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Halloween plan not embraced by all elected officials, but lights are on in Everett Oct. 31

By Seth Daniel

There's a trick in the treating this year, and the trick will be in the details as the City has announced Halloween trick-or-treating will be encouraged in the neighborhoods for a limited time on Oct. 31, but not everyone is on board with the decision.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced last week that Halloween was not cancelled and the City was encouraging young people to trick-or-treat in their neighborhoods from 5-7 p.m. on Halloween, Oct.

The move was to present some normalcy for the children and to be able to enjoy the fun of costumes.

The mayor is requesting that the citizens of Everett

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#### Abrupt end to Census 2020

By Seth Daniel

The Census 2020 effort came to an abrupt halt on Friday, Oct. 16, as the U.S. Supreme Court sided with the Trump Administration in Washington, D.C., about not extending the Census through Oct. 31.

The Trump Administration and Census folks had said they need time to crunch the numbers nationally through the fall in order to have the final numbers on President Donald Trump's desk by Dec. 31, as required Constitutionally. However, a series of court rulings had extended it to Oct. 31 from Sept. 25. After an appeal to the Supreme Court, the Census

was ended on Friday. City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said the counts were likely going to remain unchanged from the 2010 numbers, which was a letdown due to the fact many believe Everett is chronically undercounted on paper and likely has just north of 60,000 people in

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LOCAL COLOR







One doesn't need to go miles to the north to catch some brilliant fall colors this year, as the HarborWalk and Malden River trails provide plenty of fresh air and bright fall colors this year. Along the Malden River at RiverGreen Park, reds, yellows and oranges provide a backdrop for a ton of water birds getting ready for their migration south. Meanwhile, the HarborWalk along Encore Boston Harbor has no shortage of fall colors like these orange Marigolds along the waterfront. With pleasant weather forecast for this fall, and COVID-19 curtailing a lot of travel, Everett residents have been out and about in the "urban forest" this year.

## Gentle slope upward in COVID cases seen at CHA Everett hospital

By Seth Daniel

The break in COVID-19 cases at CHA Everett hospital has subsided, with a 'gentle slope" upwards that has the hospital cautiously implementing protocols that were successful during last spring's surge, but at the same time assuring there is not a panic at the moment.

Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett, reported this week that the trajectory of cases is moving gently upwards, though obviously far from the panic levels that the hospital saw last spring.

That said, Lai-Becker said they are moving back to some of the precautions that were successful in the spring – things like daily coordinating phone calls, making practices developed on the fly into official policy and re-evaluating the visitor policy.

"It has been a very gentle slope upward since late September," she said. "It is clearly not going down. There's not any huge spike, but the trajectory and slope of cases is a very gentle upward slope. It's not exactly what we'd like to see, but it's not unexpected either."

Daily hospitalizations

for COVID-19 at CHA Everett have ranged from 15 to 24 over the last several days, and about two to four of those patients are in the ICU for COVID-19. The numbers have been steadily increasing over the last two weeks, when the numbers of hospitalizations were in the single

Lai-Becker said they have given around 70,000 COVID-19 tests since March, and there have been 4,500 that came back positive. She said the positivity rate is another metric

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## With needs greater than ever, Grace Food Pantry celebrates five years

The Everett Grace Food Pantry celebrated its 5th year in the City of Everett this past week. Over the years, Grace Pantry has changed and grown; from 100 families being served a week to 3,000 families a week. The Pantry faced difficult challenges headon brought by the coronavirus outbreak; focusing has made beautiful friendships and has become a

on the families first and their needs. The Pantry

family unto itself.

or thank everyone from now to the start of Pantry but I thank God for all of you," said Director Irene Cardello. "I thank God for supplying our needs, for His protection, His guidance and His provisions.

Without the support of our wonderful City, the Police, Mayor Carlo De-

our City leaders and the involvement of so many businesses. could never help so many especially now when it's "I couldn't begin to list needed the most."



The Grace Food Pantry has been a key to keeping people fed and provided for during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the organization came to be long before the pandemic. This past week, Grace Pantry and its newfound "family" celebrated five years in existence on Church Street. Director Irene Cardello - pictured here with Connolly Center Director Dale Palma – said they have gone from serving 100 families five years ago to more than 3,000 now. See Page 6

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## Homework...Help!

Some parents hope the schools can focus more on student/parent experience

Whether it's wrong classroom links, faulty internet, too much dead time, or any other of the challenges Everett parents are facing with their kids in remote learning – many of them are calling for the schools to have a better understanding of the experience on the other side of the computer screen.

As remote schooling in Everett Public Schools (EPS) hits the one-month mark, many parents report that they are as drained physically and emotionally as they were last spring during emergency remote learning – and as an overwhelming majority of families have their kids

learning at home, some say there are things the school could do better to help.

First thing: trying a little understand. "I'm not saying shame

on them or anything," said Malikka Jones, a parent of three EPS students, two in high school and one in fourth grade. "Everyone is trying to adjust to this. As a parent I am saying to help us out a bit...I know there is more that I could do as a parent with this, but I'm overwhelmed and I'm exhausted. It's draining to contact all the teachers for all three kids. It's so draining."

Jones said there have

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## Early voting sees brisk start; more voters than 2016 expected

By Seth Daniel

More than 700 people have already voted early in person in Everett for the Nov. 3 General Election, with another 7,000 ballots already out for the vote by mail option as the highly-anticipated presidential election begins its churn towards a result.

"The early voting period started last weekend and we had about 700 people vote in person over three days," said City Clerk Sergio Cornelio on Tuesday. "We haven't had any complaints and everyvoting is underway. Ballots got here a little later than we wanted them to from the state, but we've mailed out more than 7,000. By the end of it all, the mail-in will be about double the 4,000 that came in the State Primary. I believe by Election Day, we will already have about 9,000 to 10,000 people who have already voted or we'll have their ballot in hand."

Cornelio said they ex-

pect a turnout of about 6,000 people on Election Day, Nov. 3, and he believes there will be more voters in 2020 than in 2016.

In 2016, there were 14,500 votes cast in the General Election, highlighted by the race between President Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. This time around, he expects there to be 16,000 ballots cast in total.

There are also more registered voters this time around, with more than 21,000 registered voters for the election, which is one feels safe. The mail-in up 1,500 over 2016. The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Saturday, October 24.

If an Everett resident prefers to vote by mail, the last day to submit an application to vote by mail is Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 5 p.m.

"During these unprecedented times, we want the residents of the City of Everett to be able to exercise their right to vote

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## Baker proposes revised FY2021 budget

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 14, made an announcement regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, which has been updated since its initial filing in January to reflect almost \$1 billion in additional spending.

"This update budget plan reflects the new realities associated with COVID-19 but continues to make significant investments in education and economic development and it does not raise taxes."

Baker said that given how difficult the pandemic has been on residents and business owners, it is especially important to push for a budget that does not ask for more money from taxpayers.

Baker continued, "as is the case for all other states, COVID-19 has created significant budget uncertainties here."

He said that projected revenue in the Commonwealth for FY 21 "dropped by about \$3.6 billion, according to new projections...'

Tax filing and payment deadlines had also been extended during the pandemic to take some of the pressure off of residents and businesses during these uncertain times, he added.

Baker said that this year, there were many unforeseen expenses due to the pandemic, such as about \$1 billion through MassHealth "to help stabilize health care providers," almost \$50 million for field hospitals, \$90 million for the contact tracing program, \$56 million for food insecurity, and \$350 for the acquisition and stabilization of PPE, he

He said that the state's rainy day fund has tripled to an all-time high of \$3,.5 billion, and the state has worked to find budget savings over the past few years," which has now allowed for the build-up of funding reserve, from which some money-up to \$1.35 billion—can be pulled, along with some federal aid, without having to increase taxes.

The budget being submitted to the legislature is a \$45.5 billion dollar budget that has been updated to make "significant new investments" in schools, pandemic response, and main street economies, he said. The originally proposed budget was \$44.6 billion.

"The budget also sustains support for important services like health care, local aid, and transportation, and the funding is available to support these programs that especially will be provided disproportionately to communities that have been affected particularly hard by the virus, including many of our communities of color."

Baker addressed some highlights of the budget, including \$5.3 billion for "K-12 public schools through local municipalities." He said this is more than what was originally proposed in the January budget.

The budget also supports Partnerships for Growth, an economic development package to support small businesses, as well as adds" \$100 million dollars in economic development initiatives that aim to provide workforce development improvements, better connect workers and businesses, and support small business-

This funding will provide resources for small businesses such as technical assistance, and will have a focus on businesses that are owned by minorities, women, and veterans, Baker said.

Additionally, the budget calls for \$8.4 million in new funding to turn vocational high schools into "career technical institutes" that will train 20,000 new workers in different trades over the course of the next four years. Baker said this is "more important now than ever" as people are looking for well paying jobs that are

"Despite the turbulent fiscal environment for state government, we must continue to promote economic empowerment, especially for people of color across the Commonwealth. The budget continues to make significant investments in workforce development, education, and small business support, which were all recommended by the Black and Latino Advisory Commissions."

The Baker administration recently announced a "comprehensive plan to provide support for residents and families to help them avoid evictions and foreclosures during these unprecedented times."

The proposed budget allocates \$123 million for

the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, \$72 million for local housing authorities, and \$182 million for emergency assistance for the family shelter system, Baker said.

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Aside from "sustaining the public health investments" related COVID-19, the budget includes \$160 million "to support Chapter 257 human service provider rate increases..." There is also a ten percent increase for MassHealth to help with the increase in "caseloads" and other costs related to COVID-19, he said.

The budget also calls for \$316 million to "combat substance misuse...which continues our work to battle the opioid crisis and other addiction issues as we confront this pandemic," Baker It also proposes \$1.2 bil-

lion in operating costs for the MBTA in addition to its \$8 billion capital plan, as well as \$386 million for MassDOT, "including full funding of its snow and ice budget," and \$20 million for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program, he said.

"Thanks in part to the work we did to build up our reserves and our responsible approach to budgeting generally, this revised proposal enables the Commonwealth to make significant investments in our recovery, while continuing to fund key services that support our continued fight against the virus," Baker said. "We look forward to continuing to work with our legislative colleagues as the budget process moves forward, and we remain committed to supporting all of our residents throughout this public health emergency and the ongoing recovery."

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito added that the money from this budget "will continue to support communities and families across the Commonwealth," she said.

She also said that the administration is aware of the "importance of our local governments," "this budget proposal will maintain local aid to cities and towns and it will do so without raising taxes."

The budget will move to the legislature for approval, and more information about the FY21 budget will be made available on mass.

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been so many glitches with at-home learning some that are on her kids, some that are structural to the program and much of it to do with Everett's sub-standard Internet infrastructure citywide. Many of those considerations aren't understood or don't exist on the teacher or school side of the computer – but as she tries to work as a social worker full time from home, Jones said each and every one of these glitches fall

And she said she's not alone as a number of other parents she knows in the district have shared they feel the same way.

"We're struggling," she said. "I didn't sign up to be a teacher, a mom and all in one. It's hard because I work from home and they work from home. It's affecting my job and my job performance. I think the School Committee is so focused on staying remote or not. There is so much else that's happening right now and we should focus on the problems that children and parents are facing right now. If we're all honest, we know that this situation could go on until

next September." Some of the challenges for Jones include being on a Zoom call in an important court hearing for her job as a social worker, and her 9-year-old coming in constantly with questions about school work. Jones said she tells her to get in touch with the teacher, but that's not always happening and teachers aren't always getting back.

Then there's the dead

Jones said her kids' teachers often let class out early, so if there's an 8:10 a.m. class, some teachers let them out at 8:20 a.m. and they are expected to independently work until the 8:45 a.m. class.

"The 8:45 a.m. class starts and lets out early and there's another break," she said. "In between things, my children are falling asleep or taking naps and they might miss a class. I'm working fulltime here and it's hard to keep on top of them and my job."

Yet another struggle has been technology.

Jones said they have had a hard time getting or repairing the Chrome-Books, and her son never got a replacement for his since April after repeated requests through the proper channels. He ended up doing his work for some time on his iPhone because he didn't have a working ChromeBook. That situation only changed because Jones's older daughter got a laptop for her birthday, which allowed her to pass on her ChromeBook to her brother.

"As a single mother, I can't afford to go out and buy laptops for my 16-year-old twins," said. "Two weeks ago, my son still didn't have a replacement so he decided to do most of his work on his iPhone instead of the ChromeBook." And a big factor that

challenges parents in remote learning has been the inadequacy of the overall Internet infrastructure in Everett - which cannot keep up with the bandwidth necessary for thousands of kids and adults to work online. Everett's Internet infrastructure was described by one Met-

ropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) study as being on the low-end of the spectrum and frequently City Council decisions thwart companies trying to upgrade the network. That, along with an inability by some teachers to understand the situation, has led parents like Jones to have to worry about their kids failing school because the Internet doesn't work well.

"A lot of it is Everett's internet in general," she said. "There's just an overload of everyone trying to access the internet at the same time...My kids can't log into their classes without getting kicked off by the network. This is a daily occurrence and not just sporadic. It's every day. There are so many barriers I want the schools to understand and ask for input from the kids on and help parents deal with."

Those issues wrapped up in the mental health aspect of the children and the parents. Jones said her kids, and other kids they know, are sad and confused. It's hard for them to deal with what's happening, and she hopes the schools can do more to understand it's not just business as usual here.

"The instruction needs a lot of work," she said. "The schools need to do a better job evaluating what teachers are expertly teaching their classes and what teachers are not. Is my fourth grader learning? I don't know. Are my high-schoolers learning? I don't know. I have my concerns. I definitely feel they aren't getting the education they need to get."

## Cases of COVID-19 continue to stay in double digits

The numbers COVID-19 cases in Everett continues to stay in the double digits every day with the last week (Tuesday to Tuesday) registering 96 new cases in the city. That is an increase from the prior week when there were 90 cases for the week.

The numbers are as follows:

- •Tuesday, Oct. 20 − 10
- •Monday, Oct. 19 12
- •Sunday, Oct. 18 9 •Saturday, Oct. 17 – 12
- •Friday, Oct. 16 10
- •Thursday, Oct. 15 − 12

•Wednesday, Oct. 14 –

•Tuesday, Oct. 13 - 16 Everett is still a beneficiary of the state Stop the Spread testing program and there is ample tree 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

•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, River-Green Parking Lot Drive

Thru Testing, noon to 6

•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.

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Given the limitations of COVID-19, Cornelio said they felt like they did as best they could.

"We didn't quite hit a 60 percent participation rate in Everett; we were just of options." Typically, the US Cen-

shy at 58 or 59 percent," he said. "It wasn't possible to hit our goal. We wanted 70-plus percent participation at least. That was my initial hope in January, but

once COVID-19 hit, it was

difficult. To be pretty close



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to what we did last time around wasn't terrible. Sadly, we didn't have a lot

sus kicks off in February every 10 years, and residents have until early April to fill out the forms. This year was the first time ever that the Census had moved to an online option. Usually, in the summer months official counters move through the community to try to get those who didn't fill out the Census to do so by visiting in person before the effort ends in July. That schedule got rearranged due to COVID-19, and the new end date became Sept. 25. Further complications to count people, especially in urban areas like Everett, led to a fight for a onemonth extension, which was ultimately refused.

The local Census 2020 effort is now brought to a close and all of the information gathered has been forwarded to the Census Bureau. The official counts are likely to be revealed in

Everett sometime in Janu-

ary or February.

Voting // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 during this election as safely as possible," said

Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "We have provided options for the residents to cast their vote and let their voices be heard."

On Election Day, the City of Everett has selected temporary polling locations, which are the same locations that were available in the Primary Election. The side entrance to Ev-

erett City Hall on Church Street will be open that 2:30-7:30 p.m.

day between 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Voter registration may also be done online at www.registertovotema.

Early voting will con-

tinue for 14 days this time around. Early voters are asked to please use the side entrance of Everett City Hall on Church Street during the following dates and times:

- •Wednesday, October 21 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- •Thursday, October 22

•Friday, October 23 9:00 am - 2 p.m.

•Saturday, October 24 9:00 am - 2 p.m. •Sunday, October 25

9:00 am - 2 p.m.•Monday, October 26

2:30 pm - 7:30 pm •Tuesday, October 27

9:00 am - 2 p.m.•Wednesday, October 28 9:00 am - 2 p.m.

•Thursday, October 29 2:30 pm – 7:30 p.m.

•Friday, October 30 9:00 am – 2 p.m.

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to look at, and that number in Everett has been pressed back up to around 9 percent.

"At the very least it shows a trend," she said. "It does reflect what's going on around the state.

"It's nothing like April or May," she continued. "Our intention is to never return to April or May. What we have now is a much more methodical and prepared and confident look at what things could help.'

One of the things the hospital has returned to is daily coordination calls with all stakeholders at CHA Everett, CHA and Beth Israel Leahy. When those twice-daily calls occurred from April to June this year, it was all about helping CHA Everett handle the numbers of cases coming into the hospital and needing treatment. Being overloaded, there needed to be a thoughtful and effective coordination effort to be able to transfer patients to available beds elsewhere when CHA Everett was full. Those calls dwindled down to once a day, and then in the summer, they stopped.

dance of caution, they've started them up again just as a way to be prepared. "It's a good thing," she

Now, out of an abun-

said. "Right now it's once daily for about five minutes. But it's good to make sure those muscles don't atrophy."

That is a prime example of how the hospital in general feels about any second wave or gentle slope upwards in cases. When COVID-19 hit with a boom last spring, many care providers equated it with wandering around a room in the dark looking for a light switch. There were bumps to the shins, trips over furniture, and just being outright lost.

But now the light is on, and doctors like Lai-Becker and her team have gained confidence in how to treat and care COVID-19. They now know symptoms that weren't known, and treatments that were a mystery in April. They also have more testing, more equipment and access to supplies. Beyond that, they developed important protocols on the fly that worked but weren't written down as policy. At the moment, Lai-Becker said the hospital has been streamlining all of the best practices to be prepared for any uptick in cases.

"Right now we're trying to make sure we have firmed up all the ad hoc policies we created, but didn't make into policy," she said. "It's good now to look at what was put in place and make it offi-

That would include how to notify people they are positive, and what they can do next. Making a phone call to those positive for COVID was a better use of time and resources during the surge, and allowed the hospital to educate and offer services to the patient on the spot. Meanwhile, those who were negative got a form letter letting them know everything was ok. That has become the standard now.

preparation, Lai-Becker said, is something that will make all the difference, and she equated it with emergency remote learning in schools last spring versus this fall.

"It's like the difference between how online school existed in the spring, and the fall isn't ideal at all, but it's 1,000 times better than it was in the spring," she said. "It's the small things like in the schools having a district agree to use one platform for all the classes and stay with that...That's how I feel like where we're at

here. We can look back and know we've all changed. In the spring, it was every different department trying different things and using different guidelines, but now we're streamlining that and getting them together. As they said last spring, it was like building the plane while flying it. Now it's so good to have the plane in the hangar and to look ahead at a potential flight plan."

•FLU SHOT AND A VACCINE

One step taken by the hospital is to make sure every employee is vaccinated for the flu, and there are no waivers unless someone is allergic to the shot. That is a step they have taken out of an abundance of caution, but those large flu clinics are also a trial run for any potential COVID vaccine that becomes available.

"That will be preparation for whenever a potential vaccine is available and at this point we're looking at a minimum of six months until anything is ready for the market, she said. "At that point we'll deal with limited doses, but we'll have a good, tight distribution to get people vaccinated."

•VISITOR **POLICY REVISED** 

The hospital has now also reversed its policy on visitors, which had loosened up over the summer and early fall. However, three weeks ago an outbreak occurred at Brigham & Women's Hospital where they believe a visitor brought COVID into a non-COVID unit of the hospital. Some patients and about 50 employees got sick. That instance has caused CHA Everett to re-

"We talked about what happened there and that's when we started clamping down again on our visitor policy," she said.

vise their policy as well.

## Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Equal **Employment Commission sets first forum**

The Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Equal Employment Commission announced this week that its first open dialogue forum will be held on Wednesday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. via a Facebook Live broadcast. This forum will be focused on community feedback regarding policing and police policy and procedures in Everett. This initiative was iden-

tified as the first priority of the Commission, following the death of George Floyd and the ensuing protests and unrest across the country in June, in recognition of the long overdue need to identify and work towards solutions for issues in law enforcement, whether they be in policy, unconscious or intentional biases, or availability of opportunity. Members of the Commission who have been truly engaged have worked diligently to bring this unprecedented forum to Everett residents.

This has been a challenging undertaking but one that Commission members, led by Bishop Robert G. Brown of Zion Church Ministries, believe is an important first step in what will be an ongoing dialogue not only with law enforcement, but with departments at City Hall and agencies throughout the city. There have been obstacles to overcome, Brown said, as some feel that the Commission has not moved fast enough to address these ongoing issues. He said this perception has led some to believe that the commitment to the cause of equity, inclusion, and unity is superficial.

"The majority of the Commission members, however, remain committed to the mission and have continued to persevere to accomplish the goals they have set forth,"

"If we cannot bring our truth to the table and be willing to speak it, even in the face of those who may oppose it, we cannot succeed in any endeavor," he said. "If we cannot open our minds and listen to those opinions that we may not share or that may be critical of long-standing policies, we cannot succeed in any endeavor."

The community forum has been designed to begin that dialogue. Many of the conversations will not be easy. Many of the conversations will make people uncomfortable. But the door to these conversations must be opened and that is what this forum seeks to do. Brown said it will be a place for those who have felt marginalized, particularly by law enforcement, to come and speak their truth. It will also place for law enforcement to come and listen to those truths, without judgement. This is where progress and healing begin, said Brown.

The Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Equal Employment Commission has made a long-term commitment to the causes represented in its name That commitment will not be diminished in the face of criticism by those who feel that their path and the pace at which they travel is the path all must follow The consistent work by the majority of the Commission members will continue. The end result will be an elevated level of understanding and tolerance in our community We hope Everett residents

will join on this journey. Additional details regarding the public forum will be published in the newspaper and on social media, or you can email the Commission at everettdiversityandequity@ gmail.com for informa-

## **Encore Boston Harbor spa reopens**

Encore Boston Harbor has announced that their signature spa has reopened for services on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Available services include a selection of massages and facials, along with some of the exclusive treatments that made the Encore Boston Harbor Spa one of the premier spas in the region. The "Good Luck Ritual" is an 80-minute treatment that is based on the five Chinese elements and is designed to promote happiness, luck and prosperity. It combines a custom massage, invigorating peppermint foot treatment, ultra-moisturizing hand therapy, and relaxing botanical scalp treatment. There is also an Ayurvedic Retreat that is 110 minutes long and includes a Chakra balancing

treatment.

The spa's communa areas, such as waiting areas, relaxation lounges sauna, steam room, experience shower, hot and cold plunges and showers are currently closed until

further notice. For reservations, log onto www.encorebostonharbor.com or call (857) 770-3900.

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on October 8, 2020. The plans are entitled "Boston Market Terminal, 34 Market St, Everett, MA 02149" were prepared by Ware Malcomb, 110 Edison Place, Suite 303, Newark, New Jersey 07102 and prepared for The Davis Companies, 125 High St, Suite 211, Boston MA 02110. A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in

The application with narrative and the Site Plan were received

the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at http://www. cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours. All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal

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> Frederick Cafasso, Chairman October 21, 2020 October 28, 2020



**PLANNING BOARD** 484 Broadway Everett, Massachusetts 02149

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** 

Hearing on the following application by Greg Antonelli Property located at: 48 Nichols St Site Plan Review

with Section 19 of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed live on YouTube (Link: https://www.voutube.com/channel/ UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02lH54Q, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the proposal for the redevelopment including the demolition of an existing single-family house and the construction of a new three-story six-unit residential building located at 48 Nichols St that being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor's Department as M0-08-000178.

A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at http://www. cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours.

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Frederick Cafasso,

## - LEGAL NOTICE -



In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, and

The application with narrative and the Site Plan were received on October 15, 2020. The plans are entitled "LaFreniere Architects, 48 Nichols St, Everett MA" were prepared by LaFreniere Architects, 678 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge MA 02139 and prepared for Greg Antonelli, 140 Tremont St, Everett MA 02149.

All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal

Chairman

October 21, 2020

October 28, 2020

## - LEGAL NOTICE -CITY OF EVERETT



PLANNING BOARD 484 Broadway Everett, Massachusetts 02149

> **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING AMENDMENT**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, M.G.L. Section 5, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02lH54Q, to consider a proposed Amendment that the Zoning Ordinance be amended with the following language:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Everett the city council hereby amends the zoning ordinance as follows: • Add subsection W: "Any proposed site plan or change of

use that would not meet the off-street parking requirements of Section 17.A.2 through 13 will be subject to the requirements of In accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Zoning

Ordinance of the City of Everett the city council hereby amends the zoning ordinance as follows: • Strike the word 'minimum' from 30.G.2.c

• Add section 30.G.2.f: "Any proposed site plan or change of

use that would not meet the off-street parking requirements of Section 30.G.1 will be subject to the requirements of Section 34." In accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Everett the city council hereby creates a new section: Section 34: Transportation Demand Management

A copy of the ordinance are on file and available in the Office of

the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at http://www.cityofeverett. com/449/Planning-Board and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours. All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal

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Frederick Cafasso, Chairman

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#### VOTING HAS BEGUN!

Thanks to the early voting laws, every registered voter in Massachusetts has the opportunity to cast their ballot for the upcoming Presidential election in the two weeks prior to Election Day itself, Tuesday, November

Although the exact locations and times for early voting will vary in each municipality, the bottom line is that every city and town across the state will offer early voting through Friday, October 30, including this upcoming weekend.

Every voter should check their local clerk's web site for the locations and voting hours because they will vary in each city and town. However, every city and town will offer multiple opportunities to vote in person through October 30 without the hassles of long lines, bad weather, or inconvenient times, which are especially important considerations for all of us amidst the pan-

We would note that even if you requested and received a ballot in the mail, you still can vote early in-person if you feel uncomfortable about dropping your ballot in a

In short: There is no excuse for failing to vote -- so

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 24**

With all of the excitement (for lack of a better word) being generated by the upcoming election, a record turnout of voters is being predicted both in Massachusetts and across the country.

Americans are voting early and in huge numbers that far exceed any previous election.

However, you can't participate in the fun if you aren't registered to vote.

The good news is that there still is time to do so and the deadline to register is this coming Friday, October

So if you are not registered to vote, or unsure if you are, check with your local clerk's office. Don't be left out of what is the most consequential election of our lifetimes that will have ramifications for all of us for years to come.

## Your opinions, please

The Everett Independent welcomes letters to the editor. Our mailing address is 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Our fax number is 781-485-1403. Letters may also

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## Independent Forum



#### **LETTER** to the Editor

#### **HALLOWEEN** 2020... THE **NEW NORM**

I ask Mayor DeMaria to reconsider his decision of having Halloween go as normal, as if we were not going through the worst health crisis we have ever seen. Councilor Stephanie Martins and I have asked for the consideration from Mayor DeMaria and the administration to have Halloween celebrated at 7-Acre Park. I agree with the mayor that we need to allow the children to enjoy the excitement of dressing up and the fun of trick-or-treating, but we can do this in a well-organized and safe fashion. We would love to propose that we communicate with as many local businesses that would like to join a "Halloween Parade" for the children of Everett on Saturday, October 31 - Halloween Day. It would be in the same fashion that the City provided the Everett High School 2020 graduation ceremonies. 7-Acre Park is spacious enough to have a representative from each local business pass out treats, a socially distant parade from 3-5

p.m., before dark, so the kids and their families can enjoy their costumes. This is about the children, they need this time to have fun and it may possibly be the last holiday before the weather turns and we will once again need to practice our social distancing indoors with the cold weather soon approach-

I thought it was irresponsible when Governor Baker did not place guidelines for Halloween. We as a city can correct that mistake and provide a fun, safe Halloween with a midday parade and not a night of trick-or-treating on crowded sidewalks. With the positive cases of COVID-19 drastically on the rise, I ask the mayor and his administration to work with Councilor Stephanie Martins and myself to create a fun safe celebration for the children, seniors and residents who are at risk across our city. Let's make this a fun, safe and enjoyable Halloween for the families of Everett to remember not

> Councilor Michael McLaughlin

#### GUEST OP-ED

### Halloween is coming and Americans are scared

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Halloween is typically a relaxed day for America's kids to fill their coffers with candy. Children and adults often don their favorite wacky attire for a day of comic relief.

America needs a day of some kind of relief and maybe Halloween will some insanity or terror relief. Because nothing about Halloween is as scary as what America and the world has been experiencing.

We have buried over 220,000 Americans from Covid-19. Over eight million have been sick. Nursing homes and Intensive Care Units have become horror wards. The projections for more sickness and death scare most Americans. We are afraid to go to church, out to eat, and to the grocery store. The airplane, hotel and restaurant industries are in peril as many have already

closed or are on the verge of closing. Over 12 Million Americans are now unemployed and many in financial devastation because of Covid-19.

Congress continues to haggle over what and how much the government can further indebt our nation to keep us afloat for the present. With an approximate 28 trillion-dollar deficit and growing when will America file for bankruptcy? What will it take to keep Social Security and Medicare going? More taxes for a broader range of Americans and increased payroll taxes are on the near horizon, most Americans fear. It's more than a little scary.

On top of Covid-19, job loss, business failures and increasing poverty Americans are masked fatigued. Children are tired of being home from school. Adults miss the comaraderie and social dynamics of their workmates. Working at

home first felt good and welcomed but has become old for many Americans. The thought of this going on for another six months or even a year or longer is more than scary - it's terrifying.

On top of all this we have a major election in front of us. Americans are terrified about the election. We are frightened about who will be elected. Trump being reelected terrifies millions while millions are terrified Joe Biden will be elected. We are horrified of what may come as the result of this election and what either of the candidates may bring to America the next four years.

We are further scared by each other. The hostility of Americans toward different people with views is out of hand. Hurting people, cursing people, destroying property are not hallmark qualities of a civilized society. We have sadly stopped being civil in America. Rude and crude are no longer shy in this nation. Pushing, shoving and outright fighting with people is becoming too normal. This is not what the average American wants and is disdained by most of us. Let's face it, people who act this way

scare most Americans. It's Halloween time in America and there is plenty of fright to go around. The best treat we can give our country is treating each other the way we would like to be treated.

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

## City of Everett receives AA+ bond rating

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett has received an exceptional "AA+" bond rating by Standard & Poor's Global Ratings (S&P). S&P is a municipal bond credit rating agency that provides organizations a way to rate their financial situation. "I am proud of the rat-

ing that the City of Everett earned from S&P," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "This rating illustrates our financial stability during times. I am confident that

the City will maintain its strong economic stance into the future."

S&P highlighted the City's strengths as:

unprecedented

•Strong economy, with

expenditures;

access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area (MSA);

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•Adequate budgetary performance, with operating results that we expect could improve in the near term relative to fiscal 2019, which closed with operating deficits in the general fund and at the total governmental fund level in fiscal 2019; •Very strong budgetary

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2019 of 15% of operating •Very strong liquidity, with total government available cash at 23.9% of total government fund expenditures and 4.1x governmental debt service, and access to external liquidity that we consider

•Very strong debt and contingent liability profile, with debt service carrying charges at 5.8% of expenditures and net direct debt that is 43.5% of total governmental fun revenue, as well as low overall net debt at less than 3.0% of market value and rapid amortization, with 75.6% of debt scheduled to be retired in 10 years, but a large pension and other

postemployment benefits

institutional

(OPEB) obligation;

Strong

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ing is consistent with the ratings of the prior years in the City of Everett. This high rating provides a very optimistic outlook for the years to come with a strong financial future.

framework score. According to S&P, "The stable outlook reflects our

conservative

view of the City's very

strong reserve position,

ing practices, and strong

management conditions,

which we believe provide

it with adequate cushion

to absorb any unanticipat-

ed declines in revenues or

unexpected stagnation in

its economy as a result of

the uncertain economic re-

covery or events related to

The "AA+" bond rat-

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## School Committee will review science, metrics in weighing return to school

By Seth Daniel

The Everett School Committee will review COVID-19 data over the next few weeks to decide on whether or not to move forward with the second phase of hybrid in-person schooling on Nov. 16 – making a decision at the Nov. 2 meeting of the Committee.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani spoke about the plan at the meeting Monday night, noting that the phased-in approach called for the schools to return students in a hybrid format by Nov. 16. That is looking more and more like an impossibility as COVID cases in Everett creep up and the City remains in a 'red'

high-risk zone as defined by the state Department of Public Health. There are 63 cities and towns in Massachusetts now in the 'red,' and the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) strongly encourages districts in the 'red' to remain with remote schooling. That is precisely why the district finds itself at a crossroads.

"Our phased plan calls for a planned return on Nov. 16 with one week on and one week off," said Tahiliani. "Because of everything going on now, I want to make sure you have the data to help you decide what to do regarding moving forward with Phase 2."

Everett was one of the first school districts to present a phased approach with all-remote learning starting on Sept. 21, moving steadily with the quarters to a hybrid model on Nov. 16 and hopefully in person fully in January. Few thought things would be where they are now, where the extreme possibility exists that hybrid education wouldn't be possible in November.

Supt. Tahiliani told the Committee she is pulling together a working group of diverse voices inside and outside the schools to look at the data. She will make a recommendation to the School Committee at the meeting on Nov. 2.

Tahiliani said there are

three options to weigh.

First, the Committee could vote to go forward as is on Nov. 16 with Phase 2.

They would also change the hybrid model to a lessrisky format. Right now they were planning to go five days, and then be remote five days. To reduce the risk, the Committee could decide to go to a format where Group A goes on Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday becomes a cleaning day with remote learning for all, and then Group B attends in person on Thursday and Friday. Another idea is to go in-person in the morning hours, she said, and then do remote work in the afternoon.

Members weren't too vocal on the decision yet, but Chair Tom Abruzzese said he feels the state system is somewhat political, and Everett isn't likely to ever get out of the 'red' given the high population and density of homes.

"It really becomes a political situation," he said. "I love Gov. Baker, but I know he also wants everyone in school yesterday.

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member of the Board. His

appointment was effec-

Strom's decades of ex-

perience in entertainment,

media and sports, along

with the relationships he

has established, will be

a significant benefit to

the Company. Strom is a

Partner and Head of the

Culture and Leadership

Division at leading global

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company United Talent

Agency, where he leads

the agency's efforts to ex-

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ness influence across plat-

forms for its top clients in

media, sports, entertain-

tive October 14, 2020.

At some point, it seems Everett, Revere and Chelsea are forever in the red zone. We'll never get out of the red zone. It seems a foregone conclusion that's where we'll be."

Member Millie Cardillo said she would like to see some of the special needs students continue going to school, and even expand those numbers for those populations. She also said she would like to see the CTE students that have hands-on work programs allowed to be in the school for a portion of their programming.

"I'd like to see that CTE implemented there some way," she said. "Those subjects needs to be more hands-on. Our CSD students also need one-on-one. If we have to postpone the hybrid for all students, I'd still like to see more programming brought back for these students in person."

Tahiliani did agree with that, and said they would like to keep some forward momentum if hybrid is postponed by safely implementing more in-person services for the need-

Wynn Resorts announce appointment to Board

iest students.

Member Alan Panarese, who has been working on the medical front lines as a Respiratory Therapist for the entire pandemic, said it is possible to protect oneself from COVID-19 even kids in school - but it requires strict adherence to safety protocols.

"Ninety percent is making sure to wear a mask and wash your hands and keep a distance," he said. "The problem is some people don't want to hear it. This is the 12th hour of me wearing a mask today. It's part of my body now. We have to change. Right now we have to take these precautions. If the kids get used to it, they can do this."

Tahiliani said one of the lessons they have learned so far when it comes to remote learning, e-Learning Centers and the push to hybrid education is it requires a need to be flexible and meet the needs of families – not vice versa.

"This has taught us mostly to be flexible, fluid and recognize the community needs," she said.

## The EPS and Exelon make significant donation to students

Exelon Generation, a longtime and loyal partner of the Everett Public Schools, is once again helping students with the resources they need to start the year successfully. As is its yearly back-toschool tradition, Exelon has donated \$20,000 in gift cards, which school administrators will distribute to students to purchase school supplies.

"Exelon understands that back-to-school expenses can put a burden on many families, and we hope our \$20,000 donation for iPad covers will help ease that burden," said Archie Gleason, Exelon Generation Northeast Region General Manager. "The pandemic has brought with it additional financial challenges for many Everett families, and we are proud to support Everett Public Schools as they help students prepare for a different type of school experience. Exelon applauds administrators and teachers for all they are doing to ensure the best and safest learning



Northeast Region General Manager Archie Gleason are pictured inside Everett High School.

environment for students during these trying times."

School leaders are encouraging the families of students in Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten to use the gift cards to purchase covers for the iPads that EPS provided to them so they can easily access the online educational platforms and programs the district is utilizing for its fully-remote educational model, e-Education for

Everett.

"This year, more than any before, highlights the need to use every resource we have in the smartest way possible," said Superintendent Priya Tahiliani. "In that light, it would be great if students who receive the gift cards could buy school supplies that are on backorder, such as iPad covers and head-

#### Wynn Resorts Board of Directors announced the appointment of Darnell Strom as member of the Company's Board of Directors. Strom is an Indepen-

Darnell Strom has been named to the Wynn Resorts **Board of Directors.** 

ment, music, fashion, the arts, branding and thought leadership.

Prior joining UTA, Strom was an agent at Creative Artists Agency (CAA) where he set strategy and developed relationships for major clients, including individual artists as well as top brands, across multiple platforms, including television, motion pictures,

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publishing, digital communications, and technology. Mr. Strom's previous work as an Executive at the CAA Foundation led him to advise artists and large corporations on their philanthropic and pro-social initiatives.

Strom's career in politics includes work as a Deputy Director for Former President Bill Clinton, as well as work with Senator John Kerry's Presidential Campaign. He also served President Barack Obama's White House Entertainment Council.

Strom graduated with honors from Florida A&M University. He is a frequent presenter at major conferences including the Aspen Ideas Festival, Brilliant Minds, Sundance Film Festival, and Web

## Halloween // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

celebrate the holiday in a safe, socially distanced fashion. Anyone choosing to participate is asked to wear a mask, wash their hands and keep six-feet apart. Anyone not wishing to participate, make sure to keep the front lights off. "Halloween is NOT

cancelled in Everett," said the mayor. "As important as our health and wellness is, we must keep in mind the mental health of our children by creating some semblance of normalcy." But that move for normalcy has erupted in a bit

of controversy, as other elected officials feel the move isn't wise given the level of contagion brewing in Everett. Councilor Gerly Adrien had requested a coordinat-

ed Halloween plan back in September from the Administration. She said she is happy to see a plan put out publicly, but said the plan doesn't seem safe right now. "I am happy to see

Mayor DeMaria and his administration put something out about Halloween after I requested it in early September," she said. "However, I am concerned that we are allowing trick-or-treating when the City of Everett is still in a high-risk red zone due to COVID-19. We need to

figure out the best way for

fun activities to continue,

but in safe way. What was

put out was not a real plan to put the resident's safety and health first. I asked for a plan in early September to provide his administration with more time to come up with a better plan. This again has fallen short." Councilors Stephanie

Martins and Michael Mc-Laughlin at the Council meeting last week – prior to Mayor DeMaria's declaration - called on the mayor to host a drive-thru Halloween event with a socially-distanced costume parade at River-Green. That proposal was not adopted as of yet, and both said they agree with Adrien that the idea of regular trick-or-treating may be risky.

"The right thing to do given the current circumstances would be to completely ban Halloween like other cities have done," said Martins. "The last thing we need is kids and parents gathering and knocking on doors as we have seniors and immune-compromised individuals that are vulnerable, and we also need our kids to be healthy so we can move on to the hybrid phase of the school reopening plan... The decision to fully allow Halloween to proceed as

usual was very surprising

given the Mayor's tight

grip during this pandemic.

I guess the majority of the

parents were also very satisfied with that decision. I hope everyone gets to be safe while enjoying their Halloween."

asking the mayor to reconsider the position of fullon Halloween, and host the event at RiverGreen. He also said he was disappointed with Gov. Charlie Baker for not providing more strict guidance and regulations for Halloween in communities like Ever-"I ask Mayor DeMaria

to reconsider his decision of having Halloween go as normal, as if we were not going through the worst health crisis we have ever seen," he wrote in a letter to the newspaper. "I agree with the mayor that we need to allow the children to enjoy the excitement of dressing up and the fun of trick-or-treating, but we can do this in a well-organized and safe fashion... This is about the children, they need this time to have fun. It may possibly be the last holiday before the weather turns and we will once again need to practice our social distancing indoors."

Halloween falls on a \$50 minimum deposit required to open any checking account. Fees may reduce earnings. Other fees may apply, Saturday this year, and officially the lights are on in

Everett from 5-7 p.m. for those that want to participate. Those that do not are advised to keep their

porch lights off.

McLaughlin said he is

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Young volunteers help to hand out bread and rolls at the distribution last weekend.



It's not just food, but also clothing that helps clients at the Pantry. Here, a volunteer has a great supply of winter coats for adults and kids.

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Director Irene Cardello with one of the dedicated officers from the Everett Police Department. Police officers have been especially crucial to the distribution efforts on the weekends since the pandemic arose. Many of them volunteer their time at the Pantry.



One of the volunteers packs some snacks during last weekend's distribution.

## Three for three ok'd at Monday's Zoning Board

By Seth Daniel

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) heard three petitions Monday night for projects in the downtown and one in Ward 6 – approving all three, including two historic preservation residential projects in Everett Square.

First, the ZBA voted 4-1 (with Member Paul Colameta voting against) to approve the historic renovation of the vacant Masonic Temple on Broadway into 11 luxury apartments – two of which will be affordable units on site. There will, however, be no parking – which was a hitch for some on the ZBA and the Planning Board.

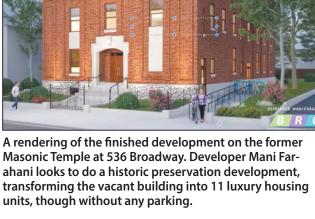
Originally, the owner had asked for the use of residential parking stickers as the property is historic and landlocked. However, they have now agreed to go forward without the ability to have residents there participate in the sticker program.

"I've spoken to my client and he has no objections with not allowing any residential stickers on the site," said Attorney Anthony Rossi. "The structure is landlocked. You can't take the building down because it is historic and you have the old high school on one side, a structure on the other side and there is no parking in the back."

The idea for developer Mani Farahani is to historically renovate the structure into luxury apartments, with some of them being multi-floor duplexes. Rossi said his client could have made it a much bigger development, but without parking he wanted to limit the units and he wanted to develop a higher-quality product.

"That's a huge building there and he could have put in 30 small micro-units, but he didn't because he wanted to build a higher-quality product," said Rossi. "A lot of these are duplex units. He keeps the buildings and likes to keep them very nice."

Already, he has pursued state and federal historic tax credits for the redevel-



Masonic Temple at 536 Broadway. Developer Mani Farahani looks to do a historic preservation development, units, though without any parking.

can be done to the façade and the historic exterior of the building - which most recently was used occasionally as an Islamic House of Worship during holidays. Farahani plans to update the masonry and build a handicap access ramp, as well as landscape and beautify the property. It was a key property identified in the Everett Square Revitalization Plan as it is vacant, and there are substantial barriers to redeveloping it.

opment, which limits what

Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin said he supported the development due to the affordable housing.

"I've been a huge advocate of bringing in in as much affordable housing to the city as possible," he said. "This is two units, but it is two units we don't have now on the books."

•HISTORIC PROPER-TY ON COREY STREET OK'D

City Clerk Sergio Cor-

proval by the ZBA for a revised plan that completely preserves the historic (c. 1822) Stratus homestead and property on Corey Street Monday night. Cornelio said he purchased the home from the Stratus family a year ago with the idea to preserve it. While he considered selling it to a developer at one point, he has now reconsidered and put forth a plan to not alter the exterior and to build six units

> now a two-family. "The records say it was built in 1822 and it would really be a shame to tr it down or substantially change the property," said Attorney Dave O'Neil. "The hardship of having a large property with a large single-family or two-family is you have a very large and underutilized property. The thoughtful redevelopment proposes not to alter the historic nature of the property, utilize the space and provide six new units of housing."

in the old home – which is

nelio received a 5-0 ap-

There is also about 10,000 sq. ft. with a carriage house in the back of the property that is not part of this project. However, Cornelio said for now that is just going to be used as storage.

"I don't have plans for the barn yet," he said. "There are some options and down the road I may come to you with something. I love that barn and would like to utilize it at some time, but for now it's just going to stay a storage space for me." •APPROVAL ON WY-

Property owners Sujan Kharel received a 5-0 vote in approval for his project at 94 Wyllis Ave. that would convert a single-family home to a three-family home on an 8,128 sq. ft. lot.

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### The Foundation Trust awards Bread of Life grant to sponsor Everett backpack program

Bread of Life has been awarded a grant of \$8,060 from The Foundation Trust to sponsor Bread of Life's Backpack Nutrition Program in Everett.

To address a growing need for nutritious food for school-age students, Bread of Life distributes backpacks filled with food to Everett students on a regular basis each month. Bread of Life works with school principals and guidance counselors who identify students struggling with poverty and food insecurity and distribute the backpacks. Backpack Items include snacks, juice boxes, crackers, peanut butter and other non-perishable food items. Bread of Life also provides blankets, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, towels, toothbrushes and other supplies as needed. Over 1,200 backpacks have been distributed to date. Funds from The Foundation Trust will enable Bread of Life's Backpack Nutrition Program to grow to serve

"The food needs of low-income students are not always obvious", stated Gabriella Snyder Stelmack, Bread of Life's Executive Director. "Earlier this year, a school administrator shared that a K-8 student was waiting a long time to be picked up by his parents. After about two hours, two of his older siblings arrived to take

more students in need.

him home. They shared that both of their parents worked and had been unable to come. As the kids walked out of the school, the little boy fainted. The school staff came to find out that not only had the boy not eaten properly that day, but he was actually malnourished. For Bread of Life to be able to provide food to hungry students in need, our partnership with The Foundation Trust is invaluable. We are truly grateful for The Foundation Trust's commitment to ensure children are well nourished through their generous sponsorship of this much needed program for Everett students."

"At a time when low-income Everett students and the community need them most, Bread of Life has really stepped up in a way that addresses not only food insecurity, but students' academic readiness as well," commented Lauren Liecau, Manager of the Foundation Trust. "Elevating at-risk youth is core to the Foundation Trust's work, so we are honored to support the Backpack Nutrition Program throughout this school year."

Olga, a parent of a student who received a backpack, expressed her appreciation to The Foundation Trust and Bread of Life, "We are grateful for the extra food that helps our family."

#### EVERETT HAITIAN COMMUNITY CENTER HONORED



The City Council recently honored the Everett Haitian Community Center for all its good works during the pandemic. Accepting the citation from the Council at a recent meeting was Rev. Myrlande DesRosiers, director of the Everett Haitian Community Center.

## Baker holds ceremonial bill signing for DiDomenico's 'Breakfast After the Bell' bill

Last week, Governor Charlie Baker held a ceremonial bill signing for Senator Sal DiDomenico's bill, An Act regarding breakfast after the bell. While the Governor officially signed this bill into law back in August, the Administration and the Legislature had not yet been able to come together for a signing ceremony, as was often customary prior the COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of an in-person ceremony, the Governor hosted a virtual ceremony, where Senator DiDomenico and his partners on the Rise and Shine Coalition were able to speak to the importance of this bill and witness the Governor sign their legislation into law.

"Breakfast After the Bell has been a top policy priority of mine for years now," said Senator DiDomenico, "and it was a great pleasure to join with my friends on the Rise and Shine Coalition, my House partners, my staff, and members of the Administration today to officially close the chapter on this legislative campaign and celebrate this law that will undoubtedly help feed thousands of kids across Massachusetts. Of course, we know that more work lies ahead to tackle food insecurity and childhood hunger-- especially in light of the COVID pandemic. However, I also know this entire team is ready to pick up where we left off and continue our work to ensure that all children in this Commonwealth have access to the food and nutrition that they need and deserve. I can't wait to continue partnering with them and look forward to the work that lies ahead."

Senator DiDomenico has been a longtime champion of anti-hunger policies in the Massachusetts Senate and has sponsored this Breakfast After the Bell bill for the past two legislative sessions. Earlier in the year, he was the recipient of the 2020 Breakfast Hero Award from the national anti-hunger campaign No Kid Hungry for his advocacy on Breakfast After the Bell and his work to end childhood hunger in the Commonwealth. This new law is the culmination of many years work and advocacy by Senator DiDomenico, his staff, and food security advocates from across the state.

Massachusetts previously required all schools with high percentages of students from low-income families to provide breakfast to every eligible student. However, because breakfast was typically offered before the bell and in the cafeteria, participation levels have been low—at less than 40 percent—compared to 8090 percent participation for free and

reduced lunch.

To remedy this prob-

lem, An Act regarding breakfast after the bell now requires all public K12 schools with 60 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the federal National School Lunch Program to offer breakfastafter the instructional day begins. Moving breakfast from before the bell to after the bell is a proven strategy to boost breakfast participation and ensure that all students have the nutrition they need to start their day

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#### **NEWS FROM AROUND** THE REGION

#### JENNINGS JOINS STAFF AT CPS

CHELSEA - Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) is proud to welcome Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, a talented leader to CPS, as the first ever Officer of Equity, Diversity and Excellence.

"I am excited to have Dr. Aaron Jennings join our team. Dr. Jennings is passionate about equity in excellence and has a proven track record of working with and lifting up youth of color. Our goal with this new position is to deepen the work of equity and excellence in all our schools," said Supt. Almi Abeyta.

Dr. Jennings will be charged with ensuring that equity goals are incorporated throughout CPS operations and providing strategic and policy direction on equity issues.

"I am blessed to become a member of Chelsea's community," he said. "Being a part of a city where its institutions, leadership, and residents are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging seems only possible through dreaming. I look forward to learning from the community and leading with the community - so together, we can further make Chelsea a Beloved Community in our region."

This position will report directly to Supt. Abeyta and is a Cabinet position. Chelsea Public Schools prioritizes an inclusive working environment and values the diverse backgrounds and characteristics of all people. As such, a goal of CPS is to diversify District staff - a diverse staff will better reflect the District's diverse student population.

Jennings is described as an equity warrior and agent of change, who is committed to working at the nexus of education, community, and government. He has orchestrated beneficial cross-sector re-

sources and partnerships for children and families through collaborative action, capacity building, and system-level change. After obtaining his Master of Social Work from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Jennings worked at DC Public Schools as a child and parent advocate for families from Ward 8, his home ward. After an impactful tenure, he returned to the Brown School as the founding Manager of the Urban Education Initiatives. In St. Louis, Dr. Jennings led efforts to change the narrative and scale of impact for social work professionals engaged in urban education at the micro, mezzo, and macro-levels throughout the region. After many years of demonstrated impact, he returned to academia to pursue his Doctor of Education Leadership at the Harvard Graduate School

of Education (HGSE). At HGSE, Dr. Jennings enjoyed diverse learning and leading experiences. He advised and planned diversity, inclusion, and belonging programs with Harvard College and the Graduate School of Edadministration ucation and staff. During his tenmonth doctoral residency, he was the Health and Human Services Doctoral Fellow at the City of Somerville Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Jennings also served as the Gordon M. Ambach Fellow for the Children's Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Internationally, Dr. Jennings has traveled to Israel, India, and the Greater Antilles to study educational systems and to examine how social inequities influence education policies and impacts the lives of marginalized students. Dr. Jennings co-developed a work plan and provided best pracrecommendations to support English Lan-

guage Learners following new federal immigration policy changes for Eagle County Schools in Colorado. At the completion of his doctoral degree, he worked as a Vice President of Education and Impact for an EdTech startup that concentrated on ending chronic absenteeism and improving national attendance within the K-12 sector. Recently, Dr. Jennings co-led equity and anti-racist professional development for Grossmont Adult Education educators and staff.

As a proud graduate of the University of Virginia, Dr. Jennings studied religion and government, creating an unofficial social justice focus that provided him a foundation for his mission in life - Connect, Serve, and Lead.

#### **LOOKING AT THE CITY THROUGH** A LENS

**CHELSEA** Chelsea photographer Darlene DeVita had long been working on the People of Chelsea project - a photo and text project that tells the story of regular people in Chelsea – before COVID-19 forever changed the city.

However, as change was going on, she continued the project and came away with an amazing, if not historic, look at the city and its people in one of the most trying times in its long history.

She is showing the fruits of her work this week in a banner project at the library, and in the City Hall Gallery.

"The pandemic definitely turned it into something quite different – the People of Chelsea Pandemic Edition," she said.

DeVita said she had been working on her latest installment on the series, which was funded by the Cultural Council in January. Once the pandemic hit, everything was in

COLLABORATIVE ANNOUNCES THEY WILL CONTINUE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THREE YEARS



cil President Roy Avellaneda in the emergency food pantry at the temporary location on Sixth Street. They will keep the food operations there until next year, then find a more permanent location in Chelsea. Vega said she doesn't see the need in Chelsea ending any time soon.

a few "camera walks" she began to find that life and people in Chelsea were now even more interest-

three years. Here, Collaborative

Director Gladys Vega and Coun-

"Early on, I took a walk around Chelsea with my camera," she said. "I came to one corner and saw a mural that said, 'Then and Now!' I stopped and realized a month ago we were in the 'Then' and we were at that moment in a very new 'Now.' I realized this is an important time and I really decided to just get out there. I still think about that a lot - the new

That new now has found itself in the form of

a number of different photographs with back stories in English and Spanish. Those stories have been transformed into banners that adorn the fence along the Library, and in the City Hall Gallery.

DeVita said she continued shooting people in the pandemic until the end of March, when things just got too dangerous with COVID-19 at its surge. It was then that her project took another turn, that being to the food pantries and the Chelsea Collabo-That led to an even

deeper dive into the people and the community - and what individuals were going through. DeVita met volunteers helping to distribute food, and she met and profiled Chelsea people who were in line to get food.

"I was comfortable with the photography, but getting the stories and text was new to me," she said. "When I was there, I would ask people were comfortable telling me their stories. They were. I also found it was important and people wanted and needed to tell their stories. It's important. The people in lines were there

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because they didn't have their jobs anymore. They weren't homeless people. They were trying to survive."

Nathalie Pardo, who curates the City Hall Gallery, said the show was an inspiration, and one they are using to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month – as it tells the true stories of people in Chelsea.

"It's worth noting that there is translation (into Spanish) of all the text and goes a long way in having an inclusive gallery at City Hall," she said. "We usually do an Hispanic Heritage Month show, but this year it was nearly impossible to connect with artists. Chelsea inherently is an Hispanic community and by translating the text and putting in all these stories, it really is a story of that."

The show will be up through November, and DeVita said she wants to continue on with the project.

"I really want to continue on, especially with the banners," she said. "For the people of Chelsea, there so much to be done an so many stories. I want to go back to the early days and focus on what makes Chelsea, Chelsea."

#### CITY RELEASES OFFICIAL ARTIST RENDERINGS OF NEW SENIOR CENTER DESIGN

EAST BOSTON - The City of Boston released a set of artist renderings for the first time depicting what East Boston's first ever Senior Center will look like once construction is completed.

Construction on the future senior center began over the summer at the former Bremen Street branch of the Boston Public Library across from Orient Heights MBTA sta-

Throughout August and September, interior demolition took place, and construction started. Construction work on the senior center will include accessibility upgrades, new HVAC systems, new elevator, window replacements, landscaping, new utilities, new bathrooms, new kitchen, sprinkler system and roof replacement.

The renderings released by the city for the first time show the all glass, 850 square foot addition that will house the senior center's main entrance, lobby, elevator and stairwell. The renderings also show the outdoor terrace that is part of the design.

"I'm proud to see construction is underway on the new senior center in Orient Heights, East Boston," said Mayor Martin Walsh. "In Boston, we are dedicated to making investments that directly benefit in our communities, and this senior center will be vital to increasing services for our older Bostonians."

For decades East Boston's senior citizens and senior groups like the Golden Age Club have been clamoring for their own space in the community. Currently, Eastie seniors share space at other non-profits for senior programs, social hours, parties and other events. A dedicated senior center would allow seniors to accomplish these things within the confines of their own permanent location.

Investments from Massport, through a mitigation struck with the Logan Impact Advisory Committee (LIAG), will help support the programming and operational needs of the newly renovated center once construction is complete.

"We are proud to join with Mayor Walsh to support this great project for the East Boston community," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Massport strives to be a good neighbor to our surrounding communities. Over the years, with the help of East Boston residents and elected officials, we have fulfilled many community commitments in East Boston. Our support of this new Senior Center is a great example of these

collaborative efforts."

The City's current budget for the design and construction is \$5.43 million and the estimated completion date is fall 2021.

"I think this senior center is a wonderful opportunity for our community, and I thank Mayor Walsh and Massport for making it possible," said Fran Carbone, who has been advocating for a senior center for the past five years. "Seniors look forward to having some substance every week. It's going to empower us to have somewhere to go everyday and enjoy. Participating in the community process is a wonderful opportunity for us to put our happy wishes into the building. It feels like a dream--it's finally coming to fruition. We have a lot of plans, and we are ready."

#### LAST PHASE OF PROJECTS UNDERWAY

EAST BOSTON - Four years after kicking off the three-phase redevelopment of the Orient Heights Public Housing development Trinity Financial began construction on Phase III of the project in January.

Like Phase I and Phase II, Phase III will tear down the old post World War II-era brick housing on Vallar Road and portions of Faywood Avenue and be replaced with 81 units of new public housing.

During a public ZOOM meeting updating residents on the progress of the project, Eva Erlich the vice president of development for Trinity Financial and Boston Housing Authority's Joe Bamberg said an additional 42 units would be modernized as part of Phase III.

Phase III will also include the construction of a centrally located park for residents, the demolition of the existing community center and the expansion of open space.

Elrich said the entire process to replace the aging public housing development has been moving along rather swiftly considering the need to cobble together funding from a variety of different sources.

During the meeting, Elrich reported that the \$51. 6 million Phase II portion of the project wrapped up over the summer on Vallar Road where crews demolished 87 old units in four buildings and constructed 88 replacement state-funded public housing units in two townhouse buildings and one mid rise building. Phase II also included improvements to the existing infrastructure and open spaces. Phase II leveraged \$10 million in proceeds from the sale of the Winthrop Square Garage, as well as \$1.83 million in Inclusionary Development Policy Funds, secured from the Davis Companies' 99 Sumner Street development in East Boston.

Phase III is part of the larger effort to transform the 331-unit of BHA owned public housing development that was originally built in 1951. Trinity completed Phase I of the project in 2018 where 90 units of public housing were replaced with 120 units of public housing both in townhouse and apartment-style buildings.

In January 2015, the BHA selected the development team of Trinity Financial and East Boston Community Development Corp. to work with BHA and Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) and finalize a redevelopment strategy for the site. This development team secured financing to implement the redevelopment, and will own and manage the buildings post-redevelopment.

There were some concerns expressed at community meetings and on social media regarding the project. Some suggested the project had undergone drastic changes to the original design, and will soon run out of money.

In response to some of the disinformation circulating around the neighborhood, Erlich said while some minor tweaks were made to the project they were done in response to residents' concerns at previous meetings.

Trinity eliminated the 42 units of non-public market rate housing that was part of the original plan, but this was done after concerns were raised about increasing density after the planned second road connecting Vallar Road and Waldemar Avenue were dropped.

When the project started the cost of connecting Vallar Road with Waldemar Avenue below justified intersecting the two streets. With an original price tag of \$3 million the cost soared to nearly \$10 million after the road was studied and the soil tested. After meeting with engineers and looking at the cost so the road can meet city standards it became very expensive to make that connection from street to street.

The community expressed concern that replacing 331 units of public housing and then adding an additional 42 units of market rate housing could lead to congestion without the two roads connecting. So in response to these concerns Trinity decided to focus on replacing the 331 units over the same land area and eliminate the market rate component.

Erlich said these changes allowed Trinity to add more housing units on Waldemar during Phase I, as well as, freeing up some space as part of Phase II to add new open space for the community as well as refurbishing the basketball courts and community room.

Erlich pointed out that the brand new park planned for where Vallar Road meets Faywood Avenue, that is part of Phase III, as an example of increasing the project's open space by cutting the 42 additional units.

#### VETERANS SERVICES TO BE VIRTUAL

REVERE - Marc Silvestri, director of veterans services for the City

of Revere, has announced plans for the observance of Veterans Day (Nov. 11) in the city, stating that the annual ceremony will be a virtual one due to the

coronavirus.

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. on Veterans

"We'll be holding a Virtual Town Hall where some other veterans and I will be speaking about our experiences in military service," said Silvestri. "I'm going to try and get as many eras covered as I can."

Silvestri, a highly decorated United States Army veteran who received the Bronze Star in Valor medal, will ask his fellow veterans to talk about their experiences in service and "what it was like when they returned home."

"This is an old Native American tradition," related Silvestri. "When the warriors in the Indian tribe used to go to war, immediately upon their return, they would sit down with the whole village and share their stories. Instead of holding the burden of war upon themselves, it was spread across the tribe. That's where the veterans town hall comes from."

Silvestri said he spoke at a Veterans Day Town Hall on the North Shore a few years ago as a guest of Congressman Seth Moulton, who is also a decorated war veteran.

"It's a tradition that I'd like to bring here and there's no better year than now."

Mayor Brian Arrigo will also deliver remarks at the ceremony. Ward 2 Councillor Ira Noveselsky, Past Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Massachusetts, will also speak during the ceremony.

Novoselsky, who cochairs the Revere Veterans Dinner Committee with Al Terminiello Jr. said the annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance at the Beachmont V.F.W. has been canceled due to the coronavirus. The event has been held annually for the past 16 years.

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### **OBITUARIES**

### Michael Lucente, Sr.

Deeply rooted in Italian traditions which he passed on to his family who will continue his legacy

Michael Lucente, Sr. passed away on October

15 at the age of 90. Born in Acerenza, Italy on November 13, 1929 to the late Canio and Antonia (Miglionico), he was the beloved husband of 57 years to the late Rita (Napoleone), devoted father of Anthony Lucente of Wakefield, Gina (Lucente) Farrell and her husband, Stephen of Wakefield and Michael Lucente Jr. and his wife, Renee (La Voie) of Westford; cherished grandfather of Kaitlin (Farrell) Dolan and her husband, Michael of Wakefield, Kathleen Farrell of Wakefield, and Nicole, Marissa, and Michael Lucente III, all of Westford and adored great grandfather of Madelyn Grace Dolan and the dear brother of the late Maria DeBonis. He is also survived by five loving nieces in the United States and many loving family mem-

bers in Italy. Michael (Mike) spent his early years in the beautiful town of Acerenza in Southern Italy. While growing up in Italy he was trained as a blacksmith. Following World War II, at the age of 18, he immigrated to the United States arriving at Ellis Island in 1948. After arriving in the US, he lived with his father in East Boston and met his beautiful wife, Rita during a visit to Revere Beach.

After marrying, Mike and Rita lived for several



years in East Boston, before settling in a home in Revere built by Mike with the help of his friends. His blacksmith training as a youth led to his lifelong work as a lighting fixtures model maker. He loved gardening and making wine, was a talented cook, and loved working with his hands. Mike was deeply rooted in Italian traditions which he has passed on to his family who will continue his legacy.

Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and local officials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere, Ma 02151. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations may be made in Michael's name to the Italian Home for Children, Attn: Development, 1125 Centre St, Boston, MA 02130 or at itailianhome.org. For guest book please vis-

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#### Francesco Panaccio

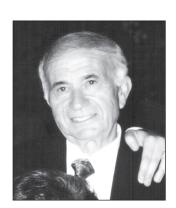
Devoted husband, father and friend; proud member and original founder of the Sons of Orsogna Association

"Frank Francesco Panaccio of Everett entered into eternal rest on Thursday, October 15 at home surrounded by his loving and caring family. He was 83 years old.

Frank was born in Guardiagrele, Chieti, Aburzzo, Italy and lived in Everett for 65 years. He was a construction foreman by profession, spending several years working at MIT facilities until he retired in 2013. He was a proud member and original founder of the Sons of Orsogna Association.

Working brought him the greatest joy because he was able to give his family a life of ease and comfort. His happiness came from being surrounded by his loving family and friends. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father and friend.

The beloved husband of Livia (Colasante) for 55 years, he was the dear and devoted father of Joanna Opalinski and her



husband, Joe, of Arlington and Frank Panaccio and his wife, Cara, of Wayland; brother of Giovanna Panaccio of Italy and the late Serafina Panaccio and loving grandfather to Joseph, Marisa and Giulia Opalinski and Livia and Frank Panaccio, Jr.

A Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, Everett was followed by private burial. Contributions in Frank's member to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements by the Cafasso & Sons, Funeral Home,

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## New help to quit menthol tobacco products available

Smoking and vaping may put people at higher risk of complications from COVID-19, especially because they can weaken the immune system and damage the lungs. So, this is an especially good time for those who smoke or vape to try to quit.

In addition, as a result of a new law, menthol tobacco products have been removed from regular stores in Massachusetts. With menthol tobacco products unavailable and COVID-19 risks continuing, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has found

a new way to help people quit. The Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline is now offering up to three gift cards totaling \$50 to people who use menthol tobacco products and the Helpline's free coaching services. Residents can call the Helpline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) about the program and for free coaching and support 24 hours each day, seven days a week. They can also enroll online at makesmokinghistory.org.

Helping people who use menthol products quit is especially important because the tobacco industry

has strategically and successfully targeted Black, Latinx and LGBTQ+ people with menthol products. As a result of aggressive marketing practices and pressures related to discrimination and daily stressors, menthol tobacco use is high in these communities. Massachusetts residents

who use menthol tobacco products who speak with the Helpline's supportive coaches can receive a \$10 gift card after completing the first coaching call, a \$15 gift card after the second and a \$25 gift card after the third coaching call.

In addition, up to 8 weeks of FREE nicotine patches, gum or lozenges are also available to residents who speak with a coach (with medical eligibility).

While supplies last, the offer of gift cards can motivate smokers and vapers to call the Helpline. For more information contact Edgar Duran Elmudesi at the Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership at 617-451-0049 x549or eduran@hria.org.

Edgar Duran Elmudesi, MSW

Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership.

### Cambridge Health Alliance names new chief nursing officer

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville and Boston's metro-north communities, has named Lanie Ward, MBA, BSN, RN, as its new chief nursing officer. Ward has more than 30 years of experience in healthcare administration and has served in senior nursing roles in organizations across the country. She has served as CHA's interim chief nursing officer since June

Ward will oversee nursing at CHA's two hospital campuses - Cambridge and Everett - and its net-

work of primary care and specialty care centers. "Lanie has done a fantastic job in her time at CHA already," said CHA CEO Assaad Sayah, MD. "Arriving in the aftermath of the COVID-19 surge, she provided exceptional leadership, stability and support for our staff, nurses and providers as we reopened sites across our system." She also played a critical role in the preparations for CHA's recent Joint Commission accreditation survey, sharing insights, best practices and lessons from her experiences at other institu-

Prior to joining CHA, Ward was the senior vice president of patient care services/CNO at Summa Health System in Ohio. Summa serves more than one million patients in Ohio through comprehensive acute, critical, emergency, outpatient and long-term/home-care settings and has more than 1,300 licensed beds. At Summa, she brought nursing together system-wide to standardize care, practice and shared governance. Additionally, under her leadership, the system achieved significant improvements in safety, including reduced serious

safety events.

Before her time at Summa, Ward was the chief nursing officer at Broward General Medical Center & Chris Evert Children's Hospital in Florida. Broward is a nonprofit community health system that encompasses more than 30 healthcare facilities with four hospitals.

She received her master's degree in business administration from Florida Atlantic University and her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Kentucky.

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on November 5, 2020 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read via videoconference. Additional clarifications on receiving bids will be included via addendum. **Bidding Documents may** be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at http:// www.tighebond.com/ Projects\_Out\_to\_Bid. php The work consists of removing a portion of the failed/failing corrugated metal arch culvert near Market Street in Everett, removing and stockpiling of the existing contaminated soils, and installing a reinforced trapezoidal drainage channel. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on October 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the project site. 10/21/20

#### **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.

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

#### Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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

Come all and let us walk together in this season of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

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

#### Church at the Well Everett News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ churchforeverett 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.

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evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other times by appoint-Bread of Life Donations This outreach is being done to honor the Unit-

ed Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar. We are on the Internet http://www.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**

book page, "Zion Church

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-

Ministries.' 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,

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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 Com-

munity Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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

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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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## DeMaria calls for more help on 2nd annual Brandon Conde Day

By Seth Daniel

This Saturday, October 24, will be the second Brandon Conde Day as declared by Mayor Carlo DeMaria. The City is asking everyone to wear red and City officials and Conde family members are currently working on a venue where people can stop by and say a socially-distant "hello" and grab a drink.

We are also asking people to donate what they can in the hopes of being able to get Brandon through another year of physical therapy," said the mayor. "First and foremost thank you so much to everyone who helped and donated to this fundraiser

last year. With the money raised, Brandon has been able to go to Journey Forward over the last year."

Journey Forward is a non-profit rehab organization that focuses specifically on spinal cord injury therapy and research. Due to them not being classified as a medical rehab facility, insurance doesn't cover the costs. This leaves the patients footing the bill themselves with private pay. Although COVID tried to slow him down, through Journey Forward, Brandon Conde has made a lot of progress with his upper body strength and we hope that he will be able to continue going and see more progress.

On July 5, 2019, Conde was involved in a life-altering accident injuring C5-C7 of his spinal cord when he fell out of a window screen while sleeping on a hot night. The shocking event left Conde a tetraplegic. Over a year has passed and Conde has been giving his all during PT/OT at Spaulding Rehab Hospital and Journey Forward.

Conde was born and raised in Everett. As a child, he went to the Parlin School and graduated from EHS Class of 2012. Throughout his childhood, Conde played Pop Warner for the Everett Eagles and eventually played for Everett High School, winning multiple Super Bowl





The second annual Brandon Conde Day in Everett will take place on Oct. 24, with City officials urging everyone to donate to his fundraising efforts to get another year of physical therapy. The City is looking into securing a location for a socially-distant meet and greet on Saturday.

Championships under Coach John DiBiaso. Af-

ter high school, Brandon went on to playing football at Bridgewater State University, while also earning a Biology Degree.

#### News in Brief

CITY HALL INCREASES LANGUAGE ACCESSBILITY

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett has contracted with Lionbridge Technologies, Inc. to improve the City's ability to communicate verbally with non-English speakers.

Lionbridge is a telephone interpretation

service that provides 24/7/365 on-demand, as-needed telephonic interpretation in over 380 different languages.

Everett 311 is the designated number to reach the City for any help. All 311 operators will have access to more than 380 languages. Lionbridge provides Arabic, Cantonese, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese, to name a few.

Mayor DeMaria has

made it a priority to ensure accessibility for all.

"Language barriers should not prevent someone from accessing City services. Resources should be accessible to everyone regardless of the language you speak," said Mayor DeMaria.

These services are available immediately to all Everett residents.

#### NEW NORTHBOUND BUS LANES, SWEETSER CIRCLE TO BEGIN TEST ROUND OCT. 26

The City has begun the new northbound bus lane markings on Broadway and Sweetser Circle, and this coming Monday will pilot the afternoon bus lane to see how it unfolds.

The City of Everett with community partners will test the new bus lane beginning Monday, October 26, in the afternoon. There is NO parking between 4-7 p.m. on the outbound/northbound side (Monday-Friday) during that time. Parking is still allowed on the inbound/southbound side during that time, but not in the early morning hours.

"We are improving Broadway one step at a time," said the mayor.

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The piloted bus lanes are part of a regional

project with the MBTA

and MassDOT, though Everett was a pioneer on the matter with the area's first dedicated bus lane southbound on Broadway several years ago. The current proposal in full form would have the bus lane run northbound between 4-7 p.m. on Broadway (stopping at Chelsea Street) and Main Streets (stopping at Tileston Street). The is also a dedicated bus lane around Sweetser Circle that has already taken effect.

#### SCHOOL MEAL SITES TO CHANGE THIS WEEK

Everett Schools families: Beginning on Tues-

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