numerous. Amazon's new facility will result in more job opportunities for Revere residents. There will be a huge increase in the property taxes for the City of Revere. "The property tax-

es will likely triple from where they are currently at," said D'Ambrosio. "Those commercial tax payments to the City will go a long way in helping the residential tax rates stay lower. There will also be an increase in motor excise tax payments to the City because Amazon will be housing many of its delivery vehicles on the site. When you factor in the increased jobs, the increased commercial property taxes, the extra motor vehicle excises taxes, and the permit fees – the City is going to get substantially increased revenue." D'Ambrosio said that

because the current property sits in an industrial zone, "the project will not require ZBA or City Council relief." "Regardless, Amazon

and Northbridge want to continue working collaboratively with the city and they're going to be sensitive in getting the City's input on the new project," said D'Ambrosio. Mayor Brian Arrigo and

Ward 6 City Councillor Richard Serino both commented on the impending closure of the theater and the changes being proposed for the property. "The City and our Eco-

nomic Development Department are informed of the conversations about changes at the Showcase Cinema property," said Mayor Arrigo. "Unfortunately, the theater industry has suffered an extraordinary blow during the pandemic. That, coupled with the fact that the Revere multiplex design is an outmoded concept for the industry's future, has accelerated consideration about the theater's viability at its current location. Showcase Cinema has

been a good neighbor for

all our city, and we will

work with them and any future occupants of the valuable property for the benefit of all our city." Said Serino, in whose

ward the movie theater is located, "As a Councillor who ran for office to seek more broad, commercial development opportunities for our Ward and the City of Revere, I am thrilled that the redevelopment of Showcase Cinema will be one that will not bring more residential units, but rather job opportunities for Revere residents, revenue from increased property taxes, new excise taxes paid to the City and projected to have less of a traffic impact than that of the current movie theater. I am proud to work handin-hand with city leaders, Attorney D'Ambrosio and Amazon officials to ensure that this will be a development we can all be proud of, and one that will be great for Ward 6 residents for years to come."

National Amusement Inc. officials confirmed the potential sale of the property, stating, "Showcase Cinemas is deeply committed to our Massachusetts and US theatrical exhibition business. We have been a business leader in the Revere community for more than a half century. As part of looking towards the future, we continue to focus on the development, design and evolution of the theatrical experience through the opening of our new Showcase Cinema de Lux at Hanover Crossing in 2021. We also are diligently looking at potential new sites for future Showcase Cinemas locations, including in the Revere area."

EARLY VOTING TO START ON OCT. 17

EAST BOSTON Amid a global pandemic, historic racial unrest and a faltering economy, voters will head to the polls on Nov. 3 during arguably one of the most contentious U.S. Presidential elections since 1860. Mayor Martin Walsh

reminded East Boston residents and residents across the city that voter registration deadline for the Nov. 3 election is Oct. 24 and registered voters can begin early voting in the Presidential election later this month.

Walsh also announced that early voting in Boston would begin on Saturday, Oct. 17 and end on Friday Oct. 30. In Eastie, the city has

expanded early voting operations in the neighbor-"We now have 27

unique sites across the city where you can vote early and in-person, including City Hall," said Walsh. "All of these locations, during the early voting period, are open to all registered voters in Boston. You can vote at any one of them." In Eastie early voting will take place at the

BCYF Paris Street Gymnasium at 112 Paris Street. The site will be open for early voting on Satur-

day, Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 20 from noon to 8 p.m. "Every voting site will

be prepared for health and safety, with social distancing, cleaning, and PPE," said Walsh. "If you would like to vote by mail, and

you haven't submitted

your ballot application

yet, you can do so until

October 28. You can now apply online at the Secretary of State's website. The Election Department has started mailing out the first vote-by-mail ballots to those who requested one this week, and will continue to do so as applications are received. When you get your ballot, you should complete it, sign it, and return it with the envelope as soon as possible. It's important to follow the instructions, step by step. You can mail it in as long as it is postmarked by November 3 and received by the Election Department by November 6."

Voters can also deposit vote-by-mail ballots at any early voting location while it is open for voting or at Eastie's ballot dropbox. Eastie's ballot dropbox is located at the East Boston Branch Library, 365 Bremen St. The dropbox will be available seven days a week until 8

OFFICIALS WANT TO SEE TREE CANOPY **INCREASED**

EAST BOSTON - Tree Eastie, an organization that has been trying to rekindle the neighborhood's grassroots effort to get more trees planted in the neighborhood, has been working with NOAH (Neighborhood of Affordable Housing) youth over the past year to document open tree pits, to care for street trees, and to get new trees planted in the neighborhood.

The collaboration has been part of a years-long effort to increase Eastie's tree canopy and improve the health and beauty of the neighborhood. Mayor Martin Walsh

and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department announced that the city will partner with Tree Eastie and other local groups across the city to find a consultant and partner that can help create an equitable vision for the protection and expansion of the City's tree canopy.

The city recently put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking this partner and consultant.

Walsh said the selected consultant will support a transparent planning process that recognizes and supports communities like Eastie that have been disproportionately exposed to environmental stress-The planning process

will include collaboration with key departments, agencies and partners like Tree Eastie that have a role in the protection or expansion of Boston's tree "As we plan for our

city's future, we're working to ensure Boston is an equitable, safe city for all residents," said Mayor Walsh. "We know how critical trees are as we fight climate change and improve the quality of life for all residents. This urban forest plan is the first of its kind in Boston, and is an opportunity to ensure every neighborhood has the resources they deserve and need. Boston is committed to strengthening our environmental work, and creating a brighter, greener future for all." Tree Eastie recently re-

ceived a grant of \$10,000 to plant more trees in Eastie. The project is an effort to bring awareness to

Eastie's lack of street trees

with the goal of doubling

the neighborhood's tree

canopy coverage.

The NOAH define the tree canopy as street trees or trees that line the sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. These youths have been working to gather information and data on the tree canopy and now are starting to plant these new trees throughout Eastie.

More than 70 trees were planted last year, and another 40 trees are slated to be planted this year. Using Google Earth

the NOAH Youth mapped and marked every tree in the neighborhood. They counted the number of trees per street and calculated how many trees could possibly fit on any given street. Studies show that ideally for a good urban tree canopy there is a tree every 20 to 25 feet.

The NOAH youth found there were 1,924 trees in Eastie and over 300,000 linear feet of sidewalk space. On average there is a tree every 167 feet. If a tree was planted every 25 feet, Eastie could have over 12.500 trees.

An example that the NOAH youth point to is a 4,980 foot stretch of Maverick Street from the Maverick Gate near the airport to Maverick Square where there are only 17 trees, or 9 percent of the possible 199 trees that could potentially line the street.

The NOAH youth said trees naturally absorb pollution and could reduce urban noise by 6 to 15 decibels. The NOAH Youth plan to increase tree coverage in Eastie to 30 percent thus doubling the current tree canopy cover-Alongside the City, Tree

Eastie will work with the picked partner and apply an environmental justice lens throughout the entire process of creating a 20year "Urban Forest Plan." "As an environmen-

tal justice community, we know that East Boston residents are disproportionately affected by coastal flooding due to sea level rise," said Bill Masterson, Founder and Executive Director of Tree Eastie. "Planning for the future of our City's trees is an important part of a holistic approach for resilient communities." Working with the se-

lected partner Tree Eastie will help the city develop strategies to promote growth, longevity, and protection of Boston's urban canopy over the next 20 years. Understanding where canopy loss is hap-

pening is the first step in addressing these issues through policy, including guidelines for tree canopy protection on public, private, and institutional property.

"Mayor Walsh's FY21 budget provided a clear path forward with new funding for an urban forest plan and the staff to implement it,' said Chris Cook, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will continue to care for Boston's trees, and this plan represents a huge step toward proactive canopy stewardship."

In addition to the \$500,000 budgeted for the Urban Forest Plan, historic investments in public spaces this year will also support the hiring of a new arborist and the planting of an additional 1,000 trees, doubling the yearly total to 2,000 trees planted per year.

The Urban Forest Plan and RFP builds on the Walsh Administration's work to combat climate change, and advance strategies to mitigate carbon mitigation.

This initiative aims to increase resilience to major flooding events, while also increasing access and open space area along the waterfront.

Coastal resilience plans are about to enter a second phase for Eastie and Charlestown and other coastal resilience plans are to be announced soon for Downtown, the North

End, and Dorchester. The RFP was released on Monday, Sept. 28, and proposals are due by Oct. 28, at noon. Responses can be submitted digitally via a secure FTP site or via hard copy. Detailed submission instructions, including alternative means of digital submission can be found in Section 8.2 of the Request for Proposals. Applicants can view the advertisement for this RFP on the Bids and RFPs webpage. The RFP is being managed by the City of Boston's Parks and Recreation Department. All questions or communications should be made to the RFP contact, Maggie Owens, by phone at 617-961-3025 or email at maggie.owens@boston. gov. A virtual Information Session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8. Please register by 3 p.m. on Oct. 8 via Eventbrite at bit.ly/ urban-forest-plan.



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OBITUARIES

Alfred George D'Angelo

Retired Everett Housing Authority Maintenance Foreman

Alfred George D'Angelo of Everett entered into eternal rest after a brief illness on Wednesday, Oct. 7 in the Katzman Center for Living in Chelsea. He was 80 years old.

Born in Melrose and a lifelong resident of Everett, he worked for many years as a maintenance foreman for the Everett Housing Authority.

He wa the dear son of the late Bernice (Surrette) and George D'Angelo, beloved husband of Janet M. (O'Keefe) D'Angelo, dear and devoted father of Mary Doherty and her husband, Daniel of Virginia, George D'Angelo and his wife, Carol of Lynnfield and David D'Angelo of Everett; brother of David D'Angelo and his wife, Linda of Saugus,



Paulette DeViller and her late husband, Andrew of Malden and Robert D'Angelo and his wife, Carmel of Dunmere, PA and loving grandfather of Kaitlyn, Jillian, Daniel and Jack Doherty.

Because of COVID-19 and the safety and concerns for their family and friends, all services will be private. Arrangements are by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. 617.387.3120.

Rose Caruso

Devout Catholic

Rose (Rossi) Caruso, a lifelong resident of Revere, died on October 8 at the age of 97.

Rose was a devout attend-Catholic who ed Mass regularly at. St Anthony's Church. She enjoyed spending summers with her family and friends at Revere Beach. She will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Born in Revere on June 22, 1923 to the late Anthony Rossi and Marie (Rappa), she was the beloved wife of the late Armando Caruso, devoted mother of Armand Caruso of Revere and the late Angela Adams (Caruso), cherished grandmother of James Adams and his wife, Lisa of Maynard, adored great grandmother of Sofia Adams and dear sister of the late Michael Rossi, Anthony Rossi, and Emily Mar-



A Funeral Mass was Celebrated at St. Anthony's Church in Revere and Entombment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rose's name to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or at www2.heart.org. For guest book, please visit www.buonfigliocom.

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John G. Fraser III

Retired Mass. State Tax Examiner, Master Mason, long active in the Everett community



John G. Fraser III, a life-Everett resident, passed Friday away

morning, October 9 at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea. He was 81 years old.

Born and raised in Everett, the son of the late John G. Fraser, Jr. and Olga J. (Flight) Fraser, John attended Everett Public Schools and graduated from Everett High School, Class of 1958. After high school he attended Fisher Junior College in Boston. John enlisted in the US Air Force on October 3, 1960 and was honorably discharged on September 29, 1964. In 2007 John retired from the Commonwealth of MA after he dedicated 27 years of service as a tax examiner. John also worked as a Sales Representative for Converse Rubber for 12 years.

He was an active member of his community. John was a long time member of the Glendale Methodist Church in Everett and also a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop #720 for 15 years. He enjoyed being a Scout Leader for a number of years. John was also a 54 year Master Mason of the Mt. Vernon-Galilean Lodge. He was very proud to be a Mason and a Veteran, however the greatest joy in his life were his grandchildren. He loved spending time with them and watching them grow. He will be greatly missed



The devoted husband of Nancy J. (Mayo) Fraser with whom he shared 52 years of marriage, he was the beloved father of John G. Fraser IV and his wife, Michelle and Jeffrey G. Fraser and his wife, Stacey, all of Everett, brother of the late Douglas G. Fraser and is also lovingly survived by three grandchildren, Kayla M. Fraser, Christian J. and Avery L.

Fraser, all of Everett. Funeral services were conducted at the Glendale United Methodist Church in Everett on Monday, October 12 at 12 Noon. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea. Dona-

View Native America story on Indigenous Peoples' Day

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) said Oct. 12 is a day commonly used to commemorate a myth about how European explorers discovered the Americas. This year, LULAC is helping to recast that history through the eyes and voices of the indigenous peoples of the modern-day Western Hemisphere in an event that will inspire and empower communities of color. "The indigenous civili-

zations of North and South

America are the ones we

should be honoring on this day every year," says Sindy Benavides, LULAC Chief Executive Officer. "We should do so in remembrance of their loss, the unimaginable suffering they experienced and the atrocities committed against them simply because they were in the way of so-called explorers. This is why we are proud to join with the Barcid Foundation, a respected organization led by Ian Skorodin, President and CEO, which is dedicated to uplifting the stories of Native Americans in the United States. This event is in collaboration with the University of Southern California (USC) School of Cinematic Arts in its Visions and Voices Series presenting: "Native America Next Shorts Program." This is a beautiful weaving of stories that depict how the indigenous spirit across our history has surpassed the worst acts of brutality and unspeakable wrongs committed against Native Americans and communities of color. Today, we stand as a nation that can and must seek reconciliation by acknowledging the record as a first step towards healing.'

Evidence of the shifting sentiments about the true meaning of Oct. 12 is seen by a growing number of cities, states and jurisdictions that observe a holiday but do not reference it to the traditional tale of a lone Spanish explorer-savior who ventured west in search of a path to the Far East. Instead, increasingly the day is being spent by entire communities connecting with their indigenous roots through cultural celebrations, informational forums and solemn ceremonies remembering ancestors slain and indigenous civilizations decimated by the conquistadors and those who followed

"LULAC extends its heartfelt gratitude to the USC School of Cinematic Arts and the Barcid Foundation filmmakers for inviting us to pause and listen to the voices of the first peoples of the Americas and to truly look around ourselves and imagine the indigenas... the men, women and children here long before Europeans 'discovered' this land,' says Benavides. "May today be a time of reflection and a day of advocating for adopting a new movement of truth in our schools, our governance and throughout our nation, not born out of guilt, but out of a resolve to end oppression against the weaker, the less-powerful or the gentler cultural spirits among us. Only then, will we truly be a country of the free and the brave by honoring the great civilizations which preceded us embracing their legacy and descendants as part of who we are today and hope to become in the future.'



tions in John's memory may be made to the Glendale United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 151 Glendale St., Everett, MA 02149. We encourage family and friends to visit www.carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.







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Paul R. White Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./ Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/ her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable,

and the defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the amended complaint herein on or before the return day of October 28, 2020. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: August 11, 2020 Pamela Časev O'Brien. Register of Probate Court

10/14/20

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.

CHURCH News

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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

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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 to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.for-

everett.church to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network www.everettcan.com to request any additional

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 Sponsor the bulletin! For

a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions. Boy Scout Troop 814:

Meet in Cooper Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings. NA Meetings - Mon.

Bring Your Own Book 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 -9:30 p.m. AA Meeting - Saturday

evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 Pastor's Office Hours:

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http://www.glen-

daleumc-everett.org **Glendale United Methodist Church Pastor David Jackson** 392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers) Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street 617-387-2916 PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com **Pastor's Office Hours:** Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM. Other times by appointment.

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their face-

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

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike,

S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Can-

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception

is as follows: Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Family

Mass), 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. 12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel. Eucharistic Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursdays' adoration will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

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Medal. He was discharged in 1956 and returned home to Everett where he met his wife, Rita, and they went on to raise one of Everett's greatest families, the Hurley's. They raised their five children on Franklin Street, and at last count, the family has grown to include 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. William J. Hurley is sorely missed by all but will always remain a hero in Everett.



William Hurley's Air Force jacket, along with some mementos of his service in the Korean War.



The Everett Police Honor Guard stood at attention as Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano spoke.



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