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Mayor, state leaders kick off Re-Imagine **Broadway** on Monday

By Seth Daniel

It was a very chilly morning in late 2016 with a few snowflakes falling – as City crews began placing orange cones down the inbound side of Broadway, the first day of the first real dedicated bus lane in Everett or the region.

The innovative mobility effort in Everett has come a long way since the orange cone days, and on Monday the City took the next step by kicking off Re-Imagine Broadway in Everett Square as Mayor Carlo DeMaria welcomed state transportation leaders to celebrate the next step on Broadway.

Mayor DeMaria said he began, and is continuing, a vision that prioritizes buses and people over cars and commuters in Everett. He said that before the pandemic, the City's bus routes handled 10,000 riders per day, and those routes didn't really slow down during the pandemic. It's with that the mayor officially introduced the new northbound dedicated (afternoon) bus lane on Broadway and Main Street – and noted the new Silver Line 3 Expansion

Study beginning this fall. "Our buses are essential services for essential people," he said. "Re-Imagine

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Haywire

Council meeting spirals into disaster as members struggle with technology

By Seth Daniel

It's a darn good thing the Everett City Council isn't participating in remote schooling this year, as they likely wouldn't even make it online to be counted.

They didn't make it much further than the attendance call on Monday night at their in-person meeting, a meeting that had high hopes for finally getting the technology issues worked out, but one that went haywire fast - with the Council abruptly and contentiously adjourning without doing much but arguing for 70 minutes.

The crux of the arguments had to do with Councilor Gerly Adrien preferring to remain on Zoom for meetings in remote format due to health concerns.

However, several councilors blamed the hiccups on Adrien. They basically called on her to resign for not attending meetings in

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BRANDON CONDE DAY



The pervasiveness of COVID-19 didn't hamper the City's enthusiasm for the 2nd annual Brandon Conde Day in Everett on Oct. 24 - with numerous friends and family celebrating Saturday afternoon and contributing to fund his physical therapy program. A robust fundraising and celebratory effort took place on Thursday and Friday at City Hall and in the Everett Public Schools as well. Conde had a tragic fall in the summer of 2019 that left the former Everett High football standout paralyzed. He continues to seek treatment from the fall and was happy to be out celebrating his day on Saturday. Here Conde (front), is pictured with friends Jessica Trejo, Widmac Laterion, Father Jean Conde and friend Eric Chajon. See Page 6 for more photos.

DeMaria looks to become voting member of School Committee

By Seth Daniel

Though it was a surprise to many, Mayor Carlo DeMaria said this week he is calling for the beginning of a discussion about adding himself as a voting member of the School Committee – a change that was inserted recently to an unrelated charter change dealing with how ward councilors and School Committee members are

The City Council and School Committee have been in discussions with City Clerk Sergio Cornelio about changing the City Charter to eliminate the practice of voting citywide for ward seats on the Council and School Committee. That has come under threat of a federal Voting Rights Act lawsuit from a group of Civil Rights attorneys in Boston. However, in a rather sudden move, Mayor DeMaria asked that an accompanying Charter change be made to move him from a non-voting member of the School Committee to a voting member. That would give the Committee 10 members, and it's something the mayor said he is doing for the future of the mayoral position.

"This is for the future

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City offers several Halloween activities, from trick-or-treat to community movies

Mayor Carlo DeMaria has announced that Halloween will not be cancelled in the City of Everett. The Mayor is looking forward to having a safe and spooky holiday for the residents of Everett. Trick-or-treating will happen on Saturday, October 31, from 5-7 p.m., and for those who feel unsure

about going trick-or-treating, there are multiple other options to participate in

the citywide celebrations. 'Children look forward to Halloween festivities all year long," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "Trick-ortreating and COVID-19 safety are not mutually exclusive. Residents can take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by wearing

a mask, using hand sanitizer and practicing social distancing. Our children need some sort of normalcy while remaining safe. For anyone who may feel uncomfortable going trick-or-treating, we have provided other options for a safe and happy Hallow-

een." We ask that those who

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FLASH CHANCE



Everett High School held its Senior Photo event last week and and the prior week, giving members of the Class of 2021 the chance to have a professional picture taken for the yearbook. The event was organized by Art Coordinator Amanda Gil (left) and art teacher Katherine McKie (right). Seniors were given time slots to arrive at the main entrance to EHS, where several photo stations were set up at safe distances. Above, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani and EHS Vice Principal Cory McCarthy stop by the check-in table to say hello to Gil and McKie.

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In the Box

Early voting continues at brisk pace in City Hall, and via U.S. Mail

By Seth Daniel

Early voting at City Hall has remained brisk, and ballots are pouring into the City Clerk's office daily in the U.S. Mail - all in advance of the upcoming Nov. 3 General Election, which features the hotly-contested presidential election.

Early voting began on Oct. 21 in Everett, and some 8,000 mail-in ballots were sent out earlier this month. Now, as of Tuesday, around 2,150 early, in-person votes had been recorded, and more than 3,000 mail-in ballots had been returned.

Steady streams of voters were also putting their mail-in ballots in the City's drop boxes outside City Hall. It made for a lively, and early, begin to an extended voting sea-

There are three more days of early voting, ending on Friday, Oct. 30, and Cornelio predicted they would see about 3,000

early votes cast in person. He said of the 8,000 mainin ballots sent out, he expected as many as 6,000 to be returned. And he's still holding at about 16,000 voters turning out in the General Election.

"We have plenty of PPE and we have taken a lot of precautions for early voting in person," said Cornelio Tuesday morning. "We're ready, but it's a lot of preparation. It's been going better than I thought to tell the truth. You always worry, but it's gone well."

One of the wrinkles with mail-in voting, he said, is the state has required an extended three-day cutoff date for counting votes in the mail. Those voting by mail have to have their ballot postmarked by Nov. 3. State officials have required all cities and towns to extend their counting activities for three days after the election. Cornelio said that means they will

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City Clerk Sergio Cornelio (above) pauses for a picture with early-voting poll workers Philomena **Mullins and Larry Arinello** on Tuesday morning. Meanwhile, Arinello (right) checks in a voter at the City Hall polling place in the morning on Tuesday. Voting early has been brisk, and it's estimated that about half of the total Everett turnout



will have cast a ballot before the Nov. 3 General Election.



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Lights, Cameras, Learning

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Differing views on students putting the camera on or keeping it off in remote learning

By Seth Daniel

In late September and early October, the fascinating world of fully remote learning took effect in Everett Public Schools - and many teachers reported looking at an empty screen as students, particularly the older students, kept their cameras off in Zoom classes and made it impossible to tell

what was happening. Whether to turn on the camera or turn it off mandate it to be on or let kids make the decision – has become a focal point for remote learning in Everett and other school districts. There has been so set, perfect solution, but a handful of teachers in Everett said their position has evolved as the classrooms have settled in.

Those teachers said they aren't so hung up any longer on whether or not kids are watching them,

or whether the screen is blank. In fact, most said they prefer to let the kids make that decision as long as they are participating and doing their work. It is, after all, a very personal space whereby teachers are being invited into student homes and bedrooms places they had never gone before to teach les-

Everett High EL teacher Marissa McQueeney said one thing she realized right off the bat is teachers are – in a way – invading student personal space with remote learning if the students are at home. Never before have teachers been beamed into a student's living room to go over word problems.

"Maybe they don't want you to see their background, or maybe there's a lot going on around them they don't want their classmates to see," she said. "If I was a teen-ager, I may not want my teacher and my entire class looking at my bedroom."

Jackie Fallon, a Keverian 7th grade teacher, said she doesn't require cameras to be on, though she prefers it. Forcing kids to turn it on, she said, doesn't usually work out well. However, as time has gone on, she said kids at the middle school level will begin to warm up to the idea.

"Slowly they are beginning to let us in at this grade level," she said. "At first no one had it on, but then they saw that my dog also barks while I'm trying to teach just like their dog or their siblings disturb them. As they've begun to turn their cameras on, I've learned who has music blaring behind them, who dances in their chair, who has a cat, a dog or a bird. I have a student that comes to class with a ferret on his shoulder and

is constantly annoyed by his little brother.

"I had one student who had a lot of anxiety about it, and I tell my students if it's possible, please do turn it on," she continued. "I do prefer it. I 100 percent celebrate it when they turn it on. Then one day that student did turn it on, and later in the day I saw him at Market Basket. That helped me to know him and we could talk about onions in class. I love when they turn it on, but I have an incredible amount of empathy and understanding for students that it doesn't work for."

Keith Spencer, who teaches on a team with Fallon at the Keverian, said they now have about 75 percent of their students turning on their cameras. That is different, he said, at the high school level, but he said he in no way wants to force the issue as a teacher - even if he were faced with looking at a blank screen.

"Sometimes it will be off and maybe they turn their audio off too," he said. "That's when we have the opportunity to pull a student into an online breakout room oneon-one and ask 'What's up?' You have to be a hype man about it with our age group, but you have to have understanding and not push it too much. I'm not on the side of demanding it."

That's because in a city like Everett, the pandemic might have changed living situations severely. Some students may have lost their living situations, or their parents might be working, or they don't have an ideal place to set up for remote schooling in what might be a crowded living situation. All that requires patience, innovation and understanding.

McQueeney said there is also a technological reason for her strong feelings on not requiring cameras to be on. She said uploading speeds on the Internet take far more bandwidth than downloading, so putting the camera on might tax the Internet capabilities in a home – especially if there are additional siblings trying to do remote learning.

"If four people in the same house are trying to upload a video, you're going to have problems,' she said. "As a result of

that, cameras need to be off because if the camera is on, there's a chance the audio will cut out and the student won't hear you."

Fallon said the cameras are really a false sense of security for teachers, as she believes students can prove their engagement in other ways - whether it's in the chat, doing their work, collaborating with other students off-line or speaking when asked a question. The need to see the students has been less necessary, she said, as students have learned how to prove their engagement a totally new concept in

education. "I can tell who is engaged and who is not engaged in the in-person classroom," she said. "With virtual learning, we're putting that on the students to prove they're engaged to us. That's a huge shift. We don't harass kids about cameras as long as they are proving they are engaged...It's up to the students to prove they are there, and there are several different ways to do that which don't include the camera being

Halloween // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 ments will be patrolling

choose to go trick-ortreating please follow the CDC guidelines to have a safe Halloween:

•Wear a mask (costume mask is not a substitute) •Use hand sanitizer

•Stay with your own household/family •Practice social distanc-

For those who are handing out candy to the trick-or-treaters, we ask that you take steps to help make trick-treating safe. Some suggestions would be to hand out treats outdoors or set up a station with individually bagged

There will be 12 stations set up throughout the city to provide trickor-treaters with hand sanitizer and masks. Everett Police and Fire Departthe streets during trick-ortreating hours to enforce and COVID-19 CDC guidelines. Additionally, the City's Inspectional Services Department will be spread throughout the City to ensure adherence

Families who feel that trick-or-treating is not safe this year have other options to celebrate.

to the guidelines.The

timeframe of 5pm-7pm

will be strictly enforced.

•On Thursday, October 29, from 3-6 p.m. at the City of Everett Recreation Center, we will be distributing pumpkins alongside a decorating kit for a pumpkin decorating contest. For submissions, please email your photo to vanessa.alvarado@ci.everett.ma.us by Sunday November 1, 2020.

•On Friday October 30, the Everett Police Department will be hosting a Drive-Thru Trick or Treating event for children under 12-years-old. The spooky event will be held at the Everett Police Department located at 45 Elm St. Chief Mazzie encourages all children to "stay in their vehicles and follow the Officers through the haunted gauntlet where you may find some treats."

•On Halloween night, Mayor DeMaria will be hosting a drive-in movie at RiverGreen Park showing the Disney Pixar movie, 'Coco.' Gates open at 5 p.m. and spots are limited to the first 120 vehicles. Masks are required outside of the vehicle. Residents are asked to please

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have to have a special, hand-counting system for those ballots that arrive on Nov. 4, 5, and 6. The Final Results of the election will be available only after that period of time.

Cornelio has also had to employ extra poll workers to handle the mail-in system. He said about five or six poll workers are stationed in the Clerk's Office to accept the postal ballots, process them, and then organize them so they are ready to be fed through the proper machine on

questions that has been asked about early voting and mail-in voting is whether or not someone can change their vote.

The answer to that is

In previous years, those voting absentee could vote early, then come in on Election Day and invalidate their early vote, then vote differently in person on that day. However, to streamline what is already a complicated election cycle, the state is not allow-

Once one has voted ear-One of the biggest ly in-person, or mailed in their ballot or dropped it in the City Hall boxes – it's a

done deal. "Once you early vote and once we process your mail-in ballot, that's it," said Cornelio. "Your

choice has been made." The remaining times for early voting in the City Hall basement (Church Street entrance) are as fol-

Wednesday, October

 $28 \ 9 \ a.m. - 2 \ p.m.$ •Thursday, October 29

2:30 pm - 7:30 p.m.•Friday, October 30 9

a.m. - 2 p.m.

- 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-geJaekx02IH54Q, 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 Section 34."

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

should attend the virtual hearing designated above in accordance to the agenda of the meeting will be located under Planning Board at: http://www.cityofeverett.com/AgendaCenter. As items may be continued to later dates, please contact Matthew Lattanzi at Matt.Lattanzi@ci.everett.ma.us and/or 617-394-2334 before attending with any comments, concerns, and/or ques-

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Hearing on the following application by The Davis Companies Property located at: 34 Market St Site Plan Review

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, and 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.youtube.com/channel/UCdwa-OnTb-geJaekx02lH54Q, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the proposal for the redevelopment including the demolition of an existing 69,200 sq. foot warehouse and the construction of a one story, 221,800 sq. foot last-mile distribution warehouse located at 34 Market St that being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor's Department as H0-17-000076.

The application with narrative and the Site Plan were received 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 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

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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

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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.

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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of the position," he said. "This isn't for Carlo De-Maria. This is so things that happened in the past don't happen again. Let's not forget, we had to give the School Department \$20 million in one calendar year because the former superintendent overspent the budget and hired 107 people outside the budget presented to the City Council. This has nothing to do with the current superintendent. This is checks and balances...

"It's giving the City Council and the City buy in," he continued. "We're not separate. They are a department of the City like police, libraries and Human Resources. This isn't two separate lanes here. We're one group. One Everett. The mayor would be only one vote out of 10."

Cornelio said the proposal on ward voting does now contain the change for the mayor to be a voting member of the School Committee. It is consistent, he said – and research shows, with other cities and towns around Everett. In Revere and Malden, the mayor is the permanent chair of the School Committee and a voting member too. In Medford and Somerville, the mayor is a voting member as well.

DeMaria added that it would be an extra set of eyes on the finances so things that happened under the former superintendent couldn't happen again. This was pointed out in recommendations given by the Blue Ribbon Task Force in 2019 – with them recommending that the City begin a discussion about the mayor being a voting member on the School Committee.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Everett, Massachusetts 02149

To Whom It May Concern:

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- LEGAL NOTICE -

CITY OF EVERETT

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM in regards to an

application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker's

declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose.

An online link and telephone access number will be provided on

all meeting agendas and also on the Board's website. This ap-

plication will permit the public to access and participate in future

Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in

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In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage

of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding

and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep mem-

Applicant seeks to alter and convert an existing two (2) family and

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Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning

bers of the Board and the public safe.

Property Address: 43 Corey Street

Person Requesting: Sergio Cornelio

the Dwelling District on a 15,553-sf lot.

Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Map/Parcel: C004-000038

43 Corey Street

Everett, MA 02149

Reason for Denial:

Zoning Ordinance:

Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Specifically, the Task Force was very clear that making the mayor a voting member was not a recommendation from them, but it "should be a decision made by the City at a later time after evaluating the results of the collaborative environment between the School Department and City Hall and the implementation of the recommendations made by the Task Force."

For those on the School Committee, the move by Mayor DeMaria drew some skepticism as to the timing. Many had never heard of the idea being wrapped into the discussion of the Charter Change for ward voting, and even had a discussion with Cornelio at a School Committee meeting earlier this month where this plan wasn't mentioned at

Member Marcony Almeida Barros said it came as quite a surprise to him when he heard about it via the City Council calendar – as it was to be considered at Monday night's meeting, but the Council had technical issues and couldn't get to that item.

"I was really surprised to learn that the Mayor wants to become a voting member of the School Committee - and I only found out by reading the city council agenda," he said. "I've been on the Committee for almost three years, and despite all that's happened during that time, I only recall seeing the Mayor attend our meetings twice, during the superintendent search process. Does he really need to become a voting member in order to participate? I know we work together

well with City Hall, which is why this move raises questions at this time."

The mayor is already the chair of the City Hallbased watchdog group, the School Finance Review Commission, and he also meets about twice a month with Supt. Priya Tahiliani and her leadership team.

Member Frank Parker said the move caught him off guard, especially after they had talked with Cornelio about the ward voting Charter change on Oct. 5.

"Here we are three weeks later and the rumors start going around on Monday of this week," he said. "We don't know when, where and who made the decision to incorporate this change to the School Committee with the ward race issue - which is being done because we are threatened with a lawsuit. No one is suing the School Committee to add members...I don't know the concerns because I'm being kept in the dark, and the chair is being kept in the dark."

Parker went on to say the School Committee has completely reformed its fiscal and financial situation. Last year, he said they returned \$3 million to the City, and this year they will return about \$900,000 to the City – meaning they haven't overspent or had to ask for extra money in two years. He added that had the Council taken it up – and not had technical issues Monday - it could have passed without dis-

"Sounds to me like we had a surprise coming," he said. "The point is we're trying to be collaborative and work in a transparent environment and this doesn't jive with that."

DeMaria said it is really less about surprising anyone and more about rectifying the past. He said the Charter Reform Committee many years ago wanted to make this change to come in line with other cities around Everett – but former Supt. Fred Foresteire had too much power and blocked it from happening in order to consolidate power. He said his only "play" on the matter is to rectify that, have the mayor be more involved in the schools, and participate in meetings twice a month.

"There's 'play no here," he said, noting that he fully trusts Supt. Tahiliani and her team. "It's something I thought should have happened a long time ago and should have happened regarding former Supt. Foresteire when he overspent the budget. I'm not saying the mayor should appoint the School Committee like Boston. That's not needed...It's simply about the future of the mayoral position."

Any Charter change would have to pass the City Council, and then would have to go to the State Legislature for a Home Rule Petition vote. Cornelio said he expected that could be done by the end of the calendar year, and the measure could be put in place by January - if approved. The

Council is slated to take up the matter on Nov. 9, and it might appear on the School Committee agenda next week.

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To provide a socially-distant and easy transportation option for voters across Metro Boston as they head to the polls next month, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross") will offer free Bluebikes rides on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Complimentary trips will be available across the system's eight municipalities: Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, Newton, Somerville and Watertown, with stations in Chelsea and Revere launching soon. Blue Cross is the title sponsor of Bluebikes, which is owned by the municipalities.

To take advantage of Blue Cross' free ride offer, riders can download and open the Bluebikes app on a mobile device and then choose "Adventure Pass" for unlimited two-hour rides on Election Day from any of the more than 350 Bluebikes stations across the system's eight municipalities. Blue Cross is committed to removing transportation barriers this election season, as many Americans have voiced challenges in traveling to their polling sites in past elections. A 2016 Sur-

vey of the Performance of American Elections found that 30 percent of registered youth did not vote because they said they couldn't access transportation to the

"We're proud to help increase access to polling stations across our communities by covering the cost of Bluebikes rides on Election Day," said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross. "We hope those who plan to vote in person across Metro Boston on November 3 will take advantage of free Bluebikes rides as they exercise their civic right to vote."

Riders interested in taking Bluebikes to the polls can visit bluebikes.com/map to find the closest Bluebikes station to their polling venue. Blue Cross is in the third year of a six-year Bluebikes title sponsorship, which launched in May 2018. Through its partnership with the municipal owners of Bluebikes, Blue Cross is supporting continued expansion, including system upgrades, additional bikes, and station expansions to increase access.



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BOARD OF APPEALS 484 Broadway **Everett, Massachusetts 02149**

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: Property Address: 94 Wyllis Ave. Map/Parcel: D0-06-0000772 Person Requesting: Mr. Sujan Kharel 94 Wyllis Ave. Everett, MA 02149

existing single-family house, built in June 1925, and would like in to convert it to a three-family (3) dwelling. The existing 8128 sf lot is located in a Dwelling District. Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant owns an

Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Reason for Denial: • The floor area ratio of 0.95 is above what is allowed in the

Dwelling District. Zoning Ordinance: Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional Requirements 2 Lot

Area line c which states c. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: Property Address: 536 Broadwayß Map/Parcel: C0-05-000098 Person Requesting: 536 Broadway LLC Mani Farahani 523 Cambridge St.

Alston, MA 02134

To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant proposes an interior renovation to convert the existing building to an eleven (11) unit multi-family residential structure. The existing lot is 7629 sf and is located in a Business District where the proposed use is allowed by right. The proposal use change provides no parking on the lot.

Reason for Denial: 1. Appendix A Section 17 (A) 2: Requires two (2) parking spaces for each dwelling unit for a total of 22 parking spaces. The project provides no parking therefore the applicant must seek a

variance for 22 parking spaces from the Board of Appeals.

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single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance (1926) to convert to not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance allowing the conversion of a double semi-detached dwelling to a six-unit dwelling. 2. Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 17(A)2

1. Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 4(a)1 limits a

requires two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit. The proposed plan contains four (4) parking spaces requiring relief in the form of a variance for eight (8) parking spaces.

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BE SURE TO VOTE

Okay -- this is it.

The long presidential campaign has come to an end and it will all be over by the time this newspaper is published next week.

Although a record-breaking number of Americans already have taken advantage of the availability of early-voting and voting by mail, there still are many voters who have not cast their ballots.

So here's a reminder:

- -- Early voting in person is available in every city and town in Massachusetts through this Friday, October 30. Each town and city clerk will set its own hours each day for early voting, so every voter should check for their community's early-voting schedule.
- -- Those who intend to vote by mail must have their ballot envelope postmarked by Election Day, November 3, AND it must be received by election officials by
- -- For those who wish to vote the old-fashioned way on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, the polls in every city and town across the state will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Our democracy only works if we make it work -- and that means getting out to vote.

IT'S US VS. THE VIRUS

The stunning announcement this week by Trump administration officials that they will be doing nothing to halt the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has grave implications both for the health of every American and for the U.S. economy.

With an average of 1000 Americans dying every day and record-high levels of sickness overwhelming hospitals all across the country, no one is safe from contract-

What does this mean?

First and foremost, both first and second-level responders -- police and firefighters are in the first category, hospital workers are in the second -- will be at huge risk for contracting the virus. COVID-19 already is the single-biggest cause of deaths among police officers this year and with the pandemic now completely out-ofcontrol, the situation only will get worse.

Second, essential workers, such as teachers and certain retail employees, also will be at high risk for contracting the virus.

Third, senior citizens and those with pre-existing conditions basically will be confined to their homes until they receive a proven vaccine, which is not expected to be widely available until some time next in the late spring or early summer. Family gatherings for the holidays and other occasions simply are not safe for anybody, especially older Americans.

Fourth, the travel, entertainment, and hospitality industry will be all but finished without massive aid from the federal government. Small restaurants and businesses that were able to make it through the summer will face an impossible winter season.

Fifth, unemployment will remain exceedingly high and many Americans will struggle just to feed their families and pay their rent, mortgages, and car payments without massive government assistance.

Sixth, those who need urgent care for other health reasons -- such as heart attacks, cancer treatment, and accidents -- will be placed at risk because ICU and emergency rooms will be filled with COVID-19 patients.

Seventh, state and local governments will be facing huge deficits and will be unable to maintain essential services such as public transportation without massive federal aid.

President Trump has been saying at his rallies in recent days that we are "rounding the corner" in the battle against the virus, a phrase he has been using since last spring.

But at this point, we have rounded so many Trumpian corners, it is clear that we are just running in circles.

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Let your heart drive you to vote, but put your mind into your voting

By Glenn Mollette

Most of the time people marry because at that moment that's where their hearts have led them to be. For better or worse many people stay in marriages most of their lives because they have given their heart to their spouse.

We sometimes pursue careers because we have a heart for the vocation. There is something about the vocation that inspires and motivates us. Because our heart is in the work, we stay with the occupation. Success is more likely to occur where the heart is centered.

We become very competent with our hobbies because we love them so much. We enjoy musical instruments, baking, sewing, wood work, painting, fishing, sports and whatever your hobby might be. People are often ready to retire from their jobs because they have hobbies, they love more.

The major emphasis of the greatest commandment is to love God with our hearts. Jesus knew no one would have any commitment to God without the full commitment of the heart.

The heart will take you places and keep you places where the mind would never consider. Too often what the mind will not consider the heart will not give up or waver from.

We often forget about the mind. Jesus told us to love God with our minds. Reason, commonsense, inquiry, thinking and education are all important. Sometimes the heart may cause us to be blind. We may love blindly. Stay with negative relationships that are destructive. Hang on to a job or career pursuit that ends up being negative, a dead end and a waste of time. We have to involve our minds in our lives. Life cannot be lived merely by the heart.

Heart will keep you someplace a long time. However, your mind will help you to decipher whether it's the right thing to do.

Americans are at the polls voting. Love for the country, ideas, political parties and candidates have Americans voting in masses. While you may love the Democratic party or the Republican party or either candidate hopefully you are considering all the reasons why you are vot-

What do you want for America? Good paying jobs? More Government involvement in life? The removal of guns from society? The freedom to have guns? Less police security? More police security? More taxes? Less taxes? More jobs coming back to America? More jobs going back to China? Health care that pays for nothing? A better health care for every American? What about

our freedom? Freedom of speech? We love our freedom in America. Freedom to try. Freedom to fail. Freedom to try again. Freedom to succeed. Freedom to pursue owning a house, car and living an independent life. Maybe, you feel that every American should have the same, be the same and that the Government should take care of all us equally?

This election, think about it. Think about what you want for you and your grandchildren. Let your heart drive you to vote, but put your mind into your voting.

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.

News in Brief

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE **PROGRAM** FOR INCOME **ELIGIBLE EVERETT** RESIDENTS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Office of Human Services invites low income Everett residents to apply for holiday meal and toy assistance. Applications will be taken at The Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea St. at the rear entrance, Thursdays from 9- 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 -3 p.m., Fridays from 9 - 11:30 a.m., October 29, Nov. 5 and 6 only.

Applicants should have proof of residence (Everett only), birth certificates for underage dependents, and verification of low income status. Applications will not be taken over the

phone. During the current health crisis, you must wear a mask, have a temperature check, remain socially distant and outside the rear entrance of the Connolly Center until you are called. Please only one member each family. For additional information please call The Office of Human Services at 617.394.2260 or 617.394.2323

COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

Small businesses throughout the Commonwealth have faced multiple challenges throughout the pandemic. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recently announced \$50.8 million in grants

available to support small businesses, microenterprises, and their employees, families and communities that have been negatively impacted by as a direct result of the pan-

The application will be available through November 12, at noon.

"Small businesses have been hurt substanthroughout COVID-19 pandemic,' said Mayor Carlo De-Maria. "This financial assistance will allow them to stay in business for another, day, week or month. I encourage all Everett small business owners who qualify to apply for this assistance.'

Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) will be overseeing these funds to businesses experiencing economic hardship and a loss of income due to COVID-19. The funds for the program were appropriated through the Commonwealth's Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 as well as through the CARES Act of 2020. These funds are divided into two programs, Small Business Grants for 5 or Fewer Employees and Small Business Grants for 50 or Few Employees.

In order to be eligible, businesses must meet the criteria for one of these programs. For more information about the programs eligibility, please https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness. org/covid-19-response/ covid-19-grants-massachusetts-small-business-

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person, saying if she has health concerns maybe the Council isn't for her.

"There are four or five members in the Chamber over 60," said Councilor Napolitano. "Most have health issues and we're here. I respect the councilor's health concerns...But if you aren't able to do the job, don't take the assignment. We all have health issues. I have high blood pressure...We're here because we took an oath to the residents of Everett. If you can't do it, you have

Said President Rosa DiFlorio, "We need to go back to the old fashioned way. If the Internet goes off, then come on. We have a job to do. To the extent and individual does not want to be here, that's their decision."

some decisions to make."

Wayne Councilor Matewsky said one needs to be at the meeting, or they're absent.

"We're required to be here," said Matewsky. "Every other City is in their Chambers. Let's eliminate this Zoom thing and get on with the City's business... If someone can't make the meeting, then they're absent."

Said Councilor Michael McLaughlin, "We have a job to do and are elected to do that job...Everyone knows my health issues and I'm very susceptible to COVID-19, and if I got it, I might not get up from it truthfully. If a colleague could not attend, it's not our business and it's not our concern. We owe it to the people of Everett to show up and make sure checks and balances are made...We need to resolve

Adrien, after the meeting, said she didn't hear most of those accusations, but during the meeting she did respond from online to those attacking her for not coming in-person. She said she has serious health concerns, and has produced valid doctor's notes that

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To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant

proposes to convert the existing noncon-

forming accessory structure garage into

a single-family dwelling by renovating

the interior and installing new windows,

doors and means of egress. The existing

lot is 5112 sf and is located in a Business

District and contains an existing principle

structure two family dwelling. The applicant

spaces but the layout does not comply with

proposed an adequate number of parking

local zoning ordinances.

Property Address: 319 Main Street

Person Requesting: Elson Alves

Map/Parcel: D0-02-000034

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have been provided to the Human Resources Department detailing her health issues - and her fear of how they may be exacerbated by COVID-19 - and requesting the Zoom accommodation. She charged her Council colleagues were violating common decency.

"First of all, I'm get-

ting texts from the public they can't hear," she said. "As City Councilors we were elected by the people and they should hear and understand what we're doing...I have gone to Human Resources. I have doctor notes. I have gone to get doctor's notes on why I can't attend the meetings when they are more than a half-hour. You are violating HIPA and ADA in regards to my health and my concerns from my doctor...For someone to say that I'm out of state and have no concerns that I could be sick and there is no concern for me, that is

It was indeed what the meeting became about.

inconsiderate."

The Council's struggles with hosting online and in-person meetings have been well-publicized for several weeks, and while other bodies in Everett have found a way to pull it off, it has eluded the Council. While other Council meetings were impossible to hear, or difficult to follow, Monday's meeting was just out of control.

Right off the bat on Monday, there were problems as the television audience could hear Councilor Adrien – who has been attending meetings remotely due to a health concern, she said – but the councilors in the Chambers couldn't hear her.

There were also messages sent in from the public as that they could not hear things going on in the public hearings, and there were "echoes." Some of those texting councilors had wanted to speak on the matters, which complicated things and caused the Council to have to lay over the matters to the Nov. 9 meeting to allow people to comment.

Councilor Fred Capone had called for an adjournment, saying if the public couldn't hear, then it had to be fixed.

"I think we have to adjourn and fix this," he said, noting that he was not taking issue with Adrien being on Zoom. "If people can't hear and it's not easy to understand, we have to lay it over until we can fix it.'

However, they tried to persevere.

On the matter of accepting a \$184,000 grant from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC), fireworks erupted in a debate over e-mail versus paper. Adrien had questions on the grant, which was a grant for more police presence and equipment at the casino, but said she didn't get any information about the grant on e-mail.

Council President Di-Florio said they don't e-mail the Council documentation packet. Instead, they hand deliver the paper copies to each Councilor's

"We can't be e-mailing and sending things in the mail," she said. "To scan it costs money...I don't see an issue of getting it at home...Enough is enough. Let's be adults here. Enough with the smirks."

Said Adrien, "It does not cost a penny to scan documents. If anyone needs help doing that, I can show them how.'

However, no one could hear her say that, except the public audience, and the Council continued despite Adrien still having the floor in Parliamentary procedure. Yet, no one could hear her questions or what she was saying and they called for a vote.

When she protested, Di-Florio got upset and called for an adjournment - the first such call Monday night. That erupted into some bickering and finally DiFlorio proclaimed a 10 minute recess.

"That's it; she's out of control," said DiFlorio of Adrien, whom she couldn't actually hear, but could see on the TV screen.

Earlier in the meeting, when concerns first surfaced, DiFlorio said the City Hall is old and they're dealing with bad equipment. She said they were going to buy new equipment to have top-rate online meetings, but COVID took away that money and they couldn't.

Capone said it isn't that complicated, and the City should be able to put money into fixing the Council meetings. He said other cities have been successful, and so have other boards in Everett.

"I know it's an old building, but it's a City – a multi, multi-million dollar city," he said. "Every other city can do it and we can do it too."

Of course, this was all done with the backdrop of COVID-19 cases being on the rise in Everett – a 'red' high-risk community for several weeks. From Friday to Monday, there had been 65 new cases reported in Everett – with the daily numbers on the rise.

"Tonight has been a circus," said Councilor Anthony DiPierro. "If this continues, I don't

want to come to another meeting that's hybrid."

Said Councilor Capone, "Some here tonight made a few comments that may have gone a little too far and I want to say I'm embarrassed by it."

That was followed by the 7-4 vote to adjourn.

And then in a fun "hot mic" moment to end the Councilor proceedings, Matewsky said on live television, "That's bull (expletive deleted)."

And that pretty much put a proper nightcap on the proceedings.

Further discussion on Tuesday indicated plans are in the works to eliminate the Zoom option, forcing Adrien to attend meetings in person or be counted absent - while also requiring the public to come in person to the Chambers to give input, participate and testify on public matters.

•'COOL' **MOMENT** FOR FOOD PANTRY

Many of the workers from the Grace Food Pantry and Director Irene Cardillo appeared at the Council meeting on Monday, and President DiFlorio broke tradition to allow Cardillo to speak about all they have done through the pandemic.

She said it has been 230 days of non-stop work to make sure residents from all over the city had food, clothing and school supplies. She said they have provided 1.22 million pounds of food to 9,000 families per month since March 1.

"I love my city and am proud of my city, but over the last several months there has been such a dedication and concern to meet the needs of all the residents in all the neighborhoods of the city," she said. "It's truly amazing."

Councilor Adrien says she won't resign, calls treatment Monday 'prejudice'

Councilor Gerly Adrien responded on Tuesday morning to her colleagues that called for her resignation because she is apprehensive about returning to in-person meetings due to health issues.

In short, she said she will not resign and called the words and actions directed at her Monday night both 'racist' and 'prejudice.' She added that her workplace, at a major hospital, has suspended in-person meetings, but yet the **Everett City Council insists** on such meetings, and she noted that many members don't wear masks and one showed up a few weeks ago while still awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test

"I am not resigning," she

said. "This is prejudice and racism from the majority of white male Councilors to bring this up for only me. but make accommodations for other members," she said. "Since elected, I have fought hard for the residents of Everett to bring a new perspective on the issues that lie in our community. There are plenty more issues that need to be worked on, especially under this current administration. I have made the decision to not be in a closed room with 13 people, who mostly do not wear a mask, for more than 30 minutes. I have been advised by my doctor that this is not safe. especially in a community

that is a high-risk zone." She said the Council should be less worried about her medical issues, and more worried about what she said is exclusion of the public.

"What the City Councilors should be concerned about is how to be more transparent in their work and stop hiding from the residents on what they are working on," she said. "The public cannot even participate in the meetings due to the fault of the Council leadership. Also, they should be focusing on fighting for more relief and improving city laws for the residents during this pandemic. Last, I work at a hospital, where they have banned all in-person meetings for the safety of everyone. Why would I not trust a top-rated institution on their recommendation?"

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the following:

"Up to three (3) dwelling units shall be prohibited except by the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning board of Appeals in the Business, Business Limited, Industrial and Industrial Limited Districts.

The applicant needs relief in the form of a special permit from the Board of Appeals. 2. Appendix A Section 3 (M): which states the following:

"Any lot, which is to be occupied for residential purpose shall have a frontage of at least twenty (20) feet wide on one or more streets and there shall be not more than one (1) structure of the type permitted for each such lot."

The applicant needs relief in the form of a variance from the Board of Appeals. 3. Appendix A Section 6 (B) 5: which states the following:

Side Yard: "None required unless a lot line adjoins lot used for one or two family or three family dwelling use, in which case the side yard shall be not less than four (4) feet in width for a building proposed to be not more than thirty (30) feet in height; and seven (7) feet for buildings proposed to be more than thirty (30) feet in height. The applicant must seek relief in the form

of a special permit pursuant to Appendix A Section 3 (F)¹ 4. Appendix A Section 6 (B) 6: which states

the following: Rear Yard: "Twenty-five (25) feet minimum

The applicant must seek relief in the form of a special permit pursuant to Appendix A

Section 3 (F)1 5. Appendix A Section 17 (I): which states the following:

.....the total area of any parking facility for more than five (5) cars shall average two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet per car."

The applicant needs relief in the form of a variance from the Board of Appeals. 6. Appendix A Section 17(J): which states the following: "Parking facilities shall be designed so

that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle." The applicant needs relief in the form of a

variance from the Board of Appeals. 7. Appendix A Section 17(L): which states

the following:

"All properties which abut such parking lots shall be protected from headlight glare by either:" 1. "A strip at least four (4) feet wide,

densely planted with shrubs or trees which are at least four (4) feet high at the time of planting and which are of a type may be expected to form a year round dense screen at least six (6) feet high within three (3) years, or" 2. "A wall, barrier, of fence of uniform

appearance at least five (5) feet high, but not more than six (6) feet above finish grade, or above the roof level if on a roof. Such wall, barrier or fence may be opaque or perforated, provided that not more than fifty (50) percent of the face open." The applicant needs relief in the form of a variance from the Board of Appeals

8. Appendix A Section 17 (M): which states the following: "No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable

rooms in the basement or first story level of any building." The applicant needs relief in the form of a variance from the Board of Appeals.

9. Appendix A Section 17 (O): which states the following: "The design of parking lots for the parking of more than five (5) vehicles shall be

submitted to the inspector of buildings for review and approval and shall be subject to the following requirements:" 4. "Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is

not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or drive-5. "All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to Allow ingress and exiting at same time."

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Property Address: 39 Cedar Street Map/Parcel: B0-01-000057 Person Requesting: Mr. Tiago Moreira 39 Cedar Street Everett, MA 02149

Reason for Denial: Applicant seeks to alter the existing single family into a two-family

structure by adding a new dwelling unit within the basement. The existing structure was built in 1915 and pursuant to Appendix A Section 4 (1) allows conversion by providing parking for only the additional unit. Plans indicate the provision for a single parking space where parking is required for two vehicles under the current ordinance. The 2265 sf lot is nonconforming as to area where the current zoning requires a single-family lot to be 5500 sf. The lot is insufficient in area for the conversion to a two-family dwelling where zoning requires a lot area of 7000 sf. Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning

Ordinance Appendix A as follows: Zoning Ordinance: Section 3 General Requirements paragraph C which states the

Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than

the existing non-conforming use or structure. Section 17 Off Street Parking: Requires two (2) parking spaces for each dwelling unit. Plans indicate only one parking space will be provided therefor the applicant will need to seek relief in the

form of a variance from the Board of Appeals.

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Reason for Denial 1. Appendix A Section 3 (P): which states

SECOND ANNUAL BRANDON CONDE DAY IN EVERETT

When Brandon Conde entered the Village Bar & Grille on Saturday evening, Oct. 24, he was greeted with a hero's welcome by his long-time friends and supporters appropriately on Brandon Conde Day. The time was to celebrate the 2nd annual day devoted to Conde - established by Mayor Carlo DeMaria last year. Conde said he has been busy working from home and keeping up with his strenuous physical therapy program. It was the first time he had been out in public with so many other people, he said, making the day even more special.

In a tragic accident July 2019, Conde fell out of a second floor window screen while sleeping not even knowing what had happened until he woke up in the hospital. The accident left him paralyzed, but his friends and family rallied to help, and gained the help of Mayor DeMaria along the way.



Rachel Pierce, Brianna Uga and Tory Cyrus.



Mike Brooks, Jasmyn Nelson, and Bobby Allen.



Karinna Cesar, Kristina Sullivan and Jordan Goudreau.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria (center) and staff from all over City Hall dressed in red on Thursday to mark the 2nd annual Brandon Conde Day.

Everett Citizens Foundation

Students on Zoom doing remote schooling showed their support of Brandon Conde Day last Friday by wearing red to their classes.

Staff at the Lafayette School on Friday wore red in honor of Brandon Conde Day.



Michelle Hurwitz, Caleigh Burns, Jepthe Soulouque, Webb Camille, Jessica Trejo and Omar Graciano.

ready for second year of funding you have to do is open a By Seth Daniel newspaper or go outside The Everett Citizens and see how many orga-Foundation has released nizations are putting the applications for the Year 2, money into action to serve Round 1 funding process, the community...It was and is inviting non-profits great to see at such a time

based in, or serving, Everett to apply for \$150,000 available in this fall's grant process. The Everett Citizens

Foundation is a Board of residents who distribute approximately \$250,000 each year given to the Foundation by Encore Boston Harbor as part of his Host Community Agreement with the City specifically used to fund non-profits and other services that are aligned with helping Everett residents.

Chair Holly Garcia said they are entering their third grant funding round, with last spring's round being totally dedicated to COVID-19 relief. She said being able to sit on the Foundation and direct money last spring to those serving the community in a time of great need was fulfilling.

"Especially COVID-19, we distributed the money from last fall's round in February, and then COVID-19 hit in March," she said. "In April, we dedicated our spring funding round to a few organizations that were directly helping with relief efforts. It's been great to see the non-profits like food pantries and other services benefit from the Foundation. All

of need that community groups weren't taking a back seat. They weren't closed. They are open and trying to maintain the safety of volunteers, staff and clients."

Matt Lattanzi, a representative from the City on the Foundation, said they were in receipt of \$256,250 from Encore last month as per the HCA the increase coming due to a 2.5 percent cost of living increase that builds up each year. They will distribute \$150,000 of that in the fall, and then \$113,000 in the spring. No single organization can get two grants in one funding cycle. That is to encourage others to be able to benefit.

Last fall, prior to COVID-19, Lattanzi said they had 35 applicants and gave out 22 awards. This time, they expect to have even more applicants before the Dec. 1 deadline due to the high needs brought on by COVID.

"In total, we plan to give out \$263.000 to Everett community organizations in two funding rounds this year," said Lattanzi.

This time around, successful applicants are being asked to submit a report to the Foundation after the program is implemented to let the members

know what was done with the money – a way to track success. There is also a change in the scoring method. Previously, there was a list of seven criteria that members scored each applicant on for a total of 14 points. Now, an eighth

item has been added. Lattanzi said that is to let applicants know they had a great application and the Foundation wanted to fund it, but didn't have the resources.

"We want to give them a little recognition and a minor bump and encourage them to apply in another funding round," said Lattanzi.

Applications are now available and ready for submission.

The Foundation plans to meet on Dec. 15 to score the applicants and determine the awardees. Money from the fall round would be distributed almost immediately after those decisions are made.

The Foundation, which consists of members appointed by Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the Everett City Council, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, and State Rep. Joe McGonagle, is charged with supporting and promoting local groups, associations, and programs with important City initiatives that provide a direct benefit to Everett residents.

The Year 2 Round 1 application deadline is December 1.



Friends and family gathered with Brandon Conde for a group photo at the Village Bar &Grille on Saturday evening.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle visited Bakes & Cakes in Everett Square on October 9 when he presented owner Renata Kapisch with a citation to celebrate her accomplishments as an immigrant entrepreneur. Kapisch has made significant contributions and impacts to Everett and the Brazilian Community, and has enlivened Norwood Street with a busy and tasty coffee shop. Bakes & Cakes is located at 27B Norwood St. in Everett.

EVERETT TIDE SOFTBALL IN PLAYOFF ACTION

The Everett Tide softball team has been continuing its quest for a championship in the play-

Francesca Maluri steals a base for the Tide.

offs that are being held at Glendale Park.

The players have been enjoying good weather and a lot of support from their families and friends during the season.



At bat Kyleigh Dalton.





dugout after being tagged out on a close call at second



Taking her turn at bat, Cat Schena for the Tide.



At bat is catcher Gabi Maluri.



Cat Schena starting pitcher for the tide.



Gabi Maluri lets her team know there are two outs, as the next batter comes to the



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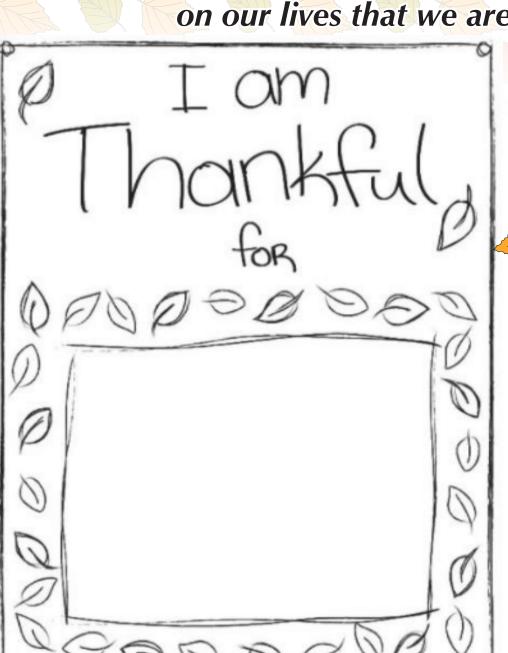


Stealing third is Meridith Morris.

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Everett youth hockey players on hold as MPH shuts down rinks due to COVID-19

The East Coast Junior Patriots youth hockey program that includes players from Everett, along with Revere, Malden, and East Boston, has had its season suspended for two weeks as a result of the Mass. Department of Public Health ordering that all rinks in the states be closed due to an increase in coronavirus

The Allied Veterans Rink in Everett and the Cronin Rink in Revere are closed for two weeks, with a reopening date scheduled for Nov. 7.

"We're on hold for two weeks," said East Coast Hockey officer and coach Gerry Visconti. "Our inhouse program and traveling teams have been shut

down as are all hockey programs in Massachu-

Visconti said that there was an uptick in cases related to the virus.

"New Hampshire shut down their youth hockey programs last week, so this decision was expected," said Visconti. Visconti, Revere

councilor-at-large, more than 100 youth hockey players were affected by the suspension of play. Learn-To-Skate "Our program hasn't start-

ed yet," said Visconti. "We've held off on it." Edna Micelin of Everett

is a parent of an 11-yearold son, J.J, who participates in the East Coast Junior Patriots hockey program.

Micelin said she wasn't pleased that her son's hockey season has been suspended for two weeks, but she understands Massachusetts Public Health's

"I wasn't happy about it, but I understand about the safety aspect," said Micelin, a member of the Everett Library Board. "I do feel that my son's hockey program was following the protocols and doing what it was supposed to be doing in this situation. They were socially distancing. They had hand sanitizers everywhere. The players were always wearing their masks as were the coaches."

Micelin said players came to the rink attired in their hockey uniforms and waited outside the arena

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The Allied Veterans Rink in Everett will be closed until Nov, 7, per order of the Massachusetts Public Health due to a surge in coronavirus cases.

before the previous team had completed its practice sessions. The players' only visit to the locker room was to drop off their equipment bags before heading directly to the ice surface. Only one parent per child was allowed in the rink to observe practices.

"The program has been

abiding by the standards," said Micelin. "I felt my son and his teammates were safe and the league was adhering to all the said Micelin. guidelines. The coaches were all on board and they treat their players as family. They always make

"I think our society needs to try to move on in a safe way without shutting down every time,"

J.J, who has been participating in youth hockey for seven years, is looking forward to resuming his season in two weeks, according to his mother,

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Cases of COVID-19 continue to stay in double digits day over day •Wednesday, Oct. 21 -

sure the kids are doing

what they're supposed to

do and staying safe.

The numbers COVID-19 cases in Everett continues to stay in the double digits every day with the last week (Tuesday to Tuesday) registering 104 new cases in the city. That is an increase from the prior week when there were 96 cases for the

The numbers are as fol-

- •Tuesday, Oct. 27 − 11 •Monday, Oct. 26 - 17
- •Sunday, Oct. 25 18 •Saturday, Oct. 24 – 17
- •Friday, Oct. 23 13
- •Thursday, Oct. 22 10

•Tuesday, Oct. 20 - 10

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

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

Glendale Park, noon to 6 p.m.

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

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

Edith Street Park, noon

to 6 p.m. •Thursdays, River-Green Parking Lot Drive Thru Testing, noon to 6

•Fridays, Swan Street Park, 7 a.m. to noon.

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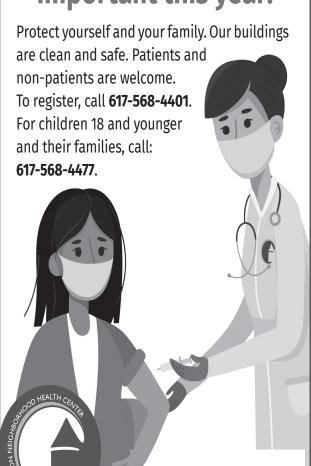
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POLICE

Chief Steve Mazzie was happy to present another check on behalf of members of the Everett Police **Department for Goatees/** Beards for a cause. This donation went to Homebase, a program in the Charlestown Navy Yard that helps military families who are dealing with the invisible wounds of battle.

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Re-Imagine // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Broadway is an opportunity to encompass all we have around Broadway and the neighborhoods. Business have to have foot traffic. If people can travel easier by bus, it allows them access to jobs, health care and services...I am committed to building full-scale Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Broadway. BRT is a tool to unlock economic opportunity for Everett...I've always said if we can get people from Everett into Boston with a one-seat ride, we can transform our city and the communities north of us too."

Since those beginning days, Mary Skelton Roberts of the Barr Foundation noted that Mayor DeMaria has been a champion of BRT and making the bus lines central to the planning of Everett downtown - which now includes several street calming measures along Broadway side-streets and a pop-up parklet at on Ferry Street as part of Re-Imagine Broadway.

"To do this you needed committed leaders on the state and local level and who weren't afraid to push back on misconceptions," she said. "We needed leaders to stand up and say they support the bus and the people that ride it. Mayor DeMaria has been fearless since the beginning. Since that day when they dropped orange cones down Broadway, it started a bus revolution. What started as a line of cones in 2016 has become a multi-faceted Re-Imagining of these key parts of Broadway."

MassDOT Director Stephanie Pollack has been a frequent visitor to Everett over the years for the Transit Action Plan in 2015 and 2016 and many other initiatives since then. She said this program landed Everett a \$170,000 state grant to



MBTA Director Steve Poftak indicated the dedicated bus lane makes travel on the heavily-used bus lines in Everett faster and more

help implement the new northbound bus lane and to put in slow streets and a pop-up parklet (which will host a Farmer's Market over the next few weeks) on Ferry Street.

"It would have been unheard of in the past to think a business district like Everett Square could thrive without parking in front of the stores or every lane of travel in use at all times by cars," she said. "This is exactly what Mayor DeMaria has been trying to bring about and Everett has been a consistent and early partner in this effort with us."

She said the current program came in with \$5 million statewide, but was so popular that Gov. Charlie Baker added another \$5.2 million for a second round. That funded 103 communities for 124 projects, and the next budget cycle will another \$10 million available for similar proposals statewide.

One piece of the Everett Re-Imagining Broadway project, said state official, is the feasibility study for expanding the Silver Line 3 (SL3) from Chelsea through Everett and down to Sullivan Square.



Mary Skelton Roberts of the **Barr Foundation said Ever**ett was the first innovator in what has become a regional bus revolution.



MassDOT Director Stephanie Pollack said Everett has been an early and consistent partner in their initiatives to make streets more friendlier to bus traffic and pedestrians.

The SL3 now runs from South Station in downtown Boston and through the Seaport neighborhood, stopping at Logan Airport before snaking through Chelsea and ending at Market Basket Mall on the Chelsea/Everett line. Were the study to show an expanded Silver Line to be useful, Mayor De-Maria said it would make the full-scale BRT dream come alive. That, he said, is the ultimate hope for prioritizing bus service in Everett – essentially given another fast mode in either direction with one seat



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, MassDOT Director Stephanie Pollack, Highway Director Jonathan Gulliver, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, and Councilor Anthony DiPierro.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria said on Tuesday he is committed to building out a full-scale BRT system in Everett - that said as he and state leaders rolled out a new Re-Imagining Broadway initiative that takes a further step in that overarching goal.

transport.

Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, of the Everett Haitian Community Center, said Re-Imagine Broadway opens access to all residents of the city to opportunities and transportation – even those who might be new and don't know their way around.

"Many of the people we work with are new to the country and do not know their way around and are not proficient in English," she said. "Many of them



Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers said the Re-Imagine Broadway initiative opens up access and opportunities to everyone even those new to Everett.

do not have access to a car. That should not be a barrier. The Re-Imagine Broadway breaks down some of those barriers, creating better mobility choices and making those choices accessible to people that need them...It is about the person riding the bus being as important as the person driving the

The Re-Imagine Broadway initiative rolled out last week and this week, and will continue in the coming weeks. The new, northbound afternoon bus lane on Broadway and Main Street (not the full length though) took effect on Monday, Oct. 26.



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Shared Streets roll out to stop cut-through speeding off Broadway

The new dedicated bus lane going north on Broadway is the crown jewel of the Re-Imagine Broadway initiative unveiled this week, but several smaller gems sit alongside Broadway on smaller streets with temporary measures put in place on a handful of cut-through streets to get cars to slow down.

The smaller project in Re-Imagine Broadway called Shared Streets - has put small, temporary measures in place as of last week on six side streets to discourage cut-through traffic, allow people to walk safely, maintain better parking access for residents and learn lessons for larger measures next year.

Transportation Director Jay Monty said they wanted to make the neighborhood streets slower, and help people get to a more lively Broadway.

It is a collaboration with NeighborWays - a non-profit group that partners with cities on beautification and making areas better for pedestrians.

"If we're going to have an activated and exciting Broadway, people will need to get there and we



A sign and a planter on School Street signify the major Slow Street that stretches from Everett Square to Oakes Street and ends at Main Street.

want neighbors to be able to walk there safely," he said. "All these streets have lots of neighborhood cut-through traffic and speeding issues. Major measures for traffic calming are expensive and time consuming. NeighborWays focuses on quick builds and temporary installations that go in quickly and are adjustable and they can engage with community members to maintain them and adapt them as neighbors see fit."

The streets in question

•Oakes and School Street – (Main Street to Broadway)

•Cottage Street – (Ferry

Street to Broadway)

•Hosmer Street - (Walnut Street to Broadway)

•Lexington Street -(Prospect Street to Broad-

•Coburn Terrace (EHS to Broadway)

•Beautification Way – (Ferry Street to Coburn Terrace)

So far the installations include barriers like flower barrels and signs that read, 'Slow Streets' or 'Local Access Only.' There are also plastic bollards installed to narrow the street and make cut-through drivers slow down and feel like the street isn't a speedway, Monty said. In fact, in some parts they



cut-through drivers in the neighborhoods. Here, a driver on Tuesday morning is slowed down by the temporary barriers placed at the entryway to the street.

narrow the street from 30 feet to 11 feet.

"The desire is when someone enters the corridor, they get a shock and there is a little bit of an uncomfortable feeling," said Monty. "The hope is they slow down and become more vigilant and maybe not use the street for a high speed cut-through again."

Already, for instance, on Tuesday, a driver was going southbound on Broadway and hit the gas to bang a left on Cottage Street - a common cutthrough to avoid the light and speed off to Ferry Street. However, the driver was confronted with 'Shared Street' signs and flower barrels that narrowed the entryway. It, indeed, caused him to slow down and proceed with caution - rather than hit

To be sure, there have been complaints already from neighbors, and Monty has been called to the City Council to explain the program – which was rolled out without much discussion as it's only a temporary pilot.

Monty said they plan to only leave up the installations through November. and they'll be keeping data on those streets to see if drivers have slowed down, and if cut-through trips have decreased.

Meanwhile, a parklet installation on the corner of Ferry Street and Broadway looks to maybe have a longer life. The parklet sits at the corner in front of a few restaurants and stores, and is meant to activate the sidewalk and narrow down the wide road. The parklet has been well-received there, and was even scheduled to begin hosting a Farmer's Market put on by the Everett Community Growers - who grow food in Everett at community gardens and on the Northern

Strand Bike Path. That parklet is also part of a larger look at the road, as it will be undergoing major reconstruction next year for a multi-year major reconstruction project. The closure of the lane to activate the sidewalk will feed in to the design of that intersection when the road is reconstructed. So far, the so-called "road diet" there looks to be working and well-received.

To ask a question or give input about either project, e-mail Monty at jay.monty@ci.everett.

U.S. Attorney announces appointment of District Election Officer to monitor integrity of election polls

United States Attorney Andrew Lelling announced that Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Eugenia Carris will lead the efforts of his Office in connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming Nov. 3, 2020, general election.

AUSA Carris has been appointed to serve as the District Election Officer (DEO) for the District of Massachusetts, and in that capacity is responsible for overseeing the District's handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights concerns in consultation with Justice Department Headquarters in Washington.

"Fair elections are the foundation of our democracy," said U.S. Attorney Lelling. "Every citizen has the Constitutional right to cast his or her vote on election day free from intimidation, harassment and discrimination. The Department of Justice will do its part to ensure the integrity of the election process by enforcing federal laws that protect voters and investigating reports of fraud. We encourage the public to report concerns to us."

The Department of Justice has an important role in deterring election fraud and discrimination at the polls, and combating these violations whenever and without their input. It also cornerstone of American fice and resident agency equipped to respond to an

Department's long-standing Election Day Program furthers these goals, and also seeks to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department for the public to report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open through Election

Federal law protects against such crimes as intimidating or bribing voters, buying and selling votes, impersonating voters, altering vote tallies, stuffing ballot boxes, and marking ballots for voters against their wishes or

tions for the rights of voters, and provides that they can vote free from acts that intimidate or harass them. For example, actions of persons designed to interrupt or intimidate voters at polling places by questioning or challenging them, or by photographing or videotaping them, under the pretext that these are actions to uncover illegal voting may violate federal voting rights law. Further, federal law protects the right of voters to mark their own ballot or to be assisted by a person of their choice (where voters need assistance because of disability or illiteracy).

The franchise is the

ensure that those who are entitled to the franchise exercise it if they choose, and that those who seek to corrupt it are brought to

In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights concerns during the voting period that ends on Nov. 3, 2020, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, AUSA/DEO Carris will be on duty in Massachusetts while the polls are open and can be reached by the public at 617-748-3363.

In addition, the FBI will have special agents available in each field ofwherever they occur. The contains special protec- democracy. We all must throughout the country emergency.

to receive allegations of election fraud and other election abuses on Election Day. The local FBI field office can be reached at 857-386-2000.

Complaints about possible violations of the federal voting rights laws can also be made to the Civil Rights Division in Washington, DC by phone at 800-253-3931 or at https:// civilrights.justice.gov/.

In the case of a crime of violence or intimidation, please call 911 immediately and before contacting federal authorities. State and local police have primary jurisdiction over polling places, and are



NOVEMBER 3, 2020

BALLOT QUESTIONS

INFO FOR VOTERS

Motor Vehicle Mechinal Data

require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems -- systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server -- with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device

independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing. Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization

before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective

telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority. Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state

consumer protection laws and recover civil

penalties of the greater of treble damages or

\$10,000 per violation

 \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{YES} \boldsymbol{VOTE} would provide motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities with expanded access to wirelessly transmitted mechanical data related to their vehicles' maintenance and repair.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing access to vehicles' wirelessly transmitted mechanical data.

ARGUMENTS

IN FAVOR: A YES VOTE for Right to Repair will guarantee that as technology advances, drivers can continue to get their cars repaired

We passed the first Right to Repair law in 2012, but as new cars become more computerized auto manufacturers are using a loophole to restrict access to data needed to diagnose problems, make repairs, and perform maintenance. This means car owners are steered toward more expensive dealer

repair options. Vote YES to protect independent repair shops and preserve your ability to shop around.

Voting YES provides access ONLY to mechanical and repair

information, not personal information. A YES vote ensures that YOU will have the choice to provide access

to the repair information necessary to fix your car to your local independent repair shop even as cars become more computerized It's your car, you paid for it, you should get it fixed where you want.

Tommy Hickey Massachusetts Right to Repair 9 Park Street, #5 Boston, MA 02108 mass right to repair.org **AGAINST: VOTE NO** on Question 1 to protect your privacy, your safety, and your family

Question 1 has nothing to do with fixing cars. Question 1 is a data grab by third parties who want to gather your personal vehicle information and access it remotely, including location data in real Domestic violence advocates warn how dangerous this information

could be. Jane Doe, the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, wrote, "Access to vehicle data, particularly call logs and GPS location, enables persons who perpetrate abuse to possess the tools necessary to track and monitor eir victim." A similar proposal failed in California after the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault warned, "from this information, a third party, such as a sexual predator, could stalk and/

Privacy advocates, cybersecurity experts, and domestic violence

advocacy groups urge you to vote NO on Question 1. Coalition for Safe and Secure Data 177 Milk Street, Suite 610 Boston, MA 02109 617-398-0281

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NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT QUESTIONS

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person is to be elected.

Ranked-Choice Voting the winner and not in races where more than on

would implement a voting system known as "ranked-choice voting," in which voters rank one or more candidates

by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting vould be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would not be used in elections for president, county commissioner, or regional district school committee member. Under the proposed law, votes would be counted in a series of rounds. In the first round, if one candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, that candidate would be

than 50 percent of the first-place votes, then the candidate or candidates who received the fewest first-place votes would be eliminated and, in the next round, each vote for an eliminated candidate would instead be counted toward the next highest-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot. Depending on the number of candidates additional rounds of counting could occur, with the last-place candidate or candidates in each round being eliminated and the votes for an eliminated candidate going to the voter's next choice out of the remaining candidates. A tie for last place in any round would be broken by comparing the tied candidates' support in earlier rounds. Ultimately, the candidate who was, out

of the remaining candidates, the preference of a

Under the proposed law, if no candidate received more than 50 percent of first-place votes in

the first round, the rounds of ballot-counting necessary for ranked-choice voting would be conducted at a central tabulation facility. At the facility, voters' rankings would be entered into a the results of each round of the counting process The proposed law provides that candidates in a statewide or district election would have at least three days to request a recount. The Secretary of State would be required to issue regulations to implement the proposed law and conduct a voter education campaign about the

majority of voters would be declared the winner. ranked-choice voting process. The proposed law \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{NO} \boldsymbol{VOTE} would make no change in the laws governing voting

voters would have the option to rank candidates in order of preference and and how votes are counted. votes would be counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with the lowest

ARGUMENTS

IN FAVOR: A YES VOTE adopts ranked choice voting, a commonsense reform that puts more power in the hands of voters.

Ranked choice voting addresses three problems: · Big money and corrupt special interests have too much control over our democracy

Politicians can win with less than a majority, and independents are

A YES VOTE would create a system of ranked-choice voting in which

votes until one candidate has received a majority.

· Politics are tearing us apart, preventing solutions to major challenges It works by giving voters the option to rank candidates in order of preference. You can vote for just one candidate like you always have,

or you can rank your first, second and third choice. If your favorite candidate doesn't win, your vote is instantly counted for your second choice so candidates must compete for every vote. Ranked choice voting ensures the winner has majority support and reflects the true will of the people. A YES VOTE gives voters more voice and will help make our

democracy stronger.

Shauna Hamilton Voter Choice for Massachusetts 44 Temple Place Boston, MA 02111 617-906-8166 www.voterchoice2020.org

AGAINST: Two Democratic Governors rejected ranked choice voting because it was confusing and denied voters informed choice. Democratic Governor Jerry Brown witnessed a mayoral election in Oakland where the winner won with voters' seventh and eighth place rankings. Governor Brown said, "Ranked-choice voting is overly complicated and confusing. I believe it deprives voters of genuinely informed choice." Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom said Ranked Choice Voting "has often led to voter confusion and the promise that ranked choice voting leads to greater democracy is not necessarily

Ranked Choice Voting ballots force voters to guess the candidates who will remain standing in multiple voting rounds and cast their votes in the dark. If they guess wrong and vote for eliminated candidates, their ballots are not counted in the final vote. Winners win a false "majority" of remaining ballots, not a true majority of all the voters voting in the election.

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THE ONBOARDING PROCESS



Everett High School Vice Principal Cory McCarthy and English Language Learners Director Brittany Hay are shown outside EHS on Monday afternoon, where they distributed MBTA Charlie cards to students. The cards are available at greatly reduced prices, resulting in significant daily or monthly savings.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and members of the Everett Police Department stand in support of people who are struggling to be free from abuse. Pictured left to right are: Joanne Gregory, Lisa Lamonica, Gail Russo, Bernice Coito, Deb Fallon and Captain Paul Hamilton, If you or someone you know is in need of help from abuse, please call EVAPorate Violence for help at (617) 394-2431. EVAPorate Violence provides support to victims of domestic violence including crisis intervention, safety planning, victim advocacy in the courts and other direct care support. In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

New Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee holds first meeting

The School Committee's new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) subcommittee had its first meeting last week, and it's likely to be a very busy committee according to Chair Marcony Almeida Barros.

The Committee formed earlier this summer in response to the racial equity conversations going on around the country, but also at the behest of a group of graduating seniors who had concerns about some things going on in their now former high school. That same group sparked an effort by Supt. Priya Tahiliani to formulate an anti-racism policy that she is honing right now, and will likely bring before Barros's committee soon.

At the first meeting, that group of former students kicked things off by presenting their concerns to the Committee. Some of the key concerns by the students and the Committee are diverse hiring practices, updating the curriculum/textbooks, and the

Student Handbook. The Student Handbook is the first place do some deep dives. The Handbook for Elementary School and High School has been held up at the School Committee, with members Dana Murray and Samantha Lambert calling for the Committee to look more carefully at the policies which have been rubber stamped for

"Once the students gave their recommendations, we dug in and found other things," he said. "We are going to pass first recommendations for the Handbook very soon."

One of the policies in the Handbook clamps down on the dress code for young women. As is the current policy, they are not able to show their shoulders or they will get in trouble. That, and some other potentially outdated restrictions, might be disproportionately targeting

There is also a policy in the Handbook that states students on school property after hours will have the police called on them and they will be arrested. Barros said that sounds a little harsh to the Committee, and while it may not

where the Committee has be used often, it's still the parked itself for a bit to official policy and might need review.

Handbook Another question revolves around having to produce a doctor's note to get an excused absence if a student was sick. Barros said that might be impossible for some working families in Everett who might not have access to health care, or the parents have to work too much to take a student to the doctor. That can result in unnecessary absences that count against the student - simply for being sick.

"Something like that, when did it get approved?" he asked. "We know families where a doctor's appointment is a trip to the ER. This and a number of other things in the Handbook we really believe need to be updated."

He said he expects the Handbook revisions to be up for a vote at the Nov. 2 meeting. Barros said he was

very happy to chair the first meeting of the EDI Committee, a meeting that lasted two hours, and he believes it will be a Committee with much work to do in the coming months.

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State Police arrest Chelsea man that put on large Brazilian-themed parking lot parties

By Seth Daniel

The State Police contacted two Brazilian men that had been promoting and putting on large raves in parking lots around the area, including in Everett and Revere. One of the men, Felipe

Moreira Oliveria, 21, of Chelsea, was arrested on an unrelated warrant at the time State Police discussed the party issue. The parties came to light in September when videos were posted of massive parties behind the Costco late at night in the Gateway Mall. The parties included DJs, dancing, open bars and no COVID-19 precautions at all - with literature

mocking COVID proto-

A State Police spokesman said they were assisting the COVID Command Center in identifying the men and having them put a stop to their parties and the promotion of those parties.

"As part of that mission we recently identified and located two young adult males who were separately planning ravetype gatherings," said the spokesman. "We made contact with both men and advised them that the events they were planning were in violation of the state COVID order and instructed them to cease and desist planning and advertising those events. In the process of doing that we determined that one of the young men was the subject of an outstanding criminal warrant unrelated to COVID restrictions and we arrested him on that warrant."

Felipe Moreira Oliveria, 21, of Chelsea, was located in Chelsea on Oct. 3 and arrested on a warrant for malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

The State Police said they continue to assist the command center by identifying potential violations of the COVID order that jeopardize public safety and educating the violators of their responsibility to adhere to the guidelines and restrictions.

U.S. Attorney hosts Project Guardian roundtable

United States Attorney Andrew Lelling hosted a roundtable discussion last week on reducing gun violence and enforcing firearms laws.

As part of this effort, the U.S. Attorney's Office recently charged 21-gun related cases in support of local police departments across the state and their efforts to curb violence, with one of those cases coming in Everett.

Project Guardian is a Department of Justice initiative that emphasizes close coordination among federal, state and local law enforcement to enforce federal firearms and background checks laws, including illegal possession of a firearm, straw purchasing (lie and buy), attempted straw purchasing (lie and try), firearms trafficking and dealing firearms without a license.

"Even amidst a global pandemic, our local law enforcement partners are working harder than ever in major cities like Boston, Brockton and Springfield. However, despite their best efforts, repeat offenders continue mock the criminal justice system," said U.S. Attorney Lelling. "COVID has almost certainly emboldened violent offenders who think that the criminal justice system is closed. My office will be working closer than ever with our local and state partners to combat the surge in violent crime."

U.S. Attorney Lelling hosted last week's Project Guardian Roundtable to discuss law enforcement's collective efforts to reduce gun crime in Massachusetts. Law enforcement leaders participating in the event included Kelly Brady, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division; Boston Police Commissioner William Gross; Brockton Police Chief Emanuel Gomes; Springfield Police Commissioner Cheryl Clapprood; and Brian Kyes, Chelsea Police Chief and President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police.

U.S. Attorney Lelling highlighted law enforcement's ongoing commitment to focusing on individuals and groups who represent the greatest threat of violence to our communities, and announced that his office has charged 24 defendants on firearm-related charges:

•Kyle Evans, 34, of Everett, charged with being a felon in possession of ammunition;

•Caio Costa, 25, of Tewksbury, charged with armed bank robbery/using a firearm during commission of a crime of vio-

Tevin Abercrombie 25, of Boston; charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition;

 Daiquan Lucas, 28, of Boston, charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammuni-

•Tyrone Goforth, 40. of Boston, charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition; •Kenji Ingram, 42, of

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munition and possession with intent to distribute; Charles Baker, 44 of Charlestown, charged with being a felon in possession of firearm and ammunition and dealing in firearms without a license;

 Tylor Szaljeski, 24, of Charlestown, charged with dealing in firearms without a license.

•Plus 12 cases from South Shore communities like New Bedford, Taunton, Brockton, Avon and Plymouth.

To learn more about Project Guardian, please visit: https://www.justice. gov/projectguardian.



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OBITUARIES

Anna Daly

Of Revere, formerly of the North End

Anna (Macri) Daly of Revere formerly of the North End, passed away on October 22 at the age of 86 surrounded by her loving family.

The beloved wife of 63 years to the late James Patrick Daly, she was the devoted mother of Janet Daly of Revere, Linda Daly of Florida and Kathleen Ginsburg and her husband, Gordon of Billerica; cherished grandmother of Anthony Delio, James Delio, Cristina D'Amore, Michael D'Amore, Paul Ginsburg and his wife, Michelle, and Samantha Ginsburg and adored great grandmother of Milana Delio; dear sister of the late Frank Macri, Lucy Papa, and Carmen Macri. She is also survived by



many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish, Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Anna's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. For guest book please visit www. buonfiglio.com.

Josephine 'Jo' Cicatelli

An extraordinary woman who will be missed by all who knew her

Josephine "Jo" Cicatelli, 96, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away on October 23 at home in the house she has lived in since she was born, surrounded by her loving family.

Jo worked in the Charlestown Navy Yard during World War II. After the war, she attended Mansfield Beauty Academy and then worked as a hairstylist for 25 years at the Hollywood Hair Salon on Shirley Avenue owned by her sister, Jean. Jo worked as an instructor at the Blaine Hair School eventually becoming the educational director of all the Blaine Hair Schools.

Jo loved spending time with family and friends and her beloved dog, Molly. She loved to cook and was a talented painter and seamstress. She enjoyed gardening and traveling with family and friends. She was an extraordinary woman who will be greatly missed by all who knew

Born in Revere on March 5, 1924 to the late Joseph and Antoinette (Scalia) Lamberti, she was the beloved wife of 26 years to the late Anthony Cicatelli; devoted mother of Joyce Collier and her husband, Richard

of Venice, FL and Jean Shea and her husband, Gerald of Topsfield; dear sister of the late Mary Cerbone, Jerry Lamberti, Jean Kelfer, Anthony Lamberti and Constance "Connie" Caldwell; dear aunt of Dr. Karen Caldwell, Linda McCormick, Brenda Gemellaro, Joel Kelfer, Annette Scopellito, Paul Lamberti, Dr. Gerald Lamberti, and the late Peter Cerbone, Anthony Cerbone, Vivian Klundt, Joseph Lamberti and Robert Lamberti.

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 Paul Bounfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151 Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Josephine's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or the Greater Boston Food Bank, 70 South Bay Avenue, Boston, MA 02118 at my. gbfb.org . For guest book please visit www.buonfi-

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MVES continues services to older adults in need

While most have good mental health, many older adults are at risk of developing mental health conditions, such as depression, which is the most common ailment in this age group, as well as anxiety, grief and substance abuse. And rates of depression and stress have increased among this population since COVID-19 began. Social distancing, among other safety measures, have limited their interactions with caregivers and loved ones, which can lead to increased feelings of loneliness and anxiety, in addition to general feelings of uncertainty and fear due to the pandemic.

Among the range of MVES' home- and community-based services available to older adults enrolled in the home care

program is the Mobile Mental Health Program for people experiencing mental or behavioral health issues who find it hard to leave their homes to get treatment. Clinical caseworkers provide outreach to older adults experiencing mental health conditions that impact their functioning and ability to meet life's daily challenges.

Due to COVID-19, sessions are conducted over the phone or by other electronic devices if the consumer has the technology available. Specific services and interventions provided include clinical care coordination and linkages to community resources, in home mental health therapy, in home medication evaluation and psychopharmacology, and

other supports as needed to older adults who need direct intervention in their homes due to mental health challenges.

Unfortunately, mental health problems are under-identified by health-care professionals and older people themselves, and the stigma surrounding these conditions makes people reluctant to seek help.

Good mental health is essential if an individual is to age well and avoid the effects of depression, anxiety, and other forms of mental illness. The mental health of older Americans impacts overall physical and emotional health, and the ability to engage in life.

For more information on MVES' Mobile Mental Health program, please call (781) 324-7705 or visitwww.mves.org.

Celebrating 45 Years of helping older adults keep their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential homecommunity-based care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visitwww. mves.org.

DiDomenico prioritizes early ed and care during COVID emergency

A longtime champion and supporter of early education and childcare, Senator Sal DiDomenico has recently continued to prioritize addressing the challenges this industry is facing during the COVID emergency. He and his staff have recently attended and participated in several childcare meetings and briefings, learning about the specific hardships that providers and parents are facing. "Like many industries, the early childhood education and care industry is in a crisis right now that can't be ignored," explained Senator DiDomenico. "Many families, especially those with vulnerable essential workers in them, need this critical care more than ever right now but the resourc-

es are just not there."

Among the briefings attended by the senator was the Boston Child Care Legislative Briefing on October 14th, in which staff from several child-care organizations, including Nurtury Early Education, spoke to legislators about the many challenges they are facing and their current needs.

Senator DiDomenico

was also a guest speaker at the regional Massachusetts Association of Early Education & Care (MAD-CA) meeting on Friday, October 16th. There, he spoke of how he's been hearing from many providers that are currently struggling, with some even operating at as low as 51% capacity. Among the challenges being seen are increased staffing shortages and retention issues. New COVID regulations have forced providers to hire more staff in response child-to-staff changes, while some current staff members are not able to come into work because they have their own children who are required to be at home.

"In a workforce where one-third of individuals rely on childcare to successfully work, it is crucial that we invest in our early education and childcare facilities to help keep our economy running," said DiDomenico. "It would be helpful for employers to get more involved in the field either through investment in support for their workforce, or partnerships with philanthropy and public entities to advocate for systemic change. As legislators, we have provided much needed funding through various bills and budgets to help support early education providers through the COVID emergency, and we also must continue to do our part and provide funding and resources to these organizations who are providing this essential service."

The Senator has been a longtime champion of early education and care throughout his tenure in the Massachusetts Senate. In 2013, DiDomenico played a key role in the creation of an Early Education and Out of School Time (EEOST) capital fund that provided \$45M in loans and grants to early learning centers and outof-school-time programs serving low-income families. For the first time, this fund affirmed the positive impact that high quality early education makes in children's lives and in the economic development of the Commonwealth. To date, the fund has assisted more than 20 programs throughout the state, increasing capacity by adding nearly 450 slots

to the early education and care system, improving the quality of learning for over 2,000 children, creating full-time educator jobs, leveraging \$44 million in additional investments from foundations, banks, and other sources. The Senator continues to champion this fund in the Massachusetts Legislature to this day.

lature to this day. Most recently, Senator Sal DiDomenico successfully secured \$10 Million for COVID-19 Preparedness and Stabilization Grants to provide much needed support to Massachusetts afterschool and out-of-school time programs. These grants will provide funding to form community partnerships, workforce training and health and safety expenses necessary to adequately prepare for the 2020-2021 school year amidst COVID-19. the Legislature begins crafting a state budget for the current fiscal year and considers COVID related legislation, Senator DiDomenico continues to make early education and care one of his top legislative

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The rapid point of care tests, which can diagnose coronavirus infection in as little as 15 minutes, will be distributed at the discretion of Gov. Charlie Baker to support testing K-12 students, teachers, nursing home patients and staff, higher education, critical infrastructure, first responders, and other priorities as he deems fit.

The Trump Administration has shipped over 167,000 COVID-19 rapid tests directly to congregate care settings such as Massachusetts nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As of Oct. 26, over 552,000 BinaxNOW tests have been shipped to Massachusetts.

"To facilitate the continued re-opening of Massachusetts schools, businesses and economy, the Trump Administration has prioritized scaling up the state's point of care testing capacity by making this \$760 million national investment in BinaxNOW tests," said Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Brett Giroir, MD. "Distributing these rapid tests directly to states is consistent with the Trump Administration's successful, ongoing approach of testing the right person, with the right test at the right time, is working and the effort will continue until the pandemic is under control."

In preliminary feedback,

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has shared their plan to use BinaxNOW tests to support K-12 schools. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is also working to conduct side-byside testing utilizing a PCR assay and BinaxNOW tests to help inform their future deployment of tests.

Giroir pointed out that testing does not substitute for avoiding crowded indoor spaces, washing one's hands, or wearing a mask when not able to physically distance.

"Combining personal responsibility with smart testing is a foundational pillar of the Administration's national testing strategy," he said The Federal government

purchased Abbott Binax-NOW diagnostic tests on August 27, to ensure equitable distribution of the first 150 million units – one day after an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) was issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - to ensure they would be expeditiously distributed to vulnerable populations as quickly as possible. Now that initial distribution of these tests to all 50 states and the District of Columbia is well underway, it ensures the nation's governors will not have to compete for the initial BinaxNOW shipments, or waste precious time to set up individual purchasing contracts with the manufacturer.

HHS has also provided all CLIA-certified nursing homes over 11 million rapid point of care tests, this includes Abbott BinaxNOW FDA-authorized antigen diagnostic tests and either a Quidel Sofia 2 or Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) Veritor™ Plus System instrument(s) with associated tests.

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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

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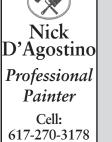
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EBNHC to celebrate 50th Anniversary with virtual celebration

By John Lynds

A half-century ago, the late Dr. James Taylor's compassionate work with the elderly population on aging issues like hypertension, heart disease and diabetes brought him to East Boston. Dr. Taylor found that many of his patients in Eastie had little or no access to quality healthcare due to the neighborhood's isolation geographic from the rest of Boston. Neighbors were living with untreated conditions, pregnant women weren't getting prenatal care early enough, and important health screenings were unavailable.

With only a medical relief station on Gove Street to care for the population, Dr. Taylor knew it was time for a full-fledged community health center in the neighborhood.

So in the late 1960s, Dr. Taylor worked with a group of Eastie mothers, and successfully lobbied city and state officials to dedicate funds for a bold expansion of the relief station to the full service East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-NHC) we know today.

Fifty years later EB-NHC is going strong



EBNHC staff celebrates a birthday at the Health Center's PACE program that helps elderly patients age at home.

and has emerged as a national model for Community Health Centers across the country--providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to all who live and work in Eastie and the surrounding communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop. Since that launch in 1970, the Health Center has operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is the only health center in New England, and one of the few in the country, to provide continuous care.

On Thursday, Oct 29 EBNHC will hold a virtual celebration to mark the Health Center's 50th Anniversary. The event



Former EBNHC President and CEO Jack Cradock, who in 1978 oversaw the growth and expansion of the Health Center into a nationally recognized institution alongside the late Dr. James Taylor, one of the founding physicians of EBNHC who served as the Health Centers Chief Medical Officer for decades.

will be live streamed on Youtube, Facebook and Twitter.

"It's definitely a challenging time to celebrate with all that is going on with the COVID-19 pandemic," said EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes, who began his career at the Health Center in his teens. "But we felt there was still an opportunity virtually to recognize all the hard work the Health Center has done over these past 50 years and continues to do for this community and the surrounding communities we serve."

Lopes said over the past 50 years the EBN-HC has been a leader and trailblazer in community health and a model for how high-quality healthcare and other programs can be delivered regardless of a patient's ability to pay, immigration status, religion or cultural background.

"For me standing on the shoulders of the giants that started our mission 50 years ago is an honor," said Lopes. "From the mothers that worked with Dr. Taylor in the 1960's and first advocated for the relief station to be a community health center to the original and current board members like Rita Sorrento who dedicated their time to our mission for decades and to people like our former President and CEO Jack Cradock who, in 1978, helped to begin an era of growth that helped us emerge as a nationally recognized institution--it is really an honor and privilege to continue their work at EBNHC."

Lopes said on the local level, the community sometimes forgets how EBNHC's national presence and recognition has helped improve the delivery of healthcare across the country.

"We set the standard in many ways and were the first community health center in the nation to electronic implement medical records through EPIC, the first to implement a PACE program that help elderly patients age safely at home and the first and only community health center to have a 24 hour emergency department that is one of the largest in the country," said Lopes. "The key to our success over the years has been our focus on the needs of the

Maria Valentini-Brito

Maria Valentini-Brito is currently the HRIS/ Benefits Manager at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Valentini has worked nearly three decades at the Health Center and began her career in 1989 serving as an Executive Secretary.



"Throughout my tenure at EBNHC, I have seen so many changes and growth, both within the organization, as well as the communities we serve. The one constant, however, is our team of dedicated, compassionate, diverse and caring staff. From the CEO's office, to the clinical departments, the office workers, maintenance and our custodial staff - each EBNHC hero is valued and appreciated - and this is what makes this

organization special and why I have worked here

for this long.'

Deirdre A. Alba

Deirdre A. Alba is currently the Facilities Manager at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Alba has worked over 49 years at the Health Center and began her career in 1979 serving as a Medical Records Clerk on Gove Street.

"East Boston is my

hometown and even though I do not live here anymore, when asked where I live the answer is always, "I'm from East Boston originally". Growing up here the sense of family and community was so very strong and tight knit. That unbreakable bond, which was instilled in me growing up is what has kept me here at EBNHC for over 40 years. No matter how EBNHC grew, one constant is family and community."

Jeanne Sinatra

Jeanne Sinatra is currently a Program Manager at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center but began her career at the Health Center 30 years ago in 1980 when she started as an Administrative tary.

"EBNHC has truly

been a special place to work since my first day. I have had the pleasure of interacting with so many caring, compassionate and truly dedicated professionals over the years who have enriched my life in many ways. I take pride in supporting EBNHC's mission to provide excellent health care to East Boston and area residents in a way that is welcoming to all who seek our help. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work with both Past and Present Leadership and am proud to have contributed to EBNHC's growth and accomplishments in the last 50 years. I'm truly looking forward to the next chapter at EBNHC."

community and how we can use innovation and growth to deliver quality healthcare and address these needs. Over the past half century we have been creative and innovative in developing plans and programs that have helped our communities live healthy lives."

Lopes said the ongoing pandemic has really highlighted the ongoing needs in the community.

"This current pandemic has put the greatest spotlight on the inequities that continue to exist in our healthcare system and the work we still have to do for people," said Lopes. "Many are not getting the healthcare that they need at a time when they need it the most. These people are challenged by socioeconomic factors like housing, income, food insecurity, race, and the COVID pandemic has only amplified our need to do more. We've done a lot but we still have a lot of work to do."



For half a century EBNHC has added programs, evolved and adapted to the needs of its patients.



For 50 years the Health Center has addressed the needs of



The groundbreaking of the EBNHC five decades ago. The Health Center replaced the old East Boston Relief Station on Gove Street.





Caring for children with multiple disabilities requires a high level of communication and coordination among care providers, medical specialists, social services, schools, local agencies, care centers, and families. EBNHC's successful CATCH program manages each child's care among all these specialists, keeping families informed and involved every step of the way.