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New capacity restrictions "for most industries" across the state

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday announced additional statewide restrictions following the increase in COVID-19 cases after the Thanksgiving holiday and the potential for another increase following the Christmas and New Years' holidays.

Baker said that these restrictions are in addition to his previously implemented restrictions, which include a stay at home advisory from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., and more restrictions for restaurants. The would go into effect on Dec. 26 at 12:01 a.m. and would reduce capacity at Encore Boston Harbor casino and at all restaurants to 25 percent.

Baker said that prior to Thanksgiving, "acute hospital beds" were 67 percent occupied, but by December 15, they were 83 percent occupied and have "only recovered one percentage point since that peak."

Baker said that since "hospitals are under significant pressure," the administration feels that it is "appropriate to take action now," and "do so in a way that we can avoid overrunning our hospital system."

The new restrictions announced will be in place for "at least two weeks," according to Lt. Governor

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THE VILLAGE BAR & GRILL COMES THROUGH FOR THE PARLIN SCHOOL



Everett resident and owner of the Village Bar & Grill, Joao Lopes, delivered a box full of toys to Principal Dennis Lynch, Kimberly Auger, and Stacy Poste-Schiavo to distribute to families in need at the Albert N. Parlin School. Joao Lopes who partnered with Councilor Stephanie Martins to donate hundreds of pizzas to CHA workers and seniors during the pandemic, organized a toy drive at the restaurant to make Christmas merrier and brighter for the kids in Everett. Multiple boxes were dropped at different locations including the Parlin School in Ward 2.

Encore receives second Notice of Non-Compliance from MGC

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission's Investigation and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) issued a Notice of Non-Compliance

to Encore Boston Harbor for overserving patrons alcohol on three different occasions in August and September.

It was the first Notice of Non-Compliance for

Encore on the improper service of alcohol, but the second Notice to the license-holder since September. The casino

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EVERETT BANK MAKES GENEROUS DONATION



The Everett School Department received a generous donation from Everett Bank on Friday, December 18. The following schools received a \$1,000 donation: Adams School, Albert N. Parlin School, George Keverian, Madeline English, Lafayette, Webster School, and Whittier School. "I am truly grateful for the generosity of Everett Bank," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "The Everett School Department will use these funds to help support our students during these uncertain times. It is with the help of local businesses and community members such as Everett Bank that makes us Everett Strong." Principals from the schools were in attendance to receive the donations along with Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, and Everett Teacher's Association President Kim Auger. The City of Everett is proud of the relationship between the City and Everett Bank.

Happy 2021

Holiday help

DeMaria announces \$3.1 million in unexpected CARES Act Funds

By Seth Daniel

Just around Thanksgiving, Gov. Charlie Baker and his administration sent notice to the City that it was not going to be qualified for a final round of CARES Act federal funding before the end of the year.

That set off a flurry of activity at City Hall, coming first and foremost from Mayor Carlo DeMaria's office, he and his staff reported on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

That "relentless" advocacy and continuous discussions with Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito has resulted in a reversal of their stance before Thanksgiving, and Everett can report that it has secured another \$3.1 million in CARES Act relief for various programs in the city - primarily to fund programs to help with rental and mortgage assistance for residents.

The money is also being eyed to continue the funding for the food insecurity programs in the city - which routinely attract lines of residents looking to get food for their fam-

ilies.

"As a brief history, I have been advocating relentlessly for these additional funds," he said on Thursday, Dec. 24. "On November 24, the City received notice that we were not eligible to receive these funds. That did not stop me from continuing to advocate. The primary reason I sought these additional funds was to help even more residents with rental and mortgage assistance while continuing our fight against food insecurity. I'm looking forward to sharing this gift with the deserving families in Everett."

The mayor said the relief came just in time for the City and he thanked the state for their ability to see the serious need in Everett right now.

"Thank you to Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito," he said. "I'm grateful that through numerous conversations you were able to recognize the serious need for additional funding in our City. I value our partnership and friendship that which, in essence, greatly benefits the residents of Everett."

Lasting legacies: Future of DAV Scholarship is secure

Special to the Independent

City Councilor and Everett attorney Fred Capone met with Supt. Priya Tahiliani earlier this month to cement the future of an annual scholarship program that celebrates a great American service organization and equally dedicated Everett residents.

The Everett Disabled American Veterans Chapter 51 (DAV), which was formed in 1937 and merged with Malden Chapter 85 in 2012, has

long awarded an annual \$1,000 scholarship to an Everett High School senior. The Everett chapter was led by the tireless direction and supervision of George Deserio and Richard F. Horgan for many years. Richard Connolly and John Troy were also instrumental in the chapter's earlier work and charitable efforts. Mr. Capone has served as the organization's legal counsel for more than two decades.

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The trustee, pursuant to the terms of the trust, recently decided that coordinating the scholarship fund is best left to the Everett Public Schools, which can carry on this tradition every June by awarding the “Disabled Veterans’ Camp Corporation/Janet Connolly O’Neil Memorial Scholarship.” The late Janet Connolly O’Neil was a beloved Everett educator and a former Webster School assistant principal. “Naturally, it will be our honor to maintain this

scholarship program well into the future,” Superintendent Tahiliani said. “While the membership of Chapter 51 has dwindled in recent years, the mission and core values of the DAV will endure. I know I speak for everyone in the EPS when I say it will be a privilege to recognize this organization and the memory of Ms. O’Neil as part of our annual scholarship awards night.”

Attorney Capone expressed sincere appreciation, on behalf of the scholarship fund trustee

and former Everett Chapter, that the School Department will continue the Everett DAV’s proud tradition.

The Disabled Veterans’ Camp Corporation/Janet Connolly O’Neil Memorial Scholarship will be presented to an EHS senior who has maintained a minimum of a 4.0 grade point average and is planning to attend a four-year college or university to pursue a career in medicine and/or the health sciences.

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received a different Notice of Non-Compliance for not properly putting a stop to a large party in their hotel that violated COVID-19 guidelines last September. The Notice of Non-Compliance is like a first-warning and paves the way to a fine if the situation is repeated. It also goes on the permanent record of the licensee and is seen as a warning sign by the MGC and the management of the casino.

The Notice was issued on Dec. 4 and came after an investigation of over-serving patrons alcohol on Aug. 2, Aug. 29 and Sept. 4. The MGC discussed the matter in depth at its Dec. 17 meeting.

“Today marks a serious note for Encore,” said Chair Judd-Stein. “This is a serious notice for our licensees that goes on as part of their record. I have confidence in the folks at Encore they will take this as seriously as our team took it.”

Said MGC Executive Director Karen Wells, “This issue takes on an additional dimension in the pandemic because public health protocols and patrons’ ability to adhere to masks and hygiene practices – intoxication can get in the way of that. It impacts people like security and the Gaming Enforcement Unit when at a greater risk when they have to interact with these patrons.”

Encore’s Jacqui Krum said the moment is a learning experience and they have worked with the IEB for the past several months to put in new protocols to prevent overserving.

“With any incident you learn and grow and that’s what happened here,” she said. “We need to increase communication between our gaming department and our customer service department.”

In all three incidents, the IEB said it should have been rather obvious that the patron not be served.

In the Aug. 29 incident, which was the most serious, a person sitting at the slot machines was clearly intoxicated and shouldn’t have been served again. However, the person was served around 3:09 a.m. After that, he fell from his seat and hit his head. The man was treated at the First Aid Station for the injury to his head.

In the incidents on Aug. 2 and Sept. 4, the casino staff violated the drink limit on the gaming floor – which is no more than three drinks in one hour. In the first incident, the patron was served four drinks in an hour, and the second one the patron was served five drinks in an hour. Both incidents resulted in violent altercations with security.

On Sept. 4, the over-served patron began confronting other patrons and starting fights – plus he refused to wear a mask. He was eventually arrested for Disorderly Conduct by the State Police.

Encore has already re-trained servers on the TIPS program, and have disciplined employees that overserved. They have also created a white board system to keep better track of drink service to patrons, and hope to take that system to an electronic platform so servers can communicate easier on the floor.

•MYSTIQUE SHUTS DOWN

The Mystique Restaurant in Encore shut down until January voluntarily after an event in the restaurant on Dec. 6 got a little too close for comfort in regards to COVID-19 protocols.

The restaurant had an approved Industry Night event there for people in

the hospitality business, and there was also a Patriots football game – both of which drew larger crowds than expected. However, the restaurant did not in any way violate occupancy limits.

Instead, as the night wore on, some in the event began to mingle at other tables, not wear masks and carry drinks around the area. Those things are all prohibited by the protocols. When things appeared to be out of control, the restaurant management decided to suddenly close down the site at 8:30 p.m., with everyone out by 9:10 p.m.

“Management closed down the restaurant that night and they don’t expect to re-open until 2021,” said Loretta Lillios of the IEB. “That decision really makes moot any disciplinary action... It was a responsible move they took at this difficult time. It cannot be tolerated.”

Commissioners asked that the restaurant appear before the IEB or the MGC before re-opening in 2021 to discuss the layout of the facility in regards to COVID guidelines in place at that time.

“It’s disappointing the behavior of the patrons has led to the restaurant shutting down until 2021 and affected the livelihood of those working there,” said Judd-Stein.

•COVID CASES FROM OUTSIDE

The MGC took a report on the numbers of cases in all three casinos amongst employees since the June 23 re-opening statewide.

So far, there have been 80 positive cases of COVID reported from employees at all three gaming locations, and there was no breakdown of how many came from Encore.

Investigators said most of the cases were traced and all seemed to have come from the home environment – particularly traced to a household member that was positive.

“We have seen no concerning trends in cases at onsite areas of the casinos,” said Lillios.

•LAST DAY FOR STEBBINS

Commissioner Bruce Stebbins announced his last meeting at the MGC, after having been one of the first commissioners chosen for the fledgling agency many years ago. Stebbins, who is from western Massachusetts, was a key vote in choosing Encore over Suffolk Downs back in the 2015 licensing decision. Now, only Commissioners Gayle Cameron and Enrique Zuniga are left from that vote. Stebbins is moving to work at the Cannabis Control Commission – another fledgling state agency now getting off the ground.

Chelsea has a new theatre project: Teatro Chelsea!

Chelsea has a new theatre project: Teatro Chelsea! And on January 14-17, residents can view an online presentation of the Spanish language play *Sonia se fue* by acclaimed Boston playwright Melinda Lopez – also including performances from Everett residents.

Performances will be streamed live at 7:30 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook-Live, and feature English subtitles. Talkbacks with the actors, playwright, and special guests will follow each performance.

Set in Minneapolis and Havana, *Sonia se fue* tells the story of a family across generations. Sonia, whose son has just enlisted in the army following 9/11, is confronted by her own childhood memories of conflict: being forced to leave Cuba at the rise of Castro’s rule. *Sonia se fue* examines the impact of large cultural and political forces on the lives of ordinary men and women and examines questions such as: What do we owe our parents? Can we forgive the past?

The production is being directed by Chelsea resident Armando Rivera, who also leads Teatro Chelsea as its Program Director. Rivera has been working in Chelsea with Apollinaire Theatre Company at the Chelsea Theatre Works as an actor, director, and educator since 2016. He is excited “for Teatro Chelsea to be part of a growing and thriving arts scene in Chelsea. *Sonia se fue* is an exhilarating first step into the potential of producing dedicated bi-lingual theatre to be enjoyed by the city’s diverse community.”

Since this will be an online presentation, Teatro Chelsea was able to audition actors from across the country. Talent has joined the cast from as far away as Texas, and as close to home as Chelsea, Everett, and Jamaica Plain.

Local actor Ines de la Cruz shares, “Representation in the arts, especially in theatre, matters. I am proud to form part of the experience of telling Latinx stories in Spanish to audiences that traditionally may not attend theatre performances. *Sonia Flew* is a story that



Playwright Melinda Lopez will put together the first production of the new Teatro Chelsea! Group in January.

will resonate with many of our community members, and it is so important that the story is told in their native language.” Fellow local actor Victor Hugo Hart shares, “It’s wonderful to be involved in this local community Spanish production of *Sonia se fue* with Teatro Chelsea. In the past, working with *Escena Latina I* have seen just how excited audience members can get when viewing a production in their native language.”

Melinda Lopez developed *Sonia Flew* in 2003 as part of the Huntington Playwrighting Program. The play had its world premiere in 2004 and was the inaugural production at the Wimberly Theatre, Huntington Theatre Company. The production received two Elliot Norton Awards: Best New Play, and Best Production. It has been performed in countless American theatres since.

In 2018 the Spanish language translation, *Sonia se fue* (translation by Alberto Sarraín), was presented as part of the 2018 Festival Nacional de Teatro, in Havana and Camaguey Cuba. Now it will be presented by Chelsea’s own Teatro Chelsea!

For tickets to the production (pay-what-you-want pricing, no minimum, \$20 recommended), visit: www.teatrochelsea.com

A panel discussion, hosted by Teatro Chelsea and the Huntington Theatre Company, will take place on Thursday January 7 at 7 p.m. Melinda Lopez will join a conversation with Armando Rivera, Hartford Stage artistic director Melia Bensussen, and Tufts professor and translator Noe Montez about the possibil-

ities created by working in both Spanish and English. Information on how to view the discussion will be posted on the Teatro Chelsea website: www.teatrochelsea.com

Playwright Melinda Lopez is the recipient of the 2019 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Achievement. She is a multiple award winning playwright and performer, and the Playwright-in-Residence at the Huntington Theatre Company. Plays include: MALA (Best New Play, Elliot Norton Award, available on Audible in Spanish and English,) YERMA (adaptation,) BACK THE NIGHT, BECOMING CUBA, ORCHIDS TO OCTOPI (Best New Play, IRNE) and SONIA FLEW (Elliot Norton, Best New Play, Best Production.) Melinda also performs on stage, radio and in film.

Lopez is active providing humanitarian aid for the people of Cuba, and was mentioned by President Obama in his speech to the Cuban and American people in 2016. Mayor Marty Walsh declared October 29, 2016 “Melinda Lopez Day” in the City of Boston.

Teatro Chelsea celebrates Latin cultures, showcases and fosters local talent, builds community in Chelsea through arts engagement and collaboration, and is establishing a hub for Latino artists in the Boston metropolitan area. Teatro Chelsea creates theatre at the crossroads of languages, cultures, and histories that make up Latin American experiences, and seeks to amplify and honor the voices that speak to these unique experiences.

Armando Rivera and Angelika Menendez are Teatro Chelsea’s Program Director and Program Coordinator, respectively. Eduardo Chacon, Mateo Coronado, Jaime Hernandez, and Oldren Romero are the Governing Board members.

Teatro Chelsea was founded by Apollinaire Theatre Company and is supported by MassDevelopment’s TDI Creative Catalyst Grant.

For information on how to log on and view the performances, please visit: www.teatrochelsea.com

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Karyn Polito, and they do affect Encore Boston Harbor. An emergency meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) was held late Tuesday to put the new measures into place.

“Together, the intent of these restrictions will be to pause activity and reduce mobility so we can reduce the spread of the virus without closing our schools or our businesses,” Baker said.

The new restrictions include a lowering of capacity limits to 25 percent “for most industries,” he said, and also includes new restrictions for both indoor and outdoor gathering limits. The new outdoor gathering limit is 25 people, and the new indoor limit is 10 people, which includes events.

“This is part of what we must do during this critical period when the vaccine is just a few months away to slow the spread,” Baker said.

“Nothing we’re announcing today affects K-12 education,” he continued. “As the science

and medical data have made very clear, all school districts, even those with high infection rates, can and should bring students back into the classroom. In fact, these measures today will help districts bring students back, and bring them back soon.”

He said that “the decision to restrict capacity at so many businesses is an enormously difficult decision,” and that his administration recognizes the impact it has on people’s “livelihoods and families.”

The Baker-Polito administration is “putting together a significant economic relief fund for the Commonwealth’s small businesses that will be the most negatively impacted by these decisions,” Baker said.

Polito said of the new restrictions that “it is our goal to keep these measures temporary,” and that the industries impacted by the restrictions include: restaurants, personal services, theaters, performance venues, casinos, office spaces, places of

worship, retail, libraries, common areas in lodging, and more.

“Workers and staff will not count towards the occupancy count for restaurants, personal services, places of worship, and retail businesses such as grocery stores,” Polito said.

She told residents to plan on purchasing gift cards from local restaurants and shops to continue to support them, as well as getting takeout meals from local restaurants. “Do everything you can to support...” these businesses, she said.

“I know this pandemic has been hard for everyone, but here is light at the end of this tunnel,” she said, with “thousands” of people in Massachusetts having already received their first dose of the vaccine and more on the way.

“We all know there are better, brighter, and healthier days ahead,” Polito said.

For more information on the new restrictions, visit mass.gov/covid19.

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Cardinal O'Malley gets vaccine; encourages others to do likewise

Staff Reprint

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley received the first of the two-dose protocol of the Moderna vaccine approved for COVID-19 last week.

The Cardinal received the dose on December 24, 2020 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton. The second dose is scheduled to be administered in late January 2021 at St. Elizabeth's. Cardinal Seán, who is 76 years old, hopes to demonstrate that the vaccine is safe and wishes to encourage people to be vaccinated when possible.

The vaccine is approved for Catholics to receive.

"I am very grateful to Dr. Joseph Weinstein, Chief Physician Executive of the Steward Health Care Network who, noting that I qualified for the COVID vaccine, very kindly offered to facilitate my inoculation at St. Elizabeth's," he said. "With recognition of the importance that all persons be



Eileen Kolodny, MSN RN-BC, administers the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to Cardinal Seán O'Malley. Photo credit: St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

vaccinated when possible I was very happy to receive this invitation. Mr. James Terwilliger, President of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, one of the Steward Health Care hospitals in the Archdiocese and Chaplain Elizabeth Goeke, Director of Spiritual Care, welcomed me to St. Elizabeth's, where highly skilled nurses and medical personnel are directing and overseeing the vaccination process. I am

grateful to have been in line for the vaccine and encourage all people to be vaccinated as the opportunity is presented, as an important action of care and concern for our loved ones, our communities and our nation. With the help of God and the excellent medical care provided at St. Elizabeth's and many other hospitals, we will make our way through and beyond the pandemic."

Cases of COVID-19 continue staying in double digit figures

The numbers of COVID-19 cases in Everett continued in a steady upward trend this week, reporting the highest numbers in a week for some time.

The City saw the a substantial decrease in cases reported over the past week with 281 new cases, though there was no reporting on Christmas, Dec. 25. There were more

than 440 cases in the previous week, and more than 400 the week before. Most are predicting a swell of cases being reported in the first weeks of January.

The most recent numbers are as follows:

- Tuesday, Dec. 29 - 28
- Monday, Dec. 28 - 40
- Sunday, Dec. 27 - 29
- Saturday, Dec. 26 - 25
- Friday, Dec. 25 - (Holiday, no reporting)

- Thursday, Dec. 24 - 70
- Wednesday, Dec. 23 - 68

- Tuesday, Dec. 22 - 21

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 Dec. 31. There is no appointment necessary, and test results are usually available within 24 to 48 hours.

COVID-19 TESTING SITE UPDATE

Beginning on January 4, all testing will be conducted at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center at 47 Elm Street. Below please find the updated schedule:

- Monday - Thursday: 7am-1pm, 2pm-7pm
- Friday & Saturday: 12pm - 6pm

As a reminder, this is an indoor walk-up site. There is parking available at the center as well as on street parking and overflow parking at Everett High School and the DCR hockey rink. Public transportation is also available close by. It is important for those who get tested indoors to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing.

P-EBT BENEFITS EXTENDED FOR MASSACHUSETTS

The COVID-19 pandemic caused uncertainty in families across Massachusetts regarding meals for their children who normally receive free or reduced-priced school meals. Through the CARES Act, the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer program (P-EBT) was developed in the Spring to assist these families in need. It was announced this week that Massachusetts will be the

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first state to extend these benefits through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

"Parents should not have to worry about providing a meal for their child," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "I'm proud that Massachusetts is the first state to extend these benefits. It's heartbreaking that our community has felt the impact of this pandemic, but I am incredibly pleased that through the CARES Act, children who depend on school meals will not go hungry this school year."

The Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), in collaboration with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), received approval to manage this program in response to the COVID-19 related school closures. Students that are eligible for this program must qualify for free or reduced-priced meals under the National School Lunch Program. They must also be in a hybrid or fully remote learning situation, and this must be confirmed by the school.

•Eligible students in hybrid learning situations will receive \$58.60 per month.

•Eligible students in remote learning situations will receive \$117.20 per

month.

Using P-EBT will not impact a parent or their child's immigration status. The public charge rule does not apply to P-EBT. Parents can also use P-EBT funds while still collecting food from Grab and Go student meal sites.

For more information regarding the P-EBT program and for questions regarding eligibility, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt> or <https://www.map-ebt.org/>.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Hearing on an application by DAG Realty Trust for Site Plan Review & Special Permit
Premises located at 141-151 Bow Street

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A and with Section 19 and Section 30 of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on **Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM** that can be viewed live on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwa-OnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>) to consider the above-listed application for Site Plan Review and for a Special Permit allowing six (6) residential units. The property at 141-151 Bow Street, Everett, Massachusetts, is a parcel located in the Lower Broadway Multi-Family Residential (LB-MFR) District that is currently occupied by two industrial buildings. The Applicant, DAG Realty Trust, proposes to convert the second floor of the existing structure located at 151 Bow Street containing 5,625 sf. from a vacant space into six (6) residential apartments. The 6 units will be comprised of four 2-bedroom, and two 1-bedroom units and the interior of the building will be completely renovated as part of the proposal. The Premises is approximately 57,425 sf. and is currently home to four commercial tenants, is designated as Assessor's Parcel No. H0-03-000046.

A copy of the applications 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 by contacting The Planning and Development Office at 617-394-2334.

All persons interested in or wishing to be heard on the applications may attend and participate in the virtual hearing designated above in accordance with the information for public participation that will be included on the Agenda of the meeting that will be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law under Planning Board at: <http://www.cityofeverett.com/AgendaCenter>. Questions and comments can be directed in advance of the public hearing to Matt Lattanzi of the Department of Planning & Development at Matt.Lattanzi@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-394-2230.

Frederick Cafasso, Chairman
December 22, 2020
December 29, 2020

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Hearing on an application by Block Properties LLC for Site Plan Review & Inclusionary Zoning Special Permit
Premises located at 12 & 24 Vine Street and 337-349 Second Street

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A and with Section 19, Section 32 and Section 33 (Commercial Triangle Economic Development District) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on **Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM** that can be viewed live on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>) to consider the above-listed applications for Site Plan Review and for an Inclusionary Zoning Special Permit. The Applicant, Block Properties, LLC proposes to demolish the existing structures on the Premises located at 12 & 24 Vine Street and 337-349 Second Street, Everett, Massachusetts and to construct a new 6-story building with 320 residential units, of which 16 units are proposed to be affordable, with approximately 4,000 sf of ground-floor retail space along with a parking garage. The Premises is bounded by Second Street, Boston Street, Vine Street, and Third Street and is designated as Assessor's Parcel Nos. K05-000067, K05-000068 & K05-000176 and is located in the Commercial Triangle Economic Development District.

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Frederick Cafasso, Chairman

December 22, 2020
December 29, 2020

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING AMENDMENT

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c 40A, § 5, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, **January 11th, 2020 at 7:00 PM** that can be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwa-OnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>), to consider a proposed Amendment to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance.

The purpose of the Amendment is to create a new Section 34 of the City's Zoning Ordinance relating to Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and make related changes to the existing Zoning Ordinance. Requiring TDM participation is intended to prevent, reduce, and mitigate the impacts of development on the City's transportation system, neighborhood livability, safety, and the environment. TDM services provide residents, employees, and visitors with information and incentives to reduce drive-alone vehicle travel to achieve the City's transportation goals. The proposed new Section 34 includes a description of its purpose; definitions; applicability requirements; substantive and procedural requirements; TDM program requirements; occupancy, monitoring and review requirements and compliance and enforcement provisions.

In addition, the Amendment proposes to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- Add to Section 17 a new 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."
- Strike the word 'minimum' from Section 30.G.2.c
- Add a new 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."

It is anticipated that the language of the proposed Amendment may be revised through the public hearing process.

A copy of the Proposed Amendment is on file with 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 by contacting The Planning and Development Office at 617-394-2334.

All persons interested in or wishing to be heard on the proposed Amendment may attend and participate in the virtual hearing designated above in accordance with the information for public participation that will be included on the Agenda of the meeting that will be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law under Planning Board at: <http://www.cityofeverett.com/AgendaCenter>. Questions or comments in advance of the public hearing may be directed to Matthew Lattanzi at Matt.Lattanzi@ci.everett.ma.us and/or 617-394-2334.

Sent to: Abutting Communities, MAPC, & DHDC

Frederick Cafasso, Chairman
December 22, 2020
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HAVE A HAPPY -- AND SAFE -- NEW YEAR

The arrival of a new year marks a time for reflection, as to both the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead.

In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

To put it another way, we might ask ourselves, "Where have we been -- and where are we going?"

The latter question asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay to waste even the best-laid of our plans for the year to come.

Who among us imagined on December 31, 2019, that 2020 would bring a world-wide pandemic that already has killed more than 330,000 of our fellow Americans, devastated our economy, and directly impacted the lives of each and every one of us?

As bad as 2020 has been, we dread to contemplate what 2021 might have in store for us. There is no certainty that 2021 will be any better.

However, the former question is equally as tricky. Answering it requires both introspection and self-awareness, two qualities that typically are in short supply, even during a pandemic when most of us are house-bound for more hours of every day than we ever have experienced.

But trying to figure out the, "Why?" of what we have done with our lives is essential if we are to meet the challenges of the future.

As the philosopher said, if we do not learn from our mistakes, we are condemned to repeat them.

We do not pretend to have all (or any) of the answers, but we do know that in the difficult days ahead one thing is true: Each of us must step up to do our part to ensure the safety of ourselves, our loved ones, and everyone around us.

We all have a role to play in combating COVID-19 (by wearing masks, not gathering in large groups, and maintaining a physical distance from others wherever we may be) AND in helping those who desperately are in need of assistance because of the devastating economic effects of the pandemic.

Although a New Year is here, our problems are not magically going away.

We wish all of our readers a happy, safe, and healthy New Year.

K.C. JONES ALWAYS WAS FIRST-CLASS

For those of us who are old enough to remember the great Boston Celtics teams of the 1960s, the passing this week of K.C. Jones, an integral member of that championship dynasty, is bittersweet.

K.C. Jones led an incredible life, rising from his dirt-poor childhood to the very heights of athletic accomplishment, becoming one of only a handful of athletes to be a member of NCAA, Olympic, and professional basketball championship teams.

One of the most amazing facts about K.C. Jones is that after graduating from the University of San Francisco (where he was a teammate with Bill Russell) in 1956, he entered the U.S. Army for a two-year hitch before embarking on his career with the Celtics (who had made him their second draft pick in 1956) in 1958.

K.C. Jones epitomized the concept of a team player -- he was a leader in assists and always drew the toughest defensive assignment from the opposing team. His willingness to do whatever it took for the good of the team was a character trait that he later imbued in the great Celtics teams that he coached in the 1980s.

K.C. Jones exuded a quiet confidence. He let his actions on the court, both as a player and as a coach, speak for themselves with no need for the sort of self-aggrandizement and hyperbole that is typical among athletes today.

We found it hard to believe that K.C. Jones was 88 years old at his passing -- it makes us realize the truth of the axiom, "Time flies."

K.C. Jones will be remembered as a wonderful athlete, coach, and role-model. He was a first-class person in everything he did, both on and off the court.

May he rest in peace.



~ HAPPY NEW YEAR ~

GUEST OP-ED

Decisions for 2021

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

2021 is here, and will it be just another year? If it's just another year then that won't be bad at all because too many will not have another year. The opportunity and privilege to have another year is the gift of life. Being alive and living your life is about as good as it gets. Aim for being alive this time next year.

Make some decisions about 2021. Where do you want to be this time in 12 months? Would you like to be ten pounds heavier? Maybe you would like to be ten or twenty pounds lighter? If you cut back on your portions and get off the couch you can lose a pound a week on average. This is daunting but just think about where you can be the first of March if you start today? Don't start tomorrow. Start right now. Today. This minute. Throw all that junk cake and pie in the trash. This is a tough decision

because we hate to say goodbye to all those holiday cookies and candies. Your body will thank you and you will feel so much better very soon.

Decide about financial habits. Millions of Americans carry credit card debt. Minimum payments on \$3,000 of credit card debt is like swimming up river. If you have missed a few payments your credit card company may be anxious to hear from you. Ask them if they will consider a settlement payoff. A friend of mine owed \$5,000 and his credit card company settled for a \$2800 payoff. Your company might or might not but it never hurts to negotiate. You might be able to sell some things in order to erase that back breaking high interest debt.

Make some money in 2021 - if you want to. Most Americans need to make money in 2021. Work on job applications. Peruse the newspaper. Search online. Consider places

you have heard about and call them, go see them. Knock on doors of opportunity. You get nowhere if you do not try. You might complete 20 or 30 applications to get one job interview. Complete the application thoroughly. Give them a reason to consider you. Put together a good biographical sketch, resume. Have a friend or two to review and edit because two heads are better than one. Have some good trusted references. Wherever you work do a good job because you want them to say a good word about you. A good word may seal the deal on your next job opportunity.

Jobs sometimes are scarce. Consider your personal knowledge and abilities and what might you do to make a dollar or two? What do you know that others need to know? What can you offer that others need or might want? Can you make something? Can you fix things? How can you help

others? Creating your own life and business might be the financial and mental sanity answer for you. If you create your own work and are good at what you do, you will not run out of something to do.

Our decisions determine our destiny. Whatever decision we make we have to put into action. Faith without works is dead. May your life be good, healthy and filled with wonderful love, family and friends in 2021. Let's work together for a good year.

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.

LETTERS to the Editor

I SUPPORT GERLY ADRIEN

To the Editor,
As Latino who has lived here for many years in the beautiful city of Everett and by the same token, as ugly as it can be with some of the "old" residents vomiting racism, bigotry, particularly those in positions on the City Council, etc., I support Gerly Adrien.

I am in full support to the first Woman of Color City Councilor At-Large, Gerly Adrien, elected to represent the whole city of Everett, with a compassion, properly addressing and bringing her questions into the table, such as how the city spends the money or lack of it during this tragic time that we are ALL are living with COVID-19 Pandemic time; addressing the concerns of our children's education within education department. Not only, we supporting Mrs. Gerly Adrien to stay at that elected position, as City Council At-Large, but more than ever she must be re-elected, again, again, and other people of color with a proactive ap-

proach in inclusion and a critical thinker, on how to address the issues, like racism, bigotry within the City in all departments, and to end with inclusion.
Jose' Manuel Santiago, LSW

UPDATE ON CURRENT STATUS OF RAFT APPLICATIONS

To the Editor,
Since the start of the pandemic, Metro Housing has completely changed how it approaches the processing of RAFT (Rental Assistance for Families in Transition) applications. Although we have experienced significant delays, we are confident that the triple-threat of increased staff, additional resources from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and deeper relationships with community-based organizations, we will be able to assist families in need more quickly and efficiently.

Getting financial assistance to those in need remains our highest priority. To that end, since July 1 Metro Housing has

distributed \$5.1 million in RAFT funding to 1,800 households. This is as many households assisted and funds distributed as in all of FY'20.

With new resources made available by the Commonwealth in late October, Metro Housing

hired 50 permanent and temporary staff. Though it takes time and resources to properly train new staff in the application process, we prioritized contacting applicants and by the end of November had con-

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Heading Home responds to call for help in partnership with BHCC

With temperatures dropping and the impact of COVID-19 settling in on the poorest in our community, the demand for a good night's sleep in a warm bed continues to rise. In response to a call from multiple state agencies and in conjunction with several key partners, Heading Home has stepped up to launch and oversee a 48-women's only overnight shelter located at Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC).

"We are honored to be in partnership with Bunker Hill Community College to offer overflow shelter for women experiencing homelessness in Boston. It is an honor to come together with public, private and non-profit leaders to solve some of our city's greatest challenges," said Danielle Ferrier, CEO of Heading Home.

The opportunity for BHCC to host this temporary shelter was possible as most of the teaching and learning is online due to the pandemic.

"As an essential hub of community service and learning, our College is in a unique position to make a difference for our vulnerable residents during these extremely difficult times," said BHCC President Pam Eddinger.

The operation opened December 3, 2020, as an overflow option for several Boston shelters and residents, as well as for others who need a safe and clean space to sleep. As we had hoped, clients are returning night after night based on their positive experiences. Most nights we have at least 15 guests, reaching 30% capacity or more.

In Partnership. Head-

ing Home is honored to be joined in this effort with a number of partners, in addition to MEMA, including:

- Allied Security – security
- Arbor Associates – staffing
- Deployed Resources – mobile laundry
- MBTA – transportation
- Spinelli's – food
- A Dignified Approach

Women are welcomed into BHCC's sun-filled gymnasium, offered toiletry kits, personal lockers, and a space to call their own for the night. Individual lockers are provided, as well as showers and laundry. MBTA buses bring clients to and from the shelter (3:30 p.m. arrival and 7 a.m. departure) – and a team of caseworkers and security ensure that the location remains drug-free and in compliance with the COVID-19 protocol. Hunger typically accompanies homelessness, so clients enjoy a warm meal at the end of the day and breakfast before leaving in the morning. Additionally, guests have been enjoying activity kits during their stays.

Staff continues to be moved by guests' levels of exhaustion - yet the appreciation they show for a warm bed, delicious meal, and a chance to shower is palpable. Heading Home remains grateful for our partnerships in this effort to bring safety and security to women in our community.

- Ways to help

If you would like to help the women's shelter, Heading Home has shared their Amazon wish list, and online donation page.

HISTORIC FIGURES

More than a Name: Marquis de Lafayette and Everett

By Matt Lattanzi

Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de La Fayette, better known simply as Lafayette, was born on September 6, 1757 in Chavaniac, France. Born into a wealthy family in Chavaniac, France, Lafayette dedicated his life to seeking glory in what he deemed to be noble military causes. Such a life's quest was no stranger to Lafayette's family, a lineage regarded as one of the oldest and most distinguished in all of France. Some notable examples of his bloodline include serving as a companion-at-arms of Joan of Arc's army during the 1429 Siege of Orleans, acquiring the Crown of Thorns during the Sixth Crusade to recapture Jerusalem in 1229, and serving as the personal horse guard to King Louis XV.

In 1771, at the age of 13, the young and ambitious Lafayette was commissioned an officer, albeit mostly of a ceremonial nature, in the Musketeers in France. Ever the man to experience life beyond his years, Lafayette married Marie Adrienne Francoise at 14. By 19, Lafayette, having already earned the rank of major general, decided that he would set off to the New World to aid America in the American Revolution against the British. Despite disapproval from his father-in-law, even in the face of possible arrest by King Louis XVI, Lafayette



Marquis de Lafayette.

ette purchased the ship Victoire with his own personal wealth and set sail for America, landing in Georgetown, South Carolina on June 13, 1777. Voyaging to Philadelphia, Lafayette made friends with many American greats, including Benjamin Franklin and General George Washington, all of whom were impressed by his enthusiasm and desire to aid the fledgling America in armed combat against the British.

Lafayette's first battle was on September 11, 1777 at Brandywine. Sustaining a shot to the leg, Lafayette stayed on the battlefield with his troops and helped execute an orderly retreat when outflanked by the British. For putting his men's fate above his own, Washington recommended that he take command of a division immediately. Entangled in multiple battles throughout the Northeast, Lafayette was consistently commended for his valor and bravery on the bat-

tlefield and his unrivaled skill at commanding and motivating his troops.

Returning to France for a year, Lafayette was already hailed as a hero by both the Americans and the French. His loyalty to the American cause was so great, he named his first son Georges Washington Lafayette. Showcasing his return home as a tactical move, Lafayette was able to persuade King Louis XVI to send 6,000 French troops, commanded by Jean-Baptiste de Rochambeau, to America in furtherance of the ongoing struggle for independence from British rule. Unsatisfied with assisting from afar, Lafayette returned to America, landing in Boston on April 27, 1780. Regarded as the last major land battle of the American Revolution, Lafayette and his forces staved off Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, forcing British surrender.

For his dedication and bravery, Lafayette was regarded as a hero in America and France. He was promoted to Maréchal de camp, the third in command of the French Army. He was involved in the negotiations of the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War and thus recognized America's independence. Lafayette joined the Society of the Friends of the Blacks in France and advocated for the end of the slave trade and equal rights for free blacks in France and America. Later in life, Lafayette was

invited by then-President James Monroe in 1824 to take part in a grand tour of the United States, which lasted 16 months as he visited all 24 states, each to a hero's welcome.

Marquis de Lafayette passed away on May 20, 1834 in Paris, France at the age of 76. He will always be remembered not only as an outstanding leader, but as one of the world's greatest unifiers. He was a noble Frenchman with no ties to America, yet commanded troops in New England, the mid-Atlantic, and the South. He was driven by his morals and always stayed true to his core beliefs of what was right, staking his life on multiple occasions to help achieve his goals. Lafayette is the perfect embodiment of the word "hero" and was vital in crafting America's identity that we hold dear today. You can see his name throughout the U.S., having counties, cities, towns, squares, streets, and schools dedicated in his honor. One such example is found right here in Everett, with the Lafayette School proudly bearing his name.

To read more about Everett history, peruse the Everett Libraries' collections, engage in various programs for all ages, or utilize one of the free online databases, be sure to check out the Libraries' new website (<https://www.noblenet.org/everett/>) and follow their Facebook page (@EverettPublicLibrary) for updates.

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tacted every person who had submitted an online application. We are also making progress moving applications through the pipeline.

As of Dec. 10, there were 1,800 applications ready to be assigned to case managers. This will begin when training is completed. Unfortunately, there are also more than 4,500 applications that have been submitted without all the needed documentation.

Metro Housing continues to work closely with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and our partners at the Regional Housing Network to simplify the application process with the goal of shortening the processing time. We are also working with numerous local nonprofits and advocacy groups to facilitate the processing of the 100 applications we receive every day. We would not be able to reach all the families and individuals in need without these crucial and close partnerships.

We acknowledge that the backlog of applications from prior months, combined with the influx of new applications received, has created longer

than usual wait times, resulting in a frustrating and anxious time for families who are at risk of being evicted. We encourage people who have a summary process or a notice to quit to escalate their application by notifying us that they are in the legal process. We also encourage people with a notice to quit or who are in the court process to contact legal services as soon as possible.

Metro Housing is committed to processing completed applications as quickly as possible and to keeping applicants apprised of the status of their applications.

Serving more than 25,000 households annually, Metro Housing-Boston is dedicated to mobilizing wide-ranging resources to provide innovative and personalized services that assist families in avoiding homelessness, maintain housing stability, and achieve economic security. With more than 30 years' experience piloting and implementing housing programs, it has solidified their position as an industry-leading expert on navigating the affordable housing field.

MetroHousing Boston

- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149
(617) 381-7445

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board's website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk's website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 20 Pleasant Street
Map/Parcel: C0-05-000063

Person Requesting:
Ms. Claudia Kasper
20 Pleasant Street
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant seeks to convert the existing 2 family residence built approximately in 1894 into a 3-family residence.

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Reason for Denial:

- The FAR (floor area ratio) for the proposed use is .71.
- The proposed parking spaces in the rear yard are not the proper size being 8.5' x 18'
- The driveway is only 17.8' wide

Zoning Ordinance:

Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements line 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)

Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph I which states the following:

Each required car space shall be not less than 9 feet in width and 18 feet in length exclusive of drives and maneuvering space, and the total area of any parking facility for more than five (5) cars shall average two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet per car. No driveways or curb cuts shall exceed thirty (30) feet in width. (Ord. 01-046/2001).

Mary Gerace – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 340 Main Street
Map/Parcel: D0-04-000113

Person Requesting:
Mr. Andrew LaFuente
340 Main Street
Everett, MA 02149

Applicant seeks a building permit convert the existing single family residential building into a two (2) family residential building.

Reason for Denial:

- The building is question is in a Business District and two (2) family residential uses are not permitted with the grant of a Special permit.
- No plot plan was submitted to indicate the two (2) required parking spaced

Zoning Ordinance:

Section 3 General Requirements paragraph P which states the following:

P. 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. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 17 Off-Street Parking: Paragraph A which states the following:

A. Off-street parking facilities shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as outlined below. Where the Term "gross square feet" is used, it shall mean the total occupiable floor area measured within the exterior walls of the building. (Original Ord. Of 2-26-1965, 6-29-87)

- 1. One- and two-family dwellings 2 spaces per dwelling unit.

Mary Gerace – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

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SEND US YOUR NEWS

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SANTA VISITS EVERETT GRACE FOOD PANTRY AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Santa via the Everett Police Dept. visited the Everett Grace Food Pantry, bringing cheer of the holiday season and helped handout toys for the many children that were on hand. Church Street in Everett was lined with people for the weekly food pantry, that is so vital to the residents of Everett, but also because of the special day with Santa and special guests, headliner comic David Russo and entertainer/soloist Todd Angilly. Directing the event was Irene Cardillo, assisted by Matt Misci and a host of volunteers that made the event a success. Special thanks to all those that donated toys to be given out and to Robert DeFronzo and Mike Bono for donating the sleigh and reindeer that the toys were placed on for Santa to give out.



The National Anthem was sung by soloist Todd Angilly.



Irene Cardillo with Santa, gets ready to get the shown underway.



Entertainer Todd Angilly, Matt Misci, comic Dave Russo and Director Irene Cardillo.



To her friends, she's known as "Jolly" Holly Garcia.



Santa with Everett, Revere and Boston Police Officers at the event.



Matt Misci (right) with comic headliner, Dave Russo.



Director Irene Cardillo is shown with Robert DeFronzo, David Garrey and Mark Kini.



Helping Santa distribute candy, Karina Vaz and Myahni Johnston from Phunk Phenomenon.



Lajla Lamadzema gives a big hello to Santa.



Irene Cardillo and Santa with the volunteers/dancers from Phunk Phenomenon in Everett.



Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jetro Caldiera gives his blessing last Saturday morning.



Local children waiting to see Santa, Shawn and Jamie Burke -Hutchinson, Kristina Perrino, Kenzie and Jennafer Burke-Hutchinson.

Real Estate Transfers

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The E Club officers.

E Club to meet virtually on Jan. 11

The “E” Club cordially invites you to our annual meeting on January 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Due to the circumstances, this year’s meeting will be available to watch on Zoom. If you have any questions, contact the “E” Club secretary, John Raguucci at Jraguucci@verizon.net or Daryl Colson, the “E” Club Webmaster, darylcolson@comcast.net.

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 We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Construction Look-Ahead:

December 27, 2020 to January 9, 2021

This is a brief overview of construction operations and traffic impacts for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work, temporary ramp and street closures, and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the right lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).

•From Monday, 1/4 through Friday, 1/8, Route 1 Northbound will be reduced to a single lane to set prefabricated bridge units (PBU’s) during the nighttime (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.).

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone is in the median. As of Wednesday, 12/23 all 3 travel lanes are open during the daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).

*From Monday, 1/4 through Friday, 1/8 and then on Monday 1/11 through Friday, 1/15, Route 1 Southbound will experience a full closure overnight closure (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.).

*The detour for these closures will be that southbound traffic will exit Route 1 at Carter Street, travel on Carter Street to Everett Avenue, turn left onto Everett Avenue, and turn right onto the Everett Avenue on-ramp to rejoin the highway.

•There will be no work on the night of Thursday, 12/31 – New Year’s Eve.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•5th STREET: On Wednesday, 12/30, Monday, 1/4, and Tuesday, 1/5 5th street will be closed during the overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.). In addition, on Monday, 1/4 and Tuesday, 1/5, 5th street will also be closed during the daytime (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

•ARLINGTON STREET: On Wednesday, 1/6, Arlington Street will

experience an overnight closure (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.).

•There will be no local street or ramp closures during Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, News Year’s Eve (12/31), or New Year’s Day (1/1).

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. – 1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck

will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

COMPLETED WORK

•As of 12/27, the Tobin Bridge portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves project is now complete. All remaining work is within the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the job.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police detail, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

DeMaria distributes reusable washable masks to Everett residents

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is proud to announce that last week the City mailed masks to Everett residents to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Each resident will be receiving a reusable mask with the City of Everett “E” printed on it

“It is important that we are all being safe during these uncertain times,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “I am truly grateful for all the sacrifices our community has made throughout the year and these masks are a small token of my gratitude. We need to continue to fight this virus and stay safe. I



Masks like these were mailed to every Everett household last week by the City.

hope residents will wear these masks with pride.”

The mask includes a QR code printed on the inside that can be scanned by using a smartphone camera. Once this code is scanned, residents will be brought to the COVID-19 resources section of the City of Everett’s website.

For residents who did not receive a mask or for residents who would like additional masks, please email your name, address, and phone number to mask@ci.everett.ma.us. Further instructions will be provided upon receipt of email. Additional masks will be distributed while supplies last.

New public awareness campaign seeks to ensure communities of color have access to accurate vaccine information

The Massachusetts Health Council (MHC) is launching a public awareness campaign to encourage trust in vaccines and immunizations, especially in communities of color. As part of the campaign, MHC will run radio spots featuring Reverend Liz Walker, a trusted news anchor at WBZ-TV for many years, and Reverend Gloria White-Hammond, MD, a pediatrician, talking about the importance of routine immunizations, especially the flu vaccine, during the COVID-19 pandemic. MHC has purchased radio airtime through the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association’s Public Education Program with a value of almost \$100,000.

In the radio spots, Rev. Walker, who is a member of Governor Baker’s COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group, introduces Rev. Gloria White-Hammond, MD, who describes the great success vaccines have achieved in eradicating once-common

diseases. Rev. Hammond tells listeners, “Vaccines are among the greatest advancements in modern medicine and are both safe and effective.”

David Martin, CEO of the Massachusetts Health Council, said that the primary goal of the campaign is to increase understanding of the benefits of vaccines so that people have access to accurate, evidence-based information before they need to make a decision about getting the COVID-19 vaccine. MHC runs a website—www.protectedtogether.org—to address vaccine misinformation and answer the most frequently asked questions.

“An important focus of the campaign is on building trust and communication within communities of color so that people can get answers to any questions they may have,” he said. “People of color are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 because of longstanding

health disparities. They are less likely to be able to protect themselves from exposure, so we owe it to them to prioritize their safety.”

In addition to the radio campaign, MHC has secured in-kind support from Google, which will promote vaccine safety information on its site with search ads valued at tens of thousands of dollars. MHC is also recruiting and supporting “vaccine champions” across the state to help answer questions about vaccines and serve as a local source of trusted information.

The Massachusetts Health Council leads a broad group of stakeholders to foster a strong culture of health in Massachusetts. We promote policies and programs that enable healthier lifestyles, wellness, and preventative care so all people and their communities can thrive. For more information, visit <https://mahealthcouncil.org/>.

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First Night Boston announces full broadcast schedule

First Night Boston, New England's longest-running New Year's Eve celebration, announced today its full performance schedule for its New Year's Eve broadcast, and features an array of performers from Boston and beyond across all genres of music.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until 2:00 a.m., a stream of musical and artistic performances will showcase a diverse range of talents for audiences celebrating from home as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to disrupt everyday life. Held every year since 1975, First Night Boston is an annual celebration of the city's arts, culture, and people. Since 2015, the event has culminated with lights, fireworks, ice sculptures, and music in Copley Square.

"First Night Boston has been a cherished tradition for more than four decades, and a celebration of this size simply doesn't just cancel," said Dusty Rhodes, event director. "This city is packed with brilliant artists and rising stars who depend on events like First Night to showcase their talents, and we're thrilled to move part of the show online and to the air." In addition to the online stream, a special First Night Boston broadcast will air on NBC10 Boston from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and on NECN and NBC Sports

Boston from 11:00 p.m. - 12:01 a.m.

The show kicks off at 6:00 p.m., and the first hour will feature performances from the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association (GBCCA), jazz from the Makanda Project, a booming organ performance from the Church of Christian Science, and a dance set by North Shore's Guardians of Isadora.

From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., it's the Boston Youth Chamber giving way to highly acclaimed pianist Yelena Beriyeva, while Boston Gay Men's Chorus closes out the hour after additional performances by GBCCA and Makanda Project.

The Skating Club of Boston kicks off the 8:00 p.m. hour with a lineup of figure skating routines from Olympic hopefuls. Hyde Park's Sweet Harmony performs their first of two upbeat sets before vocalist Maddi Ryan takes the stage, and East Boston's Veronica Robles represents Boston's first all-female mariachi band.

The countdown continues with rising star Alli Haber kicking off the 9:00 p.m. hour, before giving way to the African and Caribbean beats of Zili Misik. The all-men quintet On the Outside performs a short set before the local Dempsey Sisters and Mandi Crimmins rock the house.

The fifth hour features segments from Lori McKenna and Kemp Harris shot at Boston's Boch Center, while Boston hip-hopper Nancia drops some beats with local scenes. Performances from rockers Sons of Levin and soulful Of Sea and Stone bring us to the 11:00 p.m. hour, when NECN and NBC Sports Boston pick up the final countdown.

The online stream will resume after midnight with some of the evening's most popular performances re-airing until 2:00 a.m. The latest stream schedule is attached to this release, and available at www.firstnightboston.org.

In a normal year, hundreds of thousands of guests visit Copley Square and the surrounding area on New Year's Eve. The event showcases Boston's beauty in a night of light, music, and First Night Boston is supported entirely by contributions from the corporate community and the general public. Event sponsors for 2021 include the City of Boston, Xfinity, Conventures, The Boston Foundation, The Greater Boston Visitors and Convention Bureau, Strega Entertainment, and NBC Boston. Donations can be made to help support the event at the event website, www.firstnightboston.org.

Full Performance Schedule
(As of December 22,

2020. All times subject to minor changes.)

Stream Schedule, December 31, 2020 www.firstnightboston.org

Performer Performance Estimated Hit Time Style

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

GBCCA Kick-Off Parade First Night 2020 Parade Clip 6:00 p.m. Interpretative Dance

Boston Guzheng Ensemble Peng Ba Ban 6:01 p.m.

Traditional, virtual performance

Makanda Project It Takes a While 6:05 p.m. Jazz

First Church of Christ, Scientist Fugue in E-Flat Major, by Bach 6:17 p.m. Organ Recital

Guardians of Isadora Dance Set 6:23 p.m. Avant Gard Women's Dance Group

Makanda Project Caribe 6:32 p.m. Jazz

GBCCA Chinese Music Ensemble Divination 6:44 p.m.

Chinese Virtual Ensemble Chu Ling Dance Academy Dance Set 6:49 p.m. Chinese Dance

Chester Brezniak & Yelena Beriyeva Donald Martino's Sonata for Clarinet and Piano 6:53 p.m. Piano and Clarinet Duo

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Boston Youth Chamber

Holiday Favorites 7:01 p.m. Violin Trio

Yelena Beriyeva Aram Khachaturian's Toccata 7:07 p.m. Piano Solo

Chu Ling Dance Academy Dance Set 7:12 p.m. Artistic

GBCCA Choral Society Yueqin 7:16 p.m. Choral

Makanda Project Why Not 7:20 p.m. Jazz

GBCCA Yo-Yo Troupe Dance Set 7:33 p.m. Artistic

Kim Tavares Don't Know Why 7:44 p.m. Female Vocalist

Old South Church Pops and Pipes 7:48 p.m. Organ Recital

Boston Gay Men's Chorus Prayer for Peace 7:54 p.m. Choral

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Skating Club of Boston Performances 8:00 p.m. Figure Skating Performance

Sweet Harmony Set 1 8:26 p.m.

Song and Dance Troupe Boston Synchrony Chinese Percussion Ensemble Drum Performance 8:35 p.m.

Artistic Maddi Ryan Set 8:39 p.m. Female Vocalist

Veronica Robles Set 8:49 p.m. Female Mariachi

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Alli Haber Set 9:00 p.m. Female Vocalist

Zili Misik Set 9:08 p.m. R & B / Soul

Sweet Harmony Set 2 9:16 p.m.

Song and Dance Troupe Paco Set 9:27 p.m. Oldies

On the Outside Set 9:33 p.m. Boy Band

Boston Gay Men's Chorus Prayer for Peace 9:38 p.m. Choral

Dempsey Sisters Set 9:45 p.m. Pop

Mandi Crimmins Set 9:52 p.m. Rock

10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Kemp Harris Boch Center's Ghost Light Series 10:00 p.m. Solo Piano

Boston Gay Men's Chorus Relax! 10:10 p.m. Choral

Lori McKenna Boch Center's Ghost Light Series 10:16 p.m. Solo

Boston Synchrony Chinese Percussion Ensemble Drum Performance 10:26 p.m. Artistic

Nancia Get Low 10:30 p.m. Hip-Hop

Sons of Levin Set 10:35 p.m. Rock Band

Of Sea and Stone Set 10:46 p.m. Alternative Duo

OBITUARIES

George Mardirosian Gulf Oil retiree

George T. Mardirosian, 92, of Everett entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, December 23 after a brief illness.

A longtime Everett resident, George served proudly in the United States Navy during World War II. After the war he began working for Gulf Oil Company as an oil tank truck driver until retirement.

He was the beloved husband of the late Josephine "Pena" (Puopolo) for over 68 years when she passed in 2015, dear and devoted father of Jane Saraceni and her husband, John; Linda Celata and her husband, Edward; and Gail White and her longtime partner, Billy O'Keefe. He was the brother of the late Louise Beaty, Leo Mardirosian and Josephine Murphy and the Proud Papa of



eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in George's memory to Merrimack Valley Hospice, Ste. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843 would be sincerely appreciated. Due to restrictions placed on all of us because of COVID-19, his memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date. Arrangements are by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett 617.387.3120

Dolores Loretta DeVito A very loving and caring person

Dolores Loretta DeVito, 77, of Everett, entered into eternal rest unexpectedly on Saturday, December 26 in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Born in Everett, Loretta remained a lifelong resident. A very loving and caring person, Loretta was happiest being around and doting on all her family. She was the devoted daughter of the late Salvatore Libassi and Anna Dascoli, beloved wife for over 59 years of the late John Francis DeVito, Sr., who passed in July of 2020; dear and devoted mother of Maria Magliochetti and her husband, Michael of N. Andover, Christine DeMarco and her husband, Steven of Everett, Stephanie DeVito of Everett and John Francis DeVito, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth of Burlington; dear sister of Joanne McKillop of Everett, Joseph Dascoli of Middleton and the late Simone Libassi. Loretta is also survived by her loving and cherished grandchildren: Michael Magliochetti and his



fiancee, Kristine, Michael Magliochetti, Kristin, Steven Jr, and Sofia DeMarco and John Francis III, Julia and Natalie DeVito.

Due to restrictions placed on all of us because of COVID-19 and for the safety, concern and well being for those they love, private services will be held for the immediate family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Loretta's memory to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005, would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett- 617.387.3120

Frances DeSantis She will be truly missed by all who knew her

Frances (DePaolo) DeSantis of Revere passed away surrounded by her loving family on December 15 at the age of 89.

Born in Chelsea on April 19, 1931 to the late Anthony and Lena (Belmonte), she was the beloved wife of 67 years of Joseph DeSantis, devoted mother of Joseph DeSantis of Revere, Janice DeSantis and her longtime companion, Rob McPherson of Chelsea and James DeSantis of Revere; cherished grandmother of Joseph DeSantis Jr. and his wife, Erin, John, Jenae and Rachael DeSantis; adored great grandmother of Lola Bartlett and is also lovingly survived by many cousins.

Frances graduated Revere High School with the Class of 1949 and went on to graduate from Fisher Junior College. She was a homemaker who took great pride in raising her three children and later her grandchildren. She enjoyed bowling and loved to travel. She will be truly missed by all who



knew her.

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 Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or at alz.org. For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

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CHURCH News

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.for-

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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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.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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Each Thursdays' adoration will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

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New England Coffee celebrates hardworking local YMCA staff

With the Christmas holiday just two days away, New England Coffee, a division of Reily Foods Company, visited the Mystic Valley YMCA in Malden today to deliver a coffee break to staff as part of their #ThankYouBreak tour. The Mystic Valley YMCA serves the communities of Malden, Everett and Medford. Throughout the pandemic, their Preschool, School Age Child Care, and Youth Community Centers have been providing childcare and remote learning support to over 150 local children, ensuring they have the help and technology they need to succeed.

Coffee breaks have long been associated with providing a moment of rest from hard work and, believing the Mystic Valley YMCA staff are incredibly deserving of a special coffee break, New England Coffee chose to close out their 2020 #ThankYouBreak tour at

this admirable organization just down the road from their corporate headquarters.

“When the devastating effects of COVID-19 hit our region, we quickly mobilized to provide our community with essential services,” said Debbie Amaral, President & CEO of the Mystic Valley YMCA. “Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, our Y has been able to distribute over 2 million pounds of free, nourishing food to over 100,000 local individuals and families, including thousands of free meals for children and teens. This coffee break means a lot to our employees who truly are on the front lines each and every day. Thank you to New England Coffee for thinking of us during these trying times.”

In order to take the #ThankYouBreak tour on the road, New England Coffee has been utilizing

their very own Free Coffee Café, a coffee shop on wheels designed to invoke the style of a hometown diner. Participants are encouraged to fill gift bags with single serve pods, bottles of ready-to-drink iced coffee and sample-size ground coffees from New England Coffee to take home for future coffee breaks.

“It has never been more important to show our gratitude to the educators and caretakers in our communities,” shared Melissa Gilreath, Director of Marketing for New England Coffee. “Delivering a coffee break is the best way for our company to thank those hardworking individuals who have always been at the cornerstone of our communities, but now must work even harder to overcome the challenges associated with COVID-19. They are caring for children right here in Malden where our employees live and where

New England Coffee has been roasted and served for over 100 years. They have certainly earned a small break in their day to receive our thanks and drink some coffee.”

While this is the first year of the #ThankYouBreak tour, the traveling coffee breaks have proven so rewarding to educators and staff that New England Coffee hopes to keep the #ThankYouBreak going in the future. The campaign includes the use of the #ThankYouBreak hashtag to encourage others to participate in taking a break from everyday events to thank others. In addition, New England Coffee produced a video to capture the success of the tour. The video is being used as part of a larger social media initiative to further highlight these schools and organizations and the incredible work they are doing.



New England Coffee Co. stopped by the YMCA of Mystic Valley last week to reward teachers and staff with a hard-earned coffee break.

RUTH LANG; 100 YEARS YOUNG



Everett resident, Ruth Lang, turned 100.

Ruth Lang celebrated her 100th birthday with a surprise drive by parade which included friends, family, and neighbors. Lang formerly worked in the City Clerk's Office in Everett, and was awarded the first ever Honorary City Clerk for a Day on behalf of current city clerk, Sergio Cornelio.



Ruth Lang was presented a citation in addition to being honored as the first ever honorary city clerk for the day.



Mary Iacobacci held a sign congratulating Ruth on her 100th birthday milestone.



Long time friend, Mary McGourty, attended the drive by to celebrate Ruth Lang's 100th.



Patti Frati and Councilor Mike McLaughlin celebrated Ruth Lang's 100th birthday with her on Sunday.



Ruth Lang was joined by her daughters, Patti Rogers and Barbara Carlin to celebrate her 100th birthday.



Neighbor Robert Santacrose wished Ruth Lang a happy 100th birthday.



Patti Rogers organized a drive by for her mother, Ruth Lang, who is celebrating her 100th birthday this week

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