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MBTA releases proposed service changes to match new ridership patterns

The MBTA on Monday released a series of proposed changes to its transit service that are intended to match service to new ridership patterns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed changes are part of the T’s Forging Ahead effort to define and protect its core essential transit services, and except for the 112 bus, there would be little reductions from baseline service to Everett’s bus lines.

A letter from MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak to riders regarding the Forging Ahead process and the proposed service changes can be found online on the MBTA website. The public is also encouraged to view these proposals and participate in the public engagement process, which is now underway and run through December 4.

This comprehensive public engagement process includes a series of virtual public meetings, a public hearing, a team of Community Liaisons who are already gathering feedback directly from riders, and an online comment form for customers to voice and share their thoughts with the T. Specific details of these proposals and the public engagement processes are available at mbta.com/ForgingAhead.

As a result of the decline in ridership that is similarly impacting transit agencies across the country, the MBTA is now only transporting 330,000 trips on an average weekday – but is continuing to run the same high levels of service as it ran to serve 1.26 million daily trips prior to the pandemic, an unsustainable level of service delivery.

“COVID-19 has had a significant impact on ridership and the MBTA is releasing these proposed changes to adjust to the realities created by COVID-19, while protecting service for those who depend on it most,” said General Manager Steve Poflak. “I want to reas-

sure our riders that these service changes are not permanent, do not include any fare changes, and will not take effect immediately. We are carrying out a comprehensive outreach process and encourage all members of the public to provide comments and feedback, as we want to hear from riders to help us identify and protect the services that support transit-critical populations and communities.”

The MBTA is proposing a series of service changes in addition to preserving its base-level service, or its minimum level of service as determined by the Fiscal and Management Control Board. The MBTA will continue to provide sufficient service for the current, reduced ridership on all modes except the ferry system, which is being proposed to be temporarily closed. The proposed base service levels are designed to ensure adequate capacity for all essential services as well as a reduced level of non-essential service that is still viable for most of those who are currently using the T. The T’s base service includes approximately eighty essential bus routes, The Ride, the whole of the rapid transit system including subway, and the Fairmont Commuter Rail line.

In Everett, the bus routes 97, 104, 106, 109, 110 and Silver Line 3 would remain at or above baseline service level. The 112 bus, which runs from Market Basket in Chelsea to Wellington Station via Chelsea Street, would be possibly below baseline standards.

As far as the subway goes, the Red, Orange, Blue, and underground Green Line stations are experiencing approximately 120,000 gated entries on weekdays, which is about 24 percent of pre-COVID numbers. Proposed service level changes for the Red, Orange, Blue and Green lines and Mattapan trolley include:

- Weekday and Saturday service will operate from 5

a.m. to midnight (currently until 1 a.m.) and Sunday service will operate from 6 a.m. to midnight (currently until 1 a.m.).

- Reduce peak frequency by 20 percent and reduce off-peak frequency by an additional 20 percent on all lines.

- The Green Line E Branch will terminate at Brigham Circle with customers able to transfer to Bus Route 39, which mimics E Branch service from Brigham Circle to Heath Street.

“The vast majority of MBTA service will continue, and these service adjustments are being proposed to preserve and protect service for those who depend most critically on the MBTA by reducing primarily non-essential services,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. “Using limited resources to operate nearly empty trains, ferries, and buses is not a responsible use of the funding provided to the MBTA by riders, communities, and taxpayers, and does not help us meet the transportation needs of our region. We look forward to working closely with the public to ensure we continue providing essential service and help the MBTA afford the growing service we will need to support our customers and communities in the future.”

The proposed service changes announced this week will not go into effect immediately. While some service changes on the Commuter Rail could take place as early as January 2021, the changes to Commuter Rail would be made in March, rapid transit changes would be made in spring 2021, and buses changes would happen later in the summer. This will allow the MBTA to adjust with the proposed basic service if warranted by changes in ridership and if additional, durable revenue becomes available.

Service levels will be continually reassessed based on the status of the state of emergency, com-



The Transit Matters group held a rally against the service cuts in downtown Boston on Monday, displaying a large scissors to say ‘no’ to the cuts in service. Very little change is expected for the bus routes operating in Everett, however.

muting patterns, and ridership and fare revenue recovery in 2021 and beyond. The MBTA is also proposing service packages that will include options to increase service once ridership returns and the T’s revenue improves.

The MBTA is hosting a series of public engagement efforts that will run

through December 4 to receive public feedback on the service changes that includes a series of virtual public meetings, and a public hearing to gather feedback directly from riders, and an online comment form for customers to engage with the T.

The T wants to hear from transit riders about

the services people are using now, how often they are using them, and what their transit priorities are in order to shape the T’s decisions about protecting transit-critical services.

The FMCB is scheduled to vote on the changes on December 7, so that planning can begin for making the changes in 2021.

City refurbishes abandoned property on Maplewood Avenue

For years, 38 Maplewood Avenue has been an abandoned property.

The property owners had neglected the lot, so the City of Everett stepped in in 2016 to address dangerous conditions on the property such as filling in an empty pool, erecting a fence, and replacing a retaining wall that was deteriorated posing a risk to surrounding properties. After a foreclosure by a mortgage company, the City filed for injunctive relief to hold the absentee bank accountable, and began the process of receiving the property. That action, coupled with the levying of fines for code violations, forced the bank to act to sell the vacant property in an expedited manner. Due to a COVID moratorium on foreclosures, that process was delayed, but constant attention to the case facilitated a sale of the property



Building Commissioner James Soper, Director of Inspectional Services and Assistant City Solicitor Keith Slattery, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Code Enforcement Supervisor Peter Sikora at the property last week.

almost immediately after the moratorium was lifted.

“Having a new owner to a vacant property is important because it usually means that property will be renovated and put back into the housing stock. The City aggressively pushes banks to move quickly on sales, a process that can linger if not monitored. If we feel the pro-

cess will be dragged out, then we will step in with Court intervention to restore the property as soon as possible. As part of the bank sale of the property, the City recovered all the costs of repairs, as well as \$95,000.00 in fines that can be used to repair other properties in a similar situation,” said Mayor DeMaria.

Wynn CEO Maddox says Encore ‘hit its stride’ in 3rd Quarter

By Seth Daniel

Despite a pandemic, limited gaming activities and a hard-sell to get people into the resort, Encore Boston Harbor had one of its best quarters from July through September – drawing rave reviews from CEO Matt Maddox during an investor call last Thursday afternoon.

Maddox conceded that Encore had opened last year without the best understanding of the market in Greater Boston. However, he said during the lockdown this spring, they re-tooled and seemed to find their stride – and it resulted in their most profitable quarter ever.

“Encore Boston Harbor is really starting to hit its stride,” he said. “We generated \$26 million in EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), which is significantly more than we ever had in any quarter. And our team has really learned how to be a super-regional operator. We focused during the shutdown on how to run Encore Boston Harbor differently, because clearly what we were doing was not quite right. We’ve had

a laser focus on the casino segment and what it is those customers want and how we’re going to deliver it.”

One example he gave was the overall slot handle, which was up tremendously in the quarter and was almost as high as last year at this time despite having only 1,800 machines this year versus more than 3,000 last year.

The slot handle for the third quarter was \$813.4 million with 1,800 machines versus \$892.7 million last year with 3,000-plus machines.

“That’s pretty extraordinary when you consider we had 1,800 slot machines open in this quarter versus 3,000 last year and volume was higher on a daily basis,” he said.

That slot handle also outperformed Las Vegas numbers once again, which is a somewhat hidden fact within the company that the Everett casino frequently pulls in more money than Las Vegas properties.

Overall, Encore brought in \$96.7 million in revenue for the 3rd Quarter, while Las Vegas properties had \$65.7 million during the

same time.

As for hotel room occupancy, Encore actually filled the place better than it had been doing last year at this time, but did so by dramatically reducing the nightly rate.

The occupancy rate was 72.7 percent for the quarter, as opposed to 69.6 percent last year during the same time – which was surprising given the difficulties facing hotels in the Boston market. However, one reason could be the drastic reduction in room rates. While Encore had a rate of \$465 last year, this year’s rate in the 3rd Quarter was \$294. That on top of the fact that the hotel at Encore was not operational through the weekdays during the 3rd Quarter this year.

With those numbers, Maddox was very optimistic about the future of Encore when things get moving once more post COVID or in a middle-ground where the virus can be contained.

“Encore Boston Harbor is really starting to learn how, and we are starting to learn, what that market is and how to market to those customers,” he said.

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VETERAN’S DAY -- HONOR OUR VETERANS

It was 102 years ago on November 11, 1918, that World War I formally came to a conclusion on the “11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month.”

Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The first world war was referred to at the time as “the war to end all wars.” It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 75 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri. Today, we still have troops fighting -- and dying -- at various places around the world.

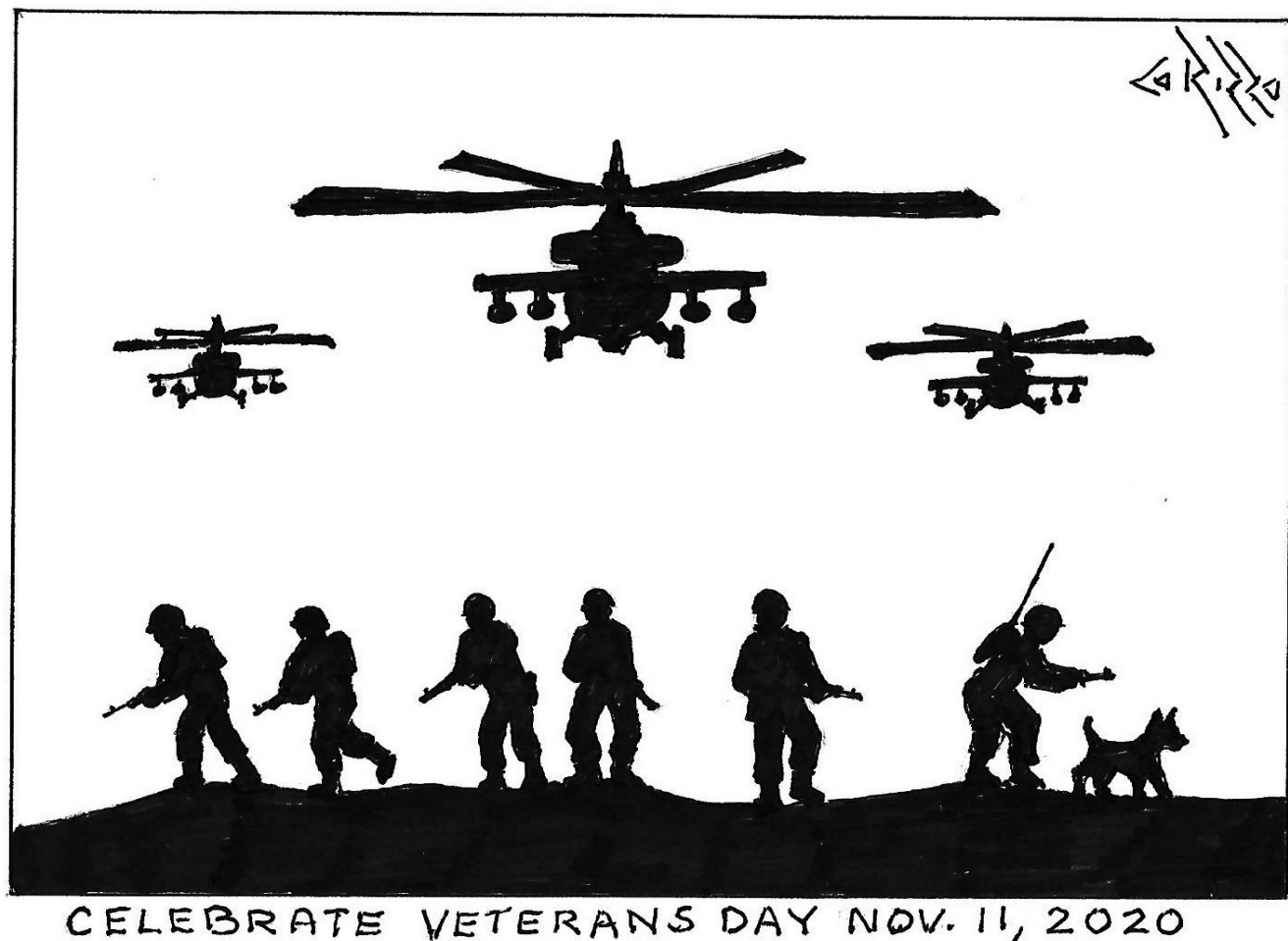
“Peace is at hand” has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 102 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation’s appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn’t free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation’s founding has required the sacrifice of tens of millions of our fellow Americans who have placed their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.

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GUEST OP-ED

An informed dialogue to examine the merits is necessary

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria

A proposal has been submitted to the City Council to amend the City’s Charter to make the Mayor a voting member of the Everett School Committee. Much of the recent commentary on this proposal has questioned the timing of it being offered and the opposition to the general idea of it. In order for there to be an informed dialogue about the proposal, it is important to examine the merits of it as well.

The proposed change is consistent with the role of mayor in the majority of cities in Massachusetts. The Commonwealth has a total of 351 cities and towns. Towns select a town manager. Cities elect a mayor. There are 59 cities in Massachusetts and 47 of them have a mayor. Out of the 47 mayors, 29 of them serve as either the Chair of their School Committee or are a voting member of the Committee. Put simply, almost 62% of all mayors in the Commonwealth serve as a School Committee member in a role other than an ex-officio capacity. The model of a mayor serving as a voting member of a school committee may be a new concept to Everett, but it’s not new in most

other cities.

Just as a mayor serving as a voting member of a school committee is not a new governance model, it also is not a new concept in our community. The proposal to make the Mayor of Everett a voting member was presented to the Charter Commission in 2010. The change did not advance at that time. To answer the question as to why consider the proposal now, we instead should be asking the question, “Why not now?” If we have learned anything during the unprecedented events of this year, it is that we need to think differently about how we support the children and families in our community and this proposal presents such an opportunity.

In January 2018, an independent four-person School Finance Task Force was convened to offer an impartial assessment of the fiscal management and controls of the Everett Public Schools after a pattern of excess spending that was identified as a risk too big to city finances to have weak controls. Included in the Task Force recommendations was the recommendation that “[t]he School Committee should fully exercise its fiduciary responsibility beyond the

development and approval of the budget, but also in the management of spending and position control in the budget.” The report also went on to state that the “development, approval and oversight of the annual School Department budget is one of the most important responsibilities of the School Committee and all members should be equally engaged.” As an ex-officio member, the Mayor does not have the same ability to serve in this fiduciary capacity or be as engaged as the voting members do. The proposal to make the Mayor a voting member is consistent with the Task Force’s recommendation.

While I support this proposal because I believe it is sound public policy, I also have personal reasons for supporting it. During my public service career, I have had the privilege to hold different positions; however, the role I am most proud of is that of “Dad.” As the father of three beautiful children, I understand the needs that children have while attending school. My youngest daughter currently attends the Everett Public Schools and I learn daily about her educational challenges and accomplishments. I also know how fortunate I am for the

ways that I can support my daughter and know that other hard-working, loving parents and families currently don’t have those same opportunities available to them. As a parent and a leader, I owe it to those students and families to find as many meaningful ways that I can to support them because that is the right thing to do.

As Mayor, I have embraced the recent opportunities to improve the spirit of cooperation and communication with my colleagues in the Everett Public Schools. The proposal to make the Mayor a voting member of the School Committee presents the opportunity for an even greater collaborative relationship between the City’s education officials and the chief executive for the City. It is time that the office of the Mayor of Everett, today and in the future, has a meaningful opportunity to bring a voice and a perspective, combined with decision making abilities consistent with that of other members, to the School Committee to advocate for the interests of students and their families as part of the overall responsibilities that the Mayor has to serve all residents of Everett.

Carlo DeMaria is the Mayor of Everett.

GUEST OP-ED

Democratic process must be protected by not succumbing to resentments based on differences in political views

By Cardinal Sean O’Malley

Today our country, one of the oldest democracies and most diverse societies in the world, should take pride in the success of the electoral process. We thank all the candidates who have participated in the elections and commend the historic voter turnout, a tribute to the citizens who voted in such striking numbers, in stark contrast to earlier elections. That encouraging sign has opened the way to begin a process of participation among all citizens however they voted. As Catholics we are committed to the common good, social justice and the Gospel of Life. Participa-

tion in the political process is a sacred duty. In a country facing the threefold challenge of addressing a global pandemic, repairing a fractured economy and renewing a national commitment to the goals of racial justice and equality, the broad participation of citizens in the election should be a foundation for rebuilding our unity as a people.

The President and those who will serve with him have both the opportunity and the challenge of rebuilding civic trust, of providing a sense of hope in a time of social crisis, and of calling us all to share our best talents and energies in a common task. Our

prayers should be with all those called to lead the country.

The task we face is not fully captured in the data; the numbers, charts and graphs, the task is also a spiritual challenge. As Pope Francis shared in the recent Encyclical Letter, Fratelli Tutti, we are called to promote ‘friendship and an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere’. Each citizen, each person, across lines of color, ethnicity, of faith and philosophy, can and should be asked to place solidarity over inequality, compassion over revenge, generosity over self-interest.

An election is never only about who wins and who loses. It is always about a moment in time when a new beginning is possible. Such a beginning relies upon our best traditions and aspirations: belief in our common humanity and the unique dignity of each person in the land; beliefs which can bind us together, rich and poor, black and white, citizens and dreamers, women and men. We are now at a moment when a new beginning is not only possible but urgently necessary. The work at hand calls us to respect the opinions of others, to dialogue

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GUEST OP-ED

Chief Gants saw coming evictions as looming Civil Rights, public health crisis

By Joan Quinlan,
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(The following op-ed first appeared in Commonwealth Magazine last week)

Before passing away earlier this fall, Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph Gants was clear about what he saw as the largest civil rights and public health crisis in his lifetime: widespread evictions during COVID-19.

As the head of the state judicial system, Justice Gants had a systemic overview of the eviction crisis. He recognized that eviction is not merely a symptom of poverty. Evictions actively cause poverty—and disproportionately so for communities of color.

A recent report by City Life/Vida Urbana and MIT stated that as many as 1 in 3 Massachusetts tenants are presently at risk of eviction—over 300,000 renters. The study also found that 78 percent of eviction filings in Boston were in communities of color during the first month of the Massachusetts state of emergency. They also analyzed eviction records in Boston from 2014 to 2016, and confirmed that evictions are filed up to seven times as often in communities of color compared with predominantly white communities.

Furthermore, eviction proceedings on a tenant’s record are an enormous barrier to being able to obtain subsequent housing. Research from the Massachusetts Legal Reform Institute indicates that tenants were rejected from future housing solely because eviction cases had been simply filed against them—regardless of the outcome. Even when there is an amicable settlement or if the court ruled in favor of the tenant, the eviction record is permanent and will follow a tenant for life.

This tenants’ crisis also co-exists with a once-in-a-century pandemic. Escalated housing instability during COVID-19 threat-

ens Massachusetts renters, families, children, and public health. Evicted individuals and families will face impending homelessness—forcing people to try to “double up” with family, friends, or seek space in overcrowded emergency shelters. This will disrupt vital social distancing and increase risk of COVID-19 exposure, transmission, illness, and death. Increased chronic stress, which is associated with worse health outcomes if the virus is contracted, will be inflicted on those evicted.

It is also well known that there are significant health disparities surrounding COVID-19 itself, particularly along pronounced racial lines.

Data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s COVID-19 Health Equity Advisory Group found that black and Latinx residents have contracted the coronavirus at a rate that is three times higher than white residents. The advisory group also noted that nine out of 10 of the towns and cities with the highest rates of COVID-19 in the state were in communities where more than half of the residents identify as a person of color—including Chelsea, Everett, and Revere—all cities where MGH HealthCare Centers have been established and play a critical role in providing life-saving medical care and treatment.

Since the state eviction moratorium expired on October 17, tenants are in a full-fledged crisis and need urgent, immediate assistance. There are presently three solutions that the state needs to enact immediately.

First, the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program needs to be further funded and better operationalized. Gov. Baker recently allocated an additional \$100 million for the RAFT program to keep Massachusetts renters in their homes. While the governor is to be applauded and commended

for this investment, it is unfortunately not enough, given the scale and scope of the housing crisis. Doubling this investment must occur to ensure all eligible tenants and landlords can meaningfully participate. This is critical to ensure that families and communities are not displaced and devastated.

Additionally, more state capacity-building resources must be dedicated to the nine Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs) statewide, which are responsible for distributing RAFT to tenants in need. More staff need to be hired and trained to build more effective rapid-response systems to dispense RAFT funds on an expedited basis in response to the eviction crisis.

Second, state agencies and non-profit organizations need to be educating tenants of their rights under the CDC moratorium, which is in effect until December 31, 2020. At-risk tenants are eligible for the moratorium if: 1) there is an individual net household income of less than \$98,000 (\$198,000 for a couple); 2) they cannot pay the rent due to a substantial loss of income or extraordinary medical expense; 3) they would likely become homeless if evicted; 4) they have tried to obtain state or local rental assistance; and 5) they are making their best effort to pay as much rent as possible.

Eligible tenants must fill out a CDC Moratorium Declaration Form and provide it to their landlord. Multilingual forms are available at the HUD website. Every tenant on the lease needs to print and sign a declaration and send it to their landlord via certified mail or email for proof of submission. If a landlord ignores or challenges a declaration, tenants should seek legal help at: www.masslrf.org.

Lastly, more pressure needs to be placed on the Legislature and Gov. Baker to enact the Housing Stability Act.

The Legislature has the ability to be able to enact longer-term relief for both tenants and landlords, yet it has not had a formal session in over two and a half months. The Housing Stability Act would aid both vulnerable renters and landlords up to 12 months after the end of the governor’s declared state of emergency. This emergency legislation addresses not only an eviction ban for tenants, but also offers other protections to renters—as well as assisting and stabilizing landowners and homeowners.

Undoubtedly, the state has already committed a laudable total of \$171 million to its Eviction Diversion Initiative to help vulnerable tenants and landlords. However, funds are not being distributed swiftly or effectively enough. Since July 1, more than 25,000 requests for aid were submitted—more than four times the number of RAFT applications approved for the entire 2019 fiscal year. Since April, only 5,169 households have received \$15.5 million in aid.

Chief Justice Gants spent the summer before he died preparing the courts for a torrent of eviction cases—aware of the deep intersectional crisis between civil rights and public health. For the good of the Commonwealth, particularly in our communities of color, it is imperative that the state take necessary, urgent action in protecting tenants where they are the most vulnerable: in their homes.

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LETTER to the Editor

EVERETT EDUCATION COALITION STATEMENT ON PROPOSED CITY CHARTER CHANGE

To the Editor,

As members of the Everett Education Coalition, we are appalled at an attempt to change the Everett City Charter through a Home Rule Petition, rather than through a ballot initiative. One of the proposed changes would add the Mayor of the City of Everett as a voting member of the elected School Committee.

We share resident disgust and anger regarding the method of this change, which excludes the voice of our voters. As families, students, educators, and advocates we are also alarmed that failure to explore the potential for political influence without an open and transparent conversation could have negative consequences for our students. We represent a diverse coalition that has consistently been under-represented in our City and School government. We are concerned that once again, the voice of a large and diverse constituency is being excluded.

Our school district has been making great progress despite the challenges of Covid-19 and failure to implement the Student Opportunity Act. We have witnessed the implementation of improved hiring practices, increased checks and balances, and a commitment to inclusive, transparent and accessible communication. The work is not done, but as we increase the opportunities for our students and their families, we will continue to elevate their voices.

Everett Education Coalition

PROUD TO STAND WITH COUNCILOR GERLY ADRIEN

The recently formed Massachusetts Black and LatinX Municipal Caucus, which represents close to 40 Black and LatinX City Councilors across the Commonwealth is proud to stand with Everett’s Councilor Gerly Adrien. Since first elected to office, Councilor Adrien has faced constant criticism from her colleagues, most recently for not risking her health by attending Council meetings in person. Her colleagues have now asked her to resign. Elected officials are accountable to the people. Councilor Adrien was duly elected by the voters of Everett and came in first in her race for City Council. The will of the people will and will not be overridden. In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, Gov. Baker issued an Executive Order exempting public bodies from holding meetings in person. City Councils and public bodies open to the public meeting laws have been holding meetings remotely and are encouraged to continue doing so to protect the health of the general public and the health of public servants. These attacks against Councilor Adrien are not unlike other attacks against women in leadership. Attempts at silencing a Black woman who challenges the status quo are rooted in racism and will not be tolerated. The people of Everett deserve better. Councilor Adrien deserves to be treated with dignity and respect as a duly elected public servant. We are proud to stand with her.

Massachusetts Black and LatinX Municipal Caucus
Chelsea Councilor Damali Vidot
Boston Council President Kim Janey

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about differing perspectives, to seek reconciliation where there has been estrangement, to work for healing among the people of our country. I confidently believe that as a nation we can achieve these goals, to rise above our differences, to embrace our unity as brothers and sisters who lives are a gift from God and who share a mission to build a just society.

We must not succumb to resentments based in divergent political views and divisions that have emerged from the stress of recent months. The challenge is always to transform a crowd into a community, a people who share a commitment to

building a civilization of love and a culture that can sustain democracy, freedom and respect for human rights. Let us remember the unity and charity we are called to at the celebration of the Eucharist and in the proclamation of the Scriptures. Let us witness to the ideals of the Gospel, striving to have a positive impact on our families, communities and the nation in these crucial days. Let us follow Jesus’ call to love one another as He has loved us.

Sean O’Malley is the American cardinal of the Catholic Church serving as the Archbishop of Boston.

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isting the building,” said Steve Laferriere of TND. “This week we’re taking down two buildings on Gledhill and we’ll eventually get to the building on the corner and the church. We’ll start on the back of the church later this week and it will probably take a little while.”

TND will have to clear the entire site for their development, and that includes all five buildings that have been a part of the campus. They include the church, the rectory, the Parish House, a multi-use corner building, and a small house the church

owned on Gledhill. Laferriere said they don’t intend to demo the site and wait. He said they’re ready for construction.

“Other developers occasionally knock a building down and then wait for months,” he said. “We’re knocking it down to go straight into construction. We’ll see the building start to take shape in the spring of 2021.”

This is the first affordable housing project in Everett for TND, but the developer has done extensive work in Chelsea and Revere for many decades.

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night. So, closing at 9:30 is going to have quite an impact. We are going to have a much lower operating expense so we’re going to likely see our full-time equivalent count go down between 670 and 1,000 as we get through this. I do think we’ll continue to be EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) positive, but it’s unclear how much. We want to stay above zero during this closure because almost half of our revenue generating time will be closed. I think the time we’ll open will be offset by expenses.”

While that was a tough reality, the long-term outlook of the closure for the company is positive, meaning they believe they will be able to welcome those employees back when COVID-19 cases get under control and the phased re-opening plan in Massachusetts resumes forward motion.

“That’s clearly a setback for us, but it’s clearly temporary,” he assured. “I’m sure it’s the right thing to do from a health perspective and (Gov. Baker) has done a terrific job of man-

aging this...So we view it as a temporary setback but it’s really nothing we’re worried about because our business model is sound and I think we’re going to continue to see increases in revenue and increases in EBITDA in the future at Encore Boston Harbor.”

While the long-term seemed sound, the short-term is job loss for residents of Everett and the surrounding area. That reality came to pass this week as local casino officials said they had begun speaking with employees about layoffs. Many have already been informed of the layoff, and have stopped reporting to work.

Locally, the Everett License Board has been struggling with the enforcement of the earlier 11 p.m. closure, as well as keeping bars and restaurants compliant with COVID-19 regulations.

Chair Phil Antonelli said the recent announcement will likely put a lot of pressure on establishments, many in Everett that were already on the edge of success and failure. He cautioned that they will have to continue to enforce the

regulations as they have been even in this difficult business environment.

“This was the governor’s call,” he said. “This wasn’t the mayor or the local government. If he did this, he clearly did it with the advice of state doctors and health experts. The hard part is if these bars and restaurants don’t adhere to it, the state COVID Enforcement team and the local police enforcement will be there. We’ll just have to take it case by case if that happens.”

Councilor Stephanie Martins said it feels like those paying the price are the immigrant businesses struggling to stay afloat. She said communication has been good, but she’s calling for a second look at the 9:30 p.m. closing time.

“I’m very disappointed in one respect because it’s a matter of personal responsibility for each individual and not being careful in a business can shut down that business,” she said. “It hurts the business and they pay for it and it will be the nail in the coffin for many. While we have to do something, I don’t think closing at 9:30 p.m. is the solution



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Even Mayor Carlo De-Maria, State Sen. Sal Di-Domenico and State Rep. Joe McGonagle showed up at the rally, but were not on the speaking program. There were no Everett City Councilors in attendance.

“When I first decided to run for office in Everett, they laughed at me,” Adrien told the crowd. “They said I wasn’t ever going to win and that I didn’t belong. Now to see all these people standing here and supporting me, I wish you understood how much it touches my heart. I told them I wasn’t going to resign and that it was ridiculous and I wanted to do this since I was 10 year old. I care so much for the residents and so many are here...The work needs to continue. I’m not going anywhere. I’m going to stand here and stand proud because we need change... There are so many decisions being made without you guys and it hurts my heart. That’s why I decided I would do this work and stick with it...Thank you for showing up to tell them we’re not going to take this and I am not going anywhere.”

She was introduced by her husband, Everett resident David Lindsey, who said he supports his wife – noting she serves the entire community and not just the Black community or Haitian community.

“The misnomer is Gerly only fights for people of color,” he said. “It’s not true. Gerly fights for Everett. She doesn’t just care about the Haitian community. She cares about the whole community. The question is if people have been in office for five years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years and 50 years, what have they been caring about? What have they been doing for the constituents of Everett? Not a thing. We need people to continue to vote and to run for office. The problem isn’t Gerly; it’s that she works for all of Everett. The people they are afraid of is not just the people of color, but they’re afraid of our white allies and our Latino allies and our Asian allies because Gerly can galvanize the whole community.”

Rev. Desrosiers said for the Council to suggest Adrien resign is to steal a seat and a voice from the voters of Everett.

“She is a daughter of this community – the first Black and Haitian woman elected in the City of Everett,” she said. “She is our daughter and she is your daughter. Beyond that, we support her and we support her seat on the Council. She is not going anywhere. This is beyond Gerly Adrien...If you mess with this seat, you’re messing up with the community who won this seat fair and square.”

Life-long resident Tamika Bispham said she feels some in Everett are threatened by the issues that Adrien wants to talk about – such as racism, housing and COVID-19 responses. She said those are issues that are important to her as well, and that’s why she supports Adrien.

“I want to tell you why they think Gerly is a problem,” said Bispham. “Her ideas are aggressive they say. She wants to talk about racism. Is that not a problem? Do we not face racism in the City of Everett? I do. I’ll tell you right now I’ve faced racism my whole life living in Everett. That’s one. Housing is a real problem too. Is it not a problem in Everett? Equality and equity – is that not a problem Everett?...COVID relief? That’s not a problem and that’s an aggressive idea; I don’t think so...I’ve seen Gerly handle herself with so much grace as people attack her on and on and on.”

Said Boston City Council President Janey, “We will stand with Gerly and we will stand against racism. We will not go back. There is no going back to normal.”

Long-time community leaders and director of La Comunidad, Antonio Amaya, said he was very disappointed to hear that some councilors asked Adrien to resign.

“Gerly represents us; Gerly is the first Black woman serving on the City Council,” he said. “When I heard that City Council members asked Gerly to resign her position, I said that is an assault to the democracy in Everett... We are not going to allow that. Gerly was elected by a vast majority of voters here. We’re here to support her. We say no to hate and no to racism.”

Lydia Lopez told of how she came to Everett when she was 8, and graduated from Everett High School and now works for the City of Somerville in an advisory position. She said she will not stand for what has happened to Adrien.

“We’re all here tonight because of Gerly and we do not stand with racism,” she said. “I do not stand with hate and intolerance of other people. I think all of us being here shows how many people are of the same mindset.”

Scores of others took the microphone as well, including outgoing Congressman Joe Kennedy III – whom Adrien backed in the Sept. 1 Primary against Senator Ed Markey.

“We’re gathered here tonight to support a history maker,” he said, “and we’re gathered to say to Gerly Adrien we believe in you and we want you to continue to do this work. It is ok for you to

do that work and care for your family in the midst of a global pandemic. We stand with you and beside you and hope you feel that strength around you.”

There were many more speakers as well, and even Supt. Tahiliani weighed in on the matter to the press ahead of time.

“I’m here to show my support for Councilor Adrien,” she said. “As an

educator I’m definitely disheartened when I see we’re subordinating or silencing our voices overtly or through innuendo. As a person of color, I’m also a huge proponent of inclusiveness and diversity of opinion.”

In all, the rally pointed to a strength regionally and locally that few knew existed, but that certainly showed up to support

Councilor Adrien. That was summed up by Jackson, a former Boston City Councilor and mayoral candidate.

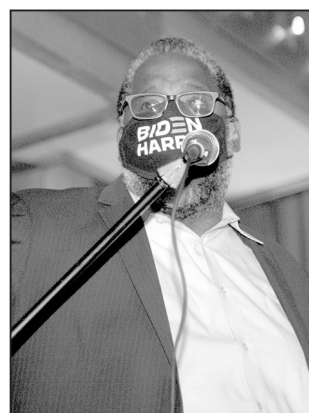
“The voters elected her; the voters decide who sits here and she was duly elected,” he said. “Today, I stand here as Gerly Adrien’s big brother. She my family. If you have a problem with her, you have a problem with me.”

Adrien did attend Monday

night’s Zoom Council meeting after the rally, and there were no issues to speak of about the Oct. 26 meeting and the rally Monday was not brought up.



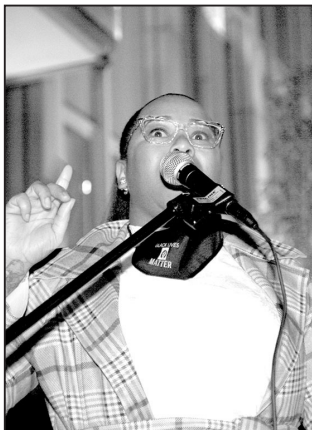
Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, of the Everett Haitian Community Center, said the people chose Councilor Adrien and she will stay.



Former Boston Councilor Tito Jackson emceed the rally on Monday night.



Hantzley Audete, of Everett, said only Councilor Adrien understands the importance of the idea of a City-sponsored Vitamin D program that he said would help Black and brown people boost their immune systems to fight off COVID-19 this winter.



Everett resident Tamika Bispham said she supports talking about issues that Councilor Adrien brings up.



Everett resident Lydia Lopez said she stood with Councilor Adrien.



David Lindsey, Councilor Adrien’s husband, said he would fight for his wife.



La Comunidad Director Antonio Amaya and Everett Activist Allie Rojas were in attendance.



Congressman Joe Kennedy III said he supports Councilor Adrien.



Everett’s Linda Gaffney said ignoring safety during the pandemic is the wrong move by the Everett City Council.



Sue Herz of Wakefield was one of the many supporters who showed up from out of town to support Councilor Adrien.



Chelsea Councilor Damali Vidot and Boston Council President Kim Janey appeared to support Adrien on behalf of the Massachusetts Black and LatinX Municipal Caucus.



More than 100 people gathered at a distance on Monday night in front of City Hall to exercise their 1st Amendment rights and support Councilor Adrien.

BROTHERS ERIC AND GIOVANNI PALMARIELLO HONORED WITH MEMORIAL BENCH

Family and elected officials came together recently to celebrate the lives of brothers Eric and Giovanni Palmariello, who passed away at a very young age. Mayor Carlo DeMaria let the ceremony with remembrances about the two men.

Eric died on July 1, 2011, and Giovanni passed on May 1, 2015. The memorial bench was dedicated to both men.

Eric was remembered as a DJ, known far and wide as DJ Littles, but it was stressed that they were best friends when living and growing up in Everett. They attended the Hamilton School, now the Keverian, and graduated from Everett High School. “Johnny looked up to



Eric and Giovanni Palmariello.

his brother,” said the mayor. “He was his younger brother but Eric’s protector in so many ways. Eric was his partner, his confidant and everyone knew it. Eric and Johnny were the epitome of what two brothers should be. They were best friends and

quite frankly inseparable. They cared and loved each other like brothers should. “Although they were both taken way too soon – they are together,” he continued. “Many say that life on earth would never have been the same for either one of them if one was still here and the other was not.”



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his mother, Rosa, gather with family behind the new bench.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and parents Clementino and Silvana E. Palmariello unveil the bench at Little Florence Park.



Clementino and Silvana E. Palmariello posed for several pictures with friends and family.



Palmariello and DiPierro family members were touched to see the bench dedicated to Eric and Giovanni.



Family, friends, local officials and others gathered around the new memorial bench to Eric and Giovanni Palmariello.

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OBITUARIES

Regina Dow

Being a wife and mother was her proudest accomplishment

Regina I. (Keck) Dow entered eternal peace on November 4.

Regina was born on May 27, 1947 and was a lifelong resident of Everett. The daughter of the late Emma (Keck) and Lawson Goodwin of Everett, she was a graduate of Everett High School, Class of 1966. Regina's most important job and proudest accomplishment in life was being a mother and grandmother.

Regina was the loving mother of Joseph Dow of Everett, Kristine Dow, Robin (Dow) and her husband, Mark Rotondo, all of Winthrop and Jennifer Dow of Everett. She also leaves behind her loving grandchildren, Joseph M. Dow, Jr. of Colorado and Victoria and Emma Ro-



tondo of Winthrop. She also leaves behind her former husband, Joseph as well as extended family and friends.

Funeral services are private. Arrangements by the Murphy O'Hara Funeral Home, 519 Broadway, Everett. Donations may be made in Regina Dow's memory to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or www.cancer.org.

Concetta Zingariello

Of Revere, formerly of Italy

Concetta (DeSimone) Zingariello, 77, of Revere passed away November 4.

Born in Montella Italy on January 29, 1943 to the late Vito DeSimone and Generosa (Cianci), she was the beloved wife of the late Salvatore Zingariello; devoted mother of Carmine Zingariello and his wife, Paula, Cristian Zingariello, and Marco Zingariello and his wife, Crysta; cherished grandmother of Salvatore and Matias and dear sister of Maria DeSimone and Luciana DeSimone, both of Italy and the late Alfonso DeSimone of France, Cristina DeSimone of Italy, and Mario DeSimone of Argentina. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was



celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Revere on Tuesday, November 10. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Concetta's name to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011 or at Alz.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

MVES seek volunteers for social engagement

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is seeking volunteers for its Social Engagement and Money Management Programs. Both programs are vital to MVES' consumers by supporting independence and fostering compassion.

The Social Engagement Program is designed to help improve the health and well-being of isolated older adults in the community by providing meaningful social connection—whether it be through regular visits (when safe to do so), telephone calls, or email.

Not only has the COVID-19 coronavirus placed older adults and adults living with disabilities at very high risk of serious illness or death, but it has also made them more susceptible to social isolation and loneliness. Many older adults already live with a deep sense of disconnection from their community but the pandemic and related social distancing measures have made their sense of social isolation much worse.

There are three different options for program par-

ticipants. Volunteers may choose one that is best for them, or could be involved in two, or all three. Options include a Telephone Reassurance Program, where a volunteer calls the isolated individual and provides a social contact and friendly conversation; an Email Correspondence, for online engagement with others via technology; and a Friendly Visitor Program, in which the consumer receives home visits (when safe to do so) that focus on in-person socialization and companionship.

As part of the program, volunteers will be paired up with consumers who are participants in MVES' home care program. Volunteers in all parts of this program will receive training and ongoing support. Considering that the goal of this program is to offer meaningful connections, we do ask that volunteers commit to a minimum of 1 year of service. Our expectation is that everyone would begin by being matched with just one person, however, if you are interested, we could potentially match you with up to 5 individ-

als looking for someone to connect with.

The Massachusetts Money Management Program from Mystic Valley Elder Services exists to make sure that seniors and adults with disabilities can keep track of their bills, translate confusing financial statements into plain language, and make timely payments. This program can help manage debt. And this program is completely free.

Volunteers in our Money Management Program are trained to be an assistant who can help organize and read financial statements, keep bills in order, assist with writing checks, and create and keep a budget to help make ends meet. During these uneasy times, the program has adapted to meet the various needs of consumers, while also protecting them and our volunteers. Each consumer will require a different level of service and interaction to ensure effective service. While some can be served through telephone and virtual means, others will need some contact through safe drop offs or

modified visits. All volunteers will be given detailed information and will have the ability to determine the level of service they are able to provide during this time.

Current volunteer needs include the roles of Bill Payers, who help low-income older adults and adults living with disabilities by assisting with bill-paying tasks including paying monthly bills and maintaining the check register; Representative Payees, who provide on-going direct service to low-income consumers who have been designated by the Social Security Administration as incapable of handling their financial affairs; and Cash Distribution Specialists, who provide support to the Money Management team by working with program recipients who need a weekly allotment of cash but are unable to access funds on their own.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering for these programs, please contact Leah Mulrenan at (781) 388-2375 or lmulrenan@mv.es.org.

Zonta Club of Chelsea changes name to represent cities served

The Zonta Club of Chelsea has been serving and advocating for women & children locally and internationally through out the years. The Zonta Club was started in Chelsea in 1980 by local professional women with the desire to volunteer and help others. Our club is a chapter of Zonta International, a non-profit women's service organization. We participate in local service projects and support local, national and international projects. For the past 40 years the club has provided many services: given holiday food certificates to needy families, provided school supplies for children living in shelters, given scholarships for graduating high school girls, and has supported local domestic violence shelters and many

other causes dedicated to assisting women and children. Since we service the communities of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus we felt it was time to change the name of our club to represent the cities that we serve. We are now the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore. In order to raise money to support and fund our causes we usually have 2 fundraisers a year but like most things in the world right now fundraising will and has to be different. This year we are selling a "Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore Lottery Calendar" from now till December 24th. The cost of this Lottery Calendar for the month of January 2021 is \$25.00 and there will be a drawing on each day of the month. Each day a prize will be given

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transparency to the community,” she said. “I think it does the City a disservice if the mayor isn’t on the School Committee.”

Sue Variella was the only person that opposed the matter during the Council’s public comment – though other organizations have opposed it in writing.

“I believe this should be a change that the voters decide on,” she said. “You’re a panel of 11 members and there are more than 50,000 people in the City...You guys have been talking about this other charter change for three years and this one just gets one week...This affects everybody and there’s one week to talk about it.”

The matter was postponed by the Council unanimously, 10-0, and is expected to be taken up in two weeks at the Council meeting.

MARTINS CALLS INTERNET A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

It’s been no secret in the remote working and schooling world that Everett’s internet infrastructure is horribly insufficient.

It’s also no great secret that the Council has been one of the main obstacles to companies trying to improve the build-out of a better network in the city – frequently voting against new cell towers and cell antennae over a period of many years. The Council is actually now being sued by Verizon Wireless for blocking that company’s attempted upgrade to 5G service earlier this year.

So it is, though, the Councilor Stephanie Martins hopes to reverse that course, calling on her colleagues Monday night to declare the poor internet service in the city a “public health crisis.”

“Public health is not just our personal health,” she said. “It has to do with everything that affects our whole health. We have to use the internet for everything now...The condition of our infrastructure to provide quality internet is a public health crisis that has been by our schools and those working from home.”

Martins said even her own internet is bad enough that she cannot participate fully in most Council meetings without getting kicked off. Meanwhile, students and parents report getting “bumped” off their Zoom classes on a daily and, sometimes, hourly basis.

The measure was approved 9-1, but it was uncertain who voted against

the measure as during that part of the meeting...the internet went out.

TURKEYS IN NOVEMBER

During a very deep discussion on an ordinance amending the ways and means that wild animals can be trapped by pest control companies, Councilor Jimmy Tri Le brought in a little levity – or so it seemed.

While the conversation was circling around varmint such as raccoon, skunks and those pesky squirrels on the roof – Councilor Le inquired about turkeys.

“What about turkeys?” he asked.

“What do you want to know about turkeys?” asked Animal Control Officer Stacia Gorgone.

“Do you tend to see more of them around Everett this time of year?” he asked.

With Thanksgiving in mind, everyone had a good laugh, except Councilor Le.

“Was that a joke?” asked Council President Rose DiFlorio.

“No, that’s a serious question,” said Councilor Le.

Gorgone explained turkeys that roam around Everett nowadays are fully wild animals and cannot legally be trapped, killed or removed. She did add that one turkey recently attacked two police officers at Dunkin’ Donuts.

Councilor Le is also not a fan of geese, he said, a gagging group that flouts the jaywalking laws consistently at Sweetser Circle and apparently has made him late for appointments by up to 30 minutes. They, too, are protected from harm, said Gorgone.

WEHNER PARK COMPLETION

Councilor Fred Capone received his long-awaited update on the completion of Wehner Park, with City officials noting that the park is about to be completed by the laying down of sod. Once that’s done, the fencing will remain up for two weeks to let the grass grown, and then the park will be open.

Capone learned that the overall budget for the Park was \$1.327 million when all was said and done. He said it seemed like quite a waste of money since the park was very nice before all the work was done to it.

“I think I’ve pretty consistently said this was a project that made pretty, prettier, and at more than \$1 million that seems excessive,” he said.

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

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News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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hope, renewal and new beginnings.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at [\[everett.church\]\(http://everett.church\) to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at \[www.everettcan.com\]\(http://www.everettcan.com\) to request any additional help.](http://www.for-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

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AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastor’s Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

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News and Notes

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

book page, “Zion Church Ministries.”

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

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

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Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

BUS AND BIKE LANE INSTALLED

CHELSEA - The new dedicated bus and bike lane is now fully installed on Broadway, and planners said the initial feedback has been good, while Chelsea Police continue to patrol the district and push the learning curve for drivers.

The new traffic pattern has squeezed down the driving lanes, ended persistent double parking, and brought an entirely new look to the downtown business district.

“We have started operations on the bus and bike lane two weeks ago now,” said City Planner Alex Train. “We have most everything done on the project except for some typeface in the lane that needs to be finished in the next few days. We’ve put in new curbing, the red/white pavement markings, sign installations, and other improvements. There’s definitely going to be a period of learning for folks, or they will seek alternate routes to avoid Broadway. When we look at when Everett put in their lane and other cities too, there was a period of two to four weeks that driver behavior had to change and enforcement had to happen.”

Train said Chief Brian Kyes and the Chelsea Police have been doing a great job getting the bus/bike lane off the ground.

Kyes said they have been spending about 12 hours a day, seven days a week, on Broadway over the last two weeks to enforce the rules on the new bus/bike lane. He said the new lane will only be as good as the enforcement to teach people to use Broadway differently than in the past.

“The Police Department is trying to change driver behavior in and around the downtown and to help people get used to staying in one land,” he said. “Broadway has never really been marked and the one land is very wide. That lent itself to problems. Now there is a much narrower lane and that lends itself to a more expedient flow of traffic.”

One key that Kyes said they are looking to really get known is there will be no more double parking on the bus/bike lane. That has been a problem for years, and Kyes said he will be glad to get rid of that habit.

“We have to eliminate the double parking, which to me has been a significant problem for years and years,” he said. “Residents and stakeholders have been great. It will take some time to adjust, but we’ll bring it out.”

The Chief said he has been a strong proponent of a different configuration of Broadway for a long time. He supported two-way Broadway a few years ago, and while that didn’t survive public discourse, he feels this is another good option to organize Broadway better.

As part of the new bus/bike lane downtown, Train said Northeastern University will be studying the air quality on the lane. They have already gathered readings for some time before the lane began operations. Now, they will continue to do so after operations have been in place for a while.

Funding for the bus/bike lane project came from the MBTA and the MassDOT Shared Spaces grant program.

FIRST MARIJUANA STORE TO OPEN

CHELSEA - It seems like an eternity since marijuana was legalized in Massachusetts and people began talking about opening cannabis stores, but now Chelsea – one of the most welcoming communities to the new cannabis industry – saw its first adult-use store open on Nov. 10, yet it’s more than the routine story of a “pot shop.”

Western Front held a short ribbon cutting ceremony on Webster Avenue in the Parkway Plaza, and then become the first marijuana business to open in Chelsea – a highly-competitive municipality for the new industry due to the City’s early willingness to help and create clear ground rules for

those seeking licenses. Western Front is an equity licensee, meaning they are minority-owned and focused in an Area of Disproportionate Impact (ADI) – meaning a place where the war on drugs hit harder than in other places. Chelsea is one of 29 ADI communities.

The 3,000 sq. ft. store offers all kinds of cannabis products, including flower/buds, gummies, tinctures, edibles and oils – to name a few – in an extremely highly-regulated and safe environment. A full new buildout of the store was massive, with it being a vacant building for a long time before the partners began work on the venture.

“It was a shell when we first came in,” said owner Marvin Gilmore. “There was nothing here...We made it first-class and I think you can see that.”

Indeed the store is now a first-class operation with plenty of natural light, ample space and numerous kiosks for choosing and purchasing products.

There is also a teaching and learning component of the operation on the other side of the store that will focus on educating people about marijuana and helping aspiring entrepreneurs to learn how to start their own stores.

Yet one of the most interesting things about the store is not the once-illegal, now legal, sale of marijuana to those over 21 years of age. Rather, the real story comes in the ownership – particularly Gilmore.

The owners are all three Cambridge residents, including Gilmore, Dennis Benzan and Attorney Tim Flaherty. The three Cantabrigians have been longtime friends, with Gilmore being a mentor to both for a long time.

Gilmore is a World War II veteran with a rich life story, and a life that hasn’t slowed down with age – fueled by a desire to always continue helping disadvantaged folks who might need a leg up.

There are a few reasons for that, he said, and getting into the marijuana industry as an equity

applicant followed the same trajectory as when he couldn’t get a veterans home loan – and thus founded United Bank, now OneUnited – the largest black-owned bank in the United States.

Gilmore’s grandparents were born into slavery in Alabama, and he also served with distinction in World War II. Both are defining moments for him.

“My grandmother was born into slavery and lived to be 107,” he said. “My parents had come up from Alabama to Cleveland and then to Boston. They sent me down to Alabama to learn and understand how we had been treated in the past. That inspired me to work for people and to work to make change and I’ve been doing that all my life. When this opportunity came, I knew Chelsea and where it had been in the old days. We put together a team and it has gone great...This is a very, very underprivileged and poor community. If we can bring this concept to Chelsea and get this store to take off and put people to work – it’s a great idea.”

Gilmore also served in World War II, and because he was black, he was not able to get on the airplane to come home with the white soldiers. He had to find another way home, as the white soldiers wouldn’t ride with him.

“My beginning fighting prejudice came in the army because we had two armies in World War II – the white army and the black army,” he said. “I wanted to see if I could challenge that. I wanted to change it.”

Meanwhile, once home, as a veteran he was entitled to a home loan, but they wouldn’t grant it to him – which pushed him to found the OneUnited Bank.

He currently serves on the Board of the Boston Redevelopment Authority’s EDIC, he’s an accomplished musician that graduated from the New England Conservatory (playing the Vibes), started the successful Cambridge nightclub Western Front, and even traveled to the Deep South with Celtic legend Bill Russell during the Civil Rights Era to “make change.”

Gilmore, who said he doesn’t smoke cannabis, said all of his life has been an “uphill battle,” and helping others get a leg up in any business – including cannabis – meshed with his long business and philanthropic career.

Benzan, the first Latino vice mayor of Cambridge and one of the only Latino liquor license holders there, said they are a team of firsts. He said he was impressed by the legislation that brought cannabis to Massachusetts – as it put a priority on minority communities, people that had been arrested disproportionately in the War on Drugs and sought to use the new industry as a way to create wealth for those that had been affected.

“Western Front and the cannabis industry was another opportunity to be first,” he said. “We have investors that reflected the minority community really like no other cannabis company in Massachusetts. We’re doing everything possible to provide opportunities for young people of color, whether Latino, African American or others. Truthfully, that’s why I’m in this and for no other reasons.”

Benzan said that’s reflected in the workforce at

COLD LUNCH



Recently, an unexpected jolt of snow came to the region as Chelsea logged about five inches of snow in a surprising storm that brought a rare blast of winter before Halloween. The unexpected snow, however, didn’t stop the dedicated School Lunch team from being in their stations on Friday. Here, they are pictured handing out lunches to students in the sudden snow.

the store, which features many people of color and those who simply need a leg up.

“When I first came in and saw the numbers of black and brown faces, I have to say I had a little bit of emotion,” he said. “We’re going through an incredibly difficult economic pandemic, and that’s being felt mainly in the communities of color.”

General Manager Cassandra Leetz, who lives on Suffolk Street, said she is one example of a Latina who has found great opportunity in the cannabis industry. Her mother came from Costa Rica and she grew up in New York. She joined the Navy and was deployed worldwide as an intelligence specialist. However, after discharged, she said she struggled to find opportunities. Employers didn’t understand her skill set or didn’t believe she had such skills, and she often found herself underemployed. That went on for many years, until Western Front took a chance on her.

“They could have brought in a cannabis industry professional from outside the state to run this, but they picked me,” she said. “It’s been an honor to do this and I’m very proud to take my experience and be able to work with the people in Chelsea and the people we’ve hired.”

Flaherty said they have truly enjoyed working the past three years with the City of Chelsea, and that everyone from the City Solicitor to the Planning Board to the Police Department has been professional and helpful. He said he felt like their company – which is looking to expand already to Cambridge and a third, undisclosed location – embodied what an economic empowerment applicant should be.

“From our investors to our staff, we have assembled what I think the state envisioned for economic empowerment candidates,” he said. “It’s exceptional.”

SOCIAL CENTERS RECEIVE GRANT

EAST BOSTON - The East Boston Social Centers (EBSC) was one of several organizations to receive a mini-grant last week from the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Ad-

vancement (MOIA) to help support nonprofits that work in immigrant communities.

Mayor Martin Walsh said each \$5,000 grant to 20 nonprofits including EBSC would help celebrate Boston’s rich cultural diversity and applaud the work immigrant-serving organizations in Eastie and across the city do each and every day.

“The coronavirus pandemic shined a bright light on the disparities in our community,” said Mayor Walsh. “Immigrants have been on the frontlines from the beginning and they have also been the most impacted. This year especially, we need to celebrate immigrant contributions to our community and recover from this pandemic in a more equitable state than we entered it.”

The mini-grants are funded through corporate sponsorships for We Are Boston, an annual end-of-the-year reception that honors the contributions immigrants have made to our City. This year’s We Are Boston 2020: From Resilience to Equity is on November 19 from 5-6 pm.

EBSC’s Executive Director Justin Pasquariello said the mini-grant to the Social Centers will be used to purchase and deliver groceries, formula, diapers, cleaning supplies, masks, gloves and any other basic needs that East Boston families cannot afford at this time.

“East Boston has been perhaps the neighborhood of Boston hardest hit by both COVID-19 and the related economic impacts,” said Pasquariello. “The city of Boston has been one of the Social Centers’ steadfast partners as we have worked to support our neighbors in this very challenging time. This mini-grant helps us continue the important work of meeting health/safety, and basic needs of our immigrant community. We are deeply grateful to Mayor Walsh and the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Advancement for their partnership in service to our community. I am grateful too to our team, including the Family Engagement Network and Parent Partners, who are bringing this support to our neighbors.”

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the contributions from We Are Boston 2019 sponsors including State Street Corporation, Arbella Insurance Foundation, Eastern Bank and Verizon; and this year’s corporate sponsors include Arbella Insurance Foundation, Eastern Bank and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

For this year’s We Are Boston 2020: From Resilience to Equity on November 19, Mayor Walsh will recognize the successes of the past year and name this year’s honorees. The evening will culminate with the City’s new Cabinet Chief of Equity, Dr. Karilyn Crockett, speaking on the convergence and divergence of African American and immigrant struggles and how the corporate and philanthropic sectors can support the fight for equity for all.

“We picked this year’s theme because ‘resilience’ means the ability to recover quickly from difficulties, and that is exactly what our immigrant communities are doing during this pandemic. And this resiliency, this strength, is what gets us to equity,” said Yusufi Vali, Director of the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement.

SECOND CARRIER TO RUN SEAPLANES

EAST BOSTON - A second carrier wants to join Cape Air in running seaplanes from Boston Harbor, just off Eastie’s shore, to New York City.

Cape Air, who got approval from the FAA to fly seaplanes on a route from Boston to a pier on Manhattan’s East Side, began trial runs of the new operation last year.

Now Tailwind Air has scheduled two public

community meetings with Eastie residents regarding their proposed plan for seaplane service from Boston Harbor to New York City.

The meetings are sure to be contentious given the fact that Cape Air’s CEO Dan Wolf and Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney repeatedly told the community at numerous meetings the takeoff and landing area in the water off Eastie would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

“This is a private, restricted sea base,” said Bonney at a community meeting in 2018 trying to garner support for the seaplane plan. “So you wouldn’t have to worry about other carriers using the area.”

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 10 am to 12 pm with a second meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Both meetings will be held via ZOOM at <https://tinyurl.com/tailwindcommunitymeeting>.

To RSVP and submit questions beforehand, please email tailwindboston@gmail.com

“So let me get this straight...We are going from zero to two seaplane operations?”, said a frustrated April Abenza of Jeffries Point.

It seems a look into FAA approvals for the water landing area shows Tailwind, as well as Cape Air, were both granted the right to use the harbor for seaplane operations. Something Wolf and Bonney were allegedly not up front about when pitching their own seaplane operation.

Also, when Cape Air began testing flights, Jef-

fries Point residents reported the planes seemed a lot louder than described by Wolf and Bonney.

The planes Cape Air would use are new Cessna Caravan nine-seat seaplanes.

“We did a sound study because we wanted to know what the acoustic impacts would be to the surrounding area,” said Bonney at a community meeting. “The conclusion of the study was the impact would be minimal.”

Bonney said the single engine Cessna is a relatively quiet seaplane.

“They are small aircraft that are pretty high performance so when they take off they climb to altitude relatively quickly to mitigate sound impacts,” he said at the time.

However, they proved to be anything but, they did not climb to high altitudes in the harbor quickly, and usually banked right and headed over Beacon Hill.

Residents in Jeffries Point, as well as Beacon Hill, expressed disappointment over the operations and wished the planes were as quiet as Cape Air initially led on.

Wolf said Cape Air’s plans involve flying seaplanes in and out of Boston Harbor. Wolf explained that a lot of major cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver have been doing this for years now so it’s not a new concept.

Cape Air’s seaplanes will take off and land on the water just off Eastie’s shores near the Hyatt Boston Hotel and land at an already established seaplane dock on the East River in Manhattan near East 23th Street.

“It is relatively difficult to get from Downtown Boston to Midtown Manhattan,” said Cape Air’s

Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney at a community meeting recently. “But with seaplanes from downtown to downtown you can reduce a three to four hour trip to just over an hour. So that’s really the genesis for this. So people ask why seaplanes? Well, with this plan you remove all the other parts of flying except the flying part.”

Bonney said commuters on seaplanes are not subjected to TSA security lines, ticket lines, luggage lines and other inconveniences that are usually part of flying. Seaplane passengers would simply arrive at a proposed dock in Southie’s Seaport District, board the seaplane, taxi out to the takeoff area near the Hyatt and then be on their way to New York City.

“And on the other end in New York it’s the same thing,” said Bonney. “We would land at the existing seaplane dock in Manhattan that has existed since the 1930’s.”

Bonney said one key fact about seaplanes is that they can only operate in daylight because pilots must be able to see the surface of the water and horizon.

“There really isn’t the concern of aircraft waking you up at night...just not possible with seaplanes,” said Bonney. The takeoff and landing base in the water off the Hyatt, explained Bonney, would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations. “This is a private, restricted sea base,” said Bonney. “So you wouldn’t have to worry about other carriers using the area.”

MCNEIL TO COACH IN SWAMPSCOTT

LYNN - When Kenny Leeder was named the

head coach of the Swampscott High School girls soccer team, one of the first phone calls he made was to Ed McNeil, who retired as Lynn English High School girls soccer coach following the 2019 season.

Leeder called to offer McNeil a position as the Swampscott junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach and the highly regarded 73-year-old coach from Lynn accepted the offer right away. He’s glad to be back on the sidelines after 17 seasons at English.

“This position has been a perfect fit for me,” said McNeil. “I had coached JV hockey at Stoneham for seven years and it was the best job. There’s no pressure and you play all the kids a lot.”

McNeil’s JV team has a 3-2-1 record. The Big Blue varsity is 2-3-1, having defeated Gloucester, 5-0, on Senior Night Tuesday. “The varsity’s record is a little deceiving because we’ve played Danvers, Beverly, Masco, Peabody, and Marblehead who are the best teams.”

Swampscott plays at its games at Blocksidge Field. “We play on the artificial turf and it’s great,” said McNeil, noting that virtually all of the NEC schools now play on artificial turf.

The Big Blue varsity has an upcoming rematch with Danvers. “They’re [Danvers] as good a team as I’ve seen in years,” said McNeil. “We were tied 2-2 with 12 minutes to go in our first meeting and they got three goals in the last 12 minutes. They just keep coming at you and they’re well coached. Jimmy Hinchion is a great coach.”

McNeil said his routine has been to take a separate bus with his JV players to their 4 p.m. away games. He then drives back to the field for the varsity games.

While McNeil was at English, he coached against Leeder’s Swampscott teams for four seasons. Leeder moved back to New Jersey before returning to the area and resuming his coaching career at Swampscott High.

“Kenny’s the best coach I’ve worked with,” said McNeil. “He’s so knowledgeable and the kids really buy into his program. It’s a shame it’s a shortened season because we would have made the tournament easily this year. It would have been nice for me for the first time ever to participate in the tournament.”

McNeil has good memories of his coaching career at Lynn English. “The girls at Lynn English were terrific kids. I can’t say enough about them. We had some great players - Megan Forti went on to WPI and she was the New England Division 3 soccer player of the year in her senior year. She was a gem. I went to see Emma Trahant play soccer twice at Simmons last year; she’s one of the nicest girls I’ve ever coached. Grace Gately, who is the niece of School Committeewoman Lorraine Gately, Carissa Burton - I coached so many wonderful girls who went on to good colleges and became successful young women. My 17 years at English were wonderful.”

And now the Swampscott High soccer girls are benefiting from Ed McNeil’s fountain of knowledge and outstanding coaching abilities.

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Tide softball team completes successful season

By Cary Shuman

The Tide 18-under softball team, under the direction of former Pope John XXIII High School standout Michele Maiuri, enjoyed a very successful inaugural season in the USA Softball Fall League.

The Tide, who played their home games at Glendale Park, advanced to the playoff finals where they were defeated, 10-2, by the Charlestown Blue Diamonds on Sunday at the Charlestown High field.

Cat Schena, the Tide's ace pitcher from Saugus, had propelled the Tide to the final, turning in a brilliant effort in a 1-0 win over undefeated, No. 1-seeded Masco Saturday at Glendale.

Two of the Tide's most outstanding players were Macayla Bessler and Alyssa Bessler, twin sisters and seniors at Everett High School. Macayla was the Tide's centerfielder while Alyssa was the shortstop.

The Besslers excelled in the heart of the Tide's batting order, with Macayla hitting third and Alyssa following at cleanup, the prestigious spot usually reserved for a team's most prolific power hitter.

In addition to their USA Softball experience, the Bessler are also Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) travel teammates. "Macayla and Alyssa both had great seasons," said Coach Maiuri.

Other players from Everett who made strong contributions to the team's success were outfielder Olivia Parziale, and shortstop Shani Headley.

All in the family

Michele Maiuri's two daughters, Francesca Maiuri, a high school senior, and Gabriella Maiuri, an eighth grader, were members of the first-year Tide contingent. Francesca was the dependable starting first baseman for the Tide.

Francesca's best sport is figure skating, having trained for highest-level junior competitions at the Skating Club of Boston and earned an alternate position on Team USA.

Gabriella was the youngest player on the Tide's roster, displaying her rising talents as the starting catcher.

Gabrielle had an outstanding year defensively as the batterymate of Cat Schena for every game. She also hit the ball very well against experienced pitchers.

"She was born a catcher – she got it from her mother," said Michele, who was a four-year starting varsity catcher at Pope John.

Michele Maiuri praised the level of competition in the USA Softball league and the overall organization of Tide's eight-team division.

"It was nice to put an under-18 team together

for the first time," said Maui, who played in the Middle Essex (USA Softball) youth league during her career.

From Pope John varsity to USA Softball coaching

Michele Maui, who is originally from Everett, is a 1988 graduate of Pope John XXIII High School where she was an All-Star catcher for Sister Nancy Brennan-coached softball teams.

She holds the school record for home runs in a single game. "I think I hit six or seven one game," said Maui, 50, who still plays in softball leagues in Wakefield and Saugus.

Maui is now guiding her daughters' athletic careers, with Francesca preparing for her final varsity softball season this spring and Gabriella poised to begin what projects as a noteworthy high school career.



Tide pitcher, Cat Schena took the team to the final game for the championship against Charlestown. She had an outstanding 10 game season record.



Umpire, Ed DeParolesa presents Head Coach Michele Maiuri the team's trophy last Sunday afternoon in Charlestown.



All-star catcher, Gabi Maiuri gets ready to take her last at bat during the championship game last Sunday against Charlestown.



Meridith Morris, at first base, throws the ball back to the mound after making a play.



The Coaching Staff of the Tide's U18 Softball Team; From left; Mike Payne, Head Coach Michele Maiuri, Tracey Saraceni and Jennifer Martino.



Alyssa Bessler make a great play for an out.



Head Coach of the Tides U-18 Girls Softball Team, Michele Maiuri, Asst. Coaches, Mike Payne, Tracey Saraceni and Jennifer Martino are with the 2020 U-18 Runners-up shown with their trophy in Charlestown for the Girls Softball Division Championship.

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