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American Rescue Act misses Everett

By Seth Daniel

When President Joe Biden and a litany of Democratic legislators – including the Massachusetts federal delegation took to the airwaves and online universe to praise the passage of the American Rescue Act, they touted it as a lifeline to communities sinking from the sufferings of COVID-19.

No two communities in the state, arguably, have suffered as much as Everett and Chelsea, yet some officials locally are saying the federal delegation and the federal government has left the two communities high and dry.

Numbers from the Rescue Act began to come out last weekend form the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), and on first glance, many thought there was a mistake for Everett and Chelsea. The Rescue Act was highly touted from all corners as being able to help communities hardest hit, including local governments that have lost millions in revenues and expended millions to fund local food pantries, rental assistance and small business programs. Leaders in Everett and Chelsea were expecting to get some relief, but were stunned when their numbers became public.

For Everett, the Rescue Act directed \$4.58 million to the City, with a supplement from county funding sources bumping it to \$13.59 million. For Chelsea, the Rescue Act directed \$3.91 million in aid to the City, and a to-

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Everett's Edwin Francois fights his way between Revere's Jarod Natola and Randy Urdaneta. See Page 7 for more photos.

Fire Union says...

Dip in calls came from COVID shutdowns

By Seth Daniel

Members of the Everett Fire Union are speaking out against a report from Chief Tony Carli detailing that call volumes decreased by 1,000 last year in the 2020 pandemic era saying that the allusion was firefighters aren't needed as much as they used to be.

Members of the Everett Fire Union board spoke to the Independent this week, including President Craig Hardy, Secretary Sean Hogan and members Dep. Chief Sean Dattoli and Capt. Walter Sikora. They all said calls were down because of COVID response changes, and also said the Fire Service needs to be restored to its former levels of at least

before instituting more hiring to staff the proposed in-house ambulance service proposed by the mayor and Chief Carli.

"That story and the comments by the chief were very concerning to us and it was a demoralizing article to our members," said Hardy. "The numbers were down because it was a pandemic. We changed how we operated and we changed through the Chief. For the safety of our members and the general public, we changed how we responded...It left me scratching my head because it seemed to be that the chief is trying to justify the ambulance. We're all for the ambulance and they really want it, but we want to be part of the process."

Dattoli said the explanation for the dropped call numbers is as easy as three words - Encore Boston Harbor. He said the casino shutdowns in 2020 were a direct result of the decreased call volumes.

"If it had been open, we'd have been 2,000 over the call volumes of the previous year," he said. "To use the call volumes from the year of a pandemic and just go off that, that leaves me scratching my head. The call volumes for Encore (in 2019) were more than 700 calls over 2020. If you add those in, we're right where we were. The City was shut down a good part of the pandemic, not to mention the schools, and

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Eugene F. O'Brien to march in 2022 Rose Parade

Staff Report

The Saluting America's Band Directors project is assembling band directors from across the country to march January 1 under the theme, "We teach music. We teach

Eugene F. O'Brien, a coordinator of Music and Marching Band Director in Everett Massachusetts and Everett High School, has been selected to join a marching band of band directors up to 300 strong from across the country in the Pasadena Rose Parade on January 1, 2022. The band will accompa-

a colorful, animated float along the 5.5-mile parade route.

The Saluting America's Band Directors parade entry will convey



of Music Gene O'Brien will march in the Rose Bowl Parade in 2022.

the theme, "We teach music. We teach life." in recognizing the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of band directors and music educators everywhere. Throughout their careers, the music educators in this band have collectively mentored and taught hundreds of thousandsif not millions—of students. These professionals not only teach and direct music, they teach about life itself.

According to O'Brien, "I am truly humbled to be nominated to march in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, to represent the City of Everett, the Everett Crimson Tide Marching Band and the Everett Public Schools at this spectacular event. I have been blessed for the past 25 years to have wonderful students, fellow colleagues and wonderful support by School, City

and State Leaders." The band will be directed by nationally known music educator and innovative band director Jon Waters, who will also direct rehearsals and a Band-fest performance in Pasadena. A custom musical piece for the band has been written by Bob Thurston, a published composer, former band director,

and retired Air Force staff arranger.

The sponsoring organization behind the Saluting America's Band Directors project is the Michael D. Sewell Memorial Foundation, based in Pickerington, Ohio, is. The foundation was created to recognize and carry on the work of the late Mike Sewell, who dedicated his life to the school and community music programs in Pickerington and the Central Ohio area for almost 40 years.

Mobilizing

Everett Schools looking at Middle School, High School return plans

By Seth Daniel

With more than 65 percent of K-5 families so far saying they would like students to return to school five days a week, Everett Public Schools is continuing to mobilize their re-opening plan for April and are expanding the plan to include dates for re-opening to Middle School and High School students.

With guidance from the state Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) coming down last week about getting middle school students back in-person five days a week, Supt. Priya Tahiliani told the School Committee on Monday they will begin to develop a plan to return middle schoolers no later than April 28. On top of that, though there is not yet any guidance from the state on high school returns, she said the EPS would like to go ahead with plans to return high school students as well.

"The latest news from the state address middle school and DESE would like us to start no later

than April 28," said Tahiliani. "Like K-5, the opening for middle school would be full-time and five days per week. I do believe we're in a strong position to get them back to school. All of our buildings will be open already. That will give us a chance to assess and make changes before we return our middle school learners back."

And instead of waiting for the state to make an announcement on high school return, which is expected in April, Tahiliani urged the Committee to assist her team in making plans ahead of time for high school return.

She said DESE has indicated they would give two-week's notice before requiring a high school return, and that would be some time in April. Tahiliani said it only makes sense to make the move

"We, however, would like to make return plans (for high school) that supports our community needs," said Tahiliani. "Instead of waiting for

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EPS and CHA hold immensely successful COVID vaccination clinic for teachers and staff

Staff Report

With the support of Mayor DeMaria and his team, the Everett Public Schools (EPS) partnered with the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) on a successful and far-reaching COVID Vaccine initiative that supported the district's plan to offer in-person teaching and learning to students.

A total of 335 EPS teachers and staff members received the single-dose Johnson Johnson vaccine at the CHA's Vaccination Center in Somerville on March 11 and 12. This, coupled with the state's expanding efforts, meant that Everett educators will be vaccinated by the time classes reopen in late March and early April.

"We have advocated for vaccinating teachers since Day 1, but it is up to the state and health organizations to make it a reality," said Supt. Priya Tahiliani. "Clearly, the CHA has answered the call in a major way. I can't thank Christian Lanphere and the entire team at CHA enough for the support they have provided us through-

out the pandemic, from helping us formulate our initial safety guidance last summer to providing a crucial voice on our Covid-19 Task Force. It is fitting that the CHA is now serving a vital role in helping us bring our students back to school through this vaccination

drive." While the district's initial plan was to prioritize this opportunity for those individuals who have returned to school buildings as well as those who are central to the first phase of the district's in-person reopening, added availability from the CHA meant that the EPS was able to extend an invite to every employee.

"We heard from a lot of staff who told us they had already received their first dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or were scheduled to receive it

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Fire Union says they were blindsided by fire study

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Fire Union said this week they were blindsided by the news that there is a forthcoming study of the Everett Fire Department coming out, but Chief Tony Carli said the discussion about the study is premature and that it is a common tool used by manage-

News of the study came out during a Council Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday evening, and Fire Union President Craig Hardy said his union has called for a study over a period of many years but thought they would be notified and included

"We were shocked and stunned," said Hardy. "We have discussed it before and have asked for a long time for the City to do a study, but this study was shocking because they threw it on us without notice...It puzzles me they wouldn't tell us about it or give us no-

nicipal Resources Inc. (MRI) and it is currently in draft form and not ready quite yet for release. He said they have been doing the study since September, and it is a common tool used by management to provide a

pathway for the Fire Ser-

study was done by Mu-

"I think they've been asking for the study for quite a long time and they've not seen it," he said. "I don't know why they completely assume it's detrimental to the union. I don't think it is. It's a little too soon to start complaining about something they haven't seen."

He said that historically such studies have been used by Fire Chiefs and municipal leaders to understand where the Department lies in relation to the industry, and to have outside eyes take a closer look at things. He said being a new chief, he wanted an independent review to create this "pathway" that could be discussed with the Union

after it is complete. Hardy said they would have liked to participate in the crafting of the study, and feel the company will not be objec-

"We feel it will be a management-friendly report when it comes out," said Hardy. "We're doing to do our own study. We were blindsided when they told us they had a study they started in September and was almost ready to publish. It's disappointing they didn't tell us and we didn't get to participate."

Dep. Chief Sean Dattoli said even though he is an officer in the Department, he had no idea there was a study.

"I'm a deputy chief and this is the first we've heard of it," he said. "It was troubling because they said 'restructuring' and if you want to bring restructuring into discussion that's ok, but restructuring is a scary word because restructuring usually means cuts."

Chief Carli said the study would be public soon, but there are some things that need to be done first.

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DESE guidance, we will have their students parbe working with the ETA to solidify that date (for opening) sooner rather than later."

Tahiliani also shared a survey with the Committee that included 1,711 families of students in grades K-5 regarding the re-opening. The survey was as of Monday and there were still 1,167 families that hadn't yet responded. The preliminary data, however, showed that families of students in K-5 were very interested in getting their kids in-person for five days a week.

Some 66 percent of

respondents (1,132) said they wanted to send their students back five days a week, while 34 percent said they would remain remote. Families do have the option to remain remote throughout the end of the year without penalty. DESE guidance is only for entire school districts, and doesn't apply to families that have chosen to opt-out of in-person learning for the year.

"We're not very surprised by these numbers," said Tahiliani. "We saw similar numbers when we were surveying for hybrid learning."

The numbers non-English speakers was higher for Portuguese and Haitian Kreyol speakers.

For English speakers, some 64 percent favored in-person learning, while 36 percent wanted to remain remote. For Spanish speakers, it was similar, with 63 preferring in-person and 37 percent staying remote. Meanwhile, Portuguese speakers wanted in-person by 77 percent, and remote for 23 percent. Haitian Kreyol favored in-person 85 percent to 15 percent

Also, 63 percent of all surveyed said they would ticipate in the voluntary COVID testing program if they went to in-person classes.

The plan for students in grades K-5 has been cemented over the past two weeks, with the drama over returning to school buildings lessening when teachers were allowed to be vaccinated for COVID-19.

As of now, all staff are to report to their buildings by March 22 unless they have taken a medical waiver. Special Education classes would start March 29, and K-5 students would be afforded the opportunity to return five days per week to in-person learning on April 5.

That would require the e-Learning Centers to be closed down, and Tahiliani said that would occur on April 1.

EPS does plan to use the three-foot social distancing metric, rather than the six-foot distancing metric that was included in the original re-opening plan. Tahiliani said there is

evidence from across the country, and several physicians have signed on to a letter, showing that three-feet of distancing is no more detrimental to six feet. That shorter distance allows more students to be accommodated in the schools, and it is expected it will be needed given the surveys. Due to the distancing requirements, schools might have trouble fitting in all the students that want to come back in April.

•DIDN'T LIKE THE **COMMENTS**

Former EPS teacher Patrick Dailey appeared on the Public Speaking portion of the meeting and said he was concerned about comments from Supt. Priya Tahiliani at the March 1 meeting indicating that the student population was heavily majority minority, and the large numbers of teachers

plan at that time were overwhelmingly white.

He said in her comments, he felt like she was saying teachers in Everett aren't speaking up for their students.

"To the viewing audience, it appeared that the comments were made to mean the teachers in the city don't advocate for the children," he said.

"The hallmark of Everett was that kids got what they needed," he said. "It seemed so out of place in the re-opening plan the superintendent had been promoting...It insinuated that teachers aren't advocating for kids. That is not the mission of our district and not what our people

Tahiliani did not address his comments in her

•NEW STUDENT REP

Everett High Sophomore Dyna Louis joined the School Committee as the new Student Representative on Monday for the first time.

Chair Frank Parker has been an advocate for the Student Rep program, and was instrumental in bringing it back in 2019 and 2020. With the formalities out of the way, Louis was chosen to fill

Louis said she was excited to join, and said she plans to "advocate for the unseen."

•REGISTRATION TIME COMING UP

The EPS will begin registration for the next school year in May and June, Tahiliani said.

Registrations can be made at the Parent Information Center in City Hall, or online as well.

Registration Pre-K3, Pre-K4, kindergarten and 1st grade will start on May 3. Meanwhile, registration for grades 2-12 will start on June 1. She said it isn't necessary to wait until August to register students and encouraged parents to register early.

Everett police open house information session

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Police Department is looking to recuit a diverse applicant pool of potential candidates interested in a career in law enforcement. There are many ca-

reer opportunities within law enforcement such

as school resource/field training/patrol/traffic/canine officers, marine/bicycle units, SWAT/CISM teams, crisis negotiation, DEA task forces, arson investigators and much

The Everett Police Department will be hosting an open house, along with

an information session for those who would like to learn more about the career opportunities that lie within law enforcement. The open house/information session will be held at the Everett High School Auditorium (100 Elm St.) on Wednesday, March 31 from 6-8 p.m.

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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

Monday April 5, 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.

Property Address: 195 AKA 193 A Belmont Street Map/Parcel: B0-06-000049 Person Requesting: Michael & Cynthia Bono 193 Belmont Street Everett, MA 02149

Whereas a petition has been presented by:

20'-6" x 14'-1" addition on the southeast corner of the existing nonconforming structure located upon a residential dwelling within the Residential District. A permit to construct would require a Special Permit to extend the non-conforming setbacks already Reason for Denial:

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks to construct a

Section 3 (6) of APPENDIX A of the City of Everett Zoning ordinances requires: "Pre-existing, non-conforming structures or uses may be extended, altered or changed in use, providing that such extensions, alterations or changes of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals and after a public hearing, a finding by the Board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. Applicant must seek relief in the form of a special permit issued

by the Board of Appeals. Mary Gerace - Chairman

Roberta Suppa - Clerk March 17, 2021 March 24, 2021

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opposing the re-opening

soon. Obviously, that added to the capacity of our clinic, and we were able to provide the vaccine to all staff members who expressed an interest in receiving one, exceeding even our greatest expectations," said Tahiliani.

Tahiliani extended her thanks to everyone who quickly organized the EPS/CHA clinic on relatively short notice, using an easy online registration process. "My team, as well as

city leaders have been nothing if not persistent in seeking out any and all opportunities to vaccinate teachers," she said. The CHA clinic was

ideally set up to meet the needs of the district. First and foremost, the CHA Vaccination Center is minutes from Everett, on Somerville Avenue, just outside of Union Square. The site has plenty of parking, and inside the facility CHA staff established an express line for EPS employees, minimizing disruption to the school day. Participants

only needed to provide

their name before receiv-

ing the shot and taking a

seat for 15 minutes of ob-

servation.

The CHA provided everyone with a Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card, which features the CDC logo and a sticker indicating the administration of the Jansen/ Johnson & Johnson dose. This card is not only proof of vaccination, but could also one day be required for travel. Participants were also automatically logged into the Massachusetts Immunization System. Those who received

provided easy access to v-safe, a phone-based health checker. Through v-safe, people can quickly and privately tell the CDC about any side effects. This is part of a largescale effort to gather information and data that will help keep Covid-19 vaccines safe. For the district, the vaccination effort has

the vaccine were also

been an essential part of successfully transitioning away from a fully-remote model. "After extending this

opportunity to all of our staff, we feel perfectly poised to begin in-person instruction in the coming weeks," said Superintendent Tahiliani.

Chief Carli said the

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: Property Address: 114 Spring Street Map/Parcel: K0-06-000073

Person Requesting: Richard Beliveau **Nead Realty** 17 Ward Street Hingham, MA 02043

Remove all existing structures and construct a new building with 363 residential apartments and up to 7,490 sf of retail space. The Mixed-use Building is proposed to consist of twenty-one (21) stories with 340 proposed parking spaces. The property is within the Commercial Triangle Economic Development District (CTEDD) zoning district.

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant proposes to

Reason for Denial: Section 33G DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

1. Section 33(G)(5) The proposed building will have a height of 249 feet, buildings in this area are limited to a maximum height of eighty-five feet. The height of any building may be increased to a maximum of one hundred (100) feet upon the grant of a Special Permit. This would require relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals to increase the height beyond the one hundred (100) foot limit.

2. Section 33(G)(6) – Floor Area Ratio The proposed plans request that the floor area ratio ("FAR") be granted relief, the allowable floor area ratio for this area should not exceed 3.5 to 1. A Special Permit granted by the Planning Board can only increase this number to allow a FAR of up to 6 to 1. Relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals must be granted to allow the proposed FAR 9 to 1 (nine to one). stories. As shown on Plan Sheets No. A4.01 and A4.02, Building Elevations, the proposed building height is

70' and six (6) stories. The proposal requires a height variance of 5' and a variance for one story. Mary Gerace – Chairman Roberta Suppa - Clerk March 17, 2021

March 24, 2021

Decline seen in COVID cases

numbers of COVID-19 cases took a bit of a jump upward last week, but in recent days have shown a decline to where numbers have been over the last three weeks that Everett has been classified a "yellow" community.

There were 122 cases logged over the past week, which was buoyed by case counts over 20 last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. By Tuesday, the counts were down to 2 cases for the day.

It marked the first week in March that cases increased rather than decreased, though the overall numbers of cases was still quite lower than the surge following the holiday period.

Two weeks ago, Everett had 98 cases, which was down from 99 the week before that - two all-time lows for quite some time.

The most recent numbers are as follows: •Tuesday, March 16 - 2

•Monday, March 15 − 7

•Sunday, March 14 – 13 •Saturday, March 13 – 19 •Friday, March 12 - 23•Thursday, March 11 – 28

•Wednesday, March 10 – 25

•Tuesday, March 9 − 5

On Monday, Jan. 4, Everett moved its testing full-time indoors at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center on Elm Street. Testing is done Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturdays, testing is done noon to 6 p.m. It was announced this week that the Rec Center test site will remain open until June 30.

Additionally, there is also a testing resource for Everett residents only via the Mass General COVID-19 testing van. The van is located every Thursday at the Norwood Street Parking Lot in Everett Square. The hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and proof of Everett residency is required. Updates on the van are posted on the Kraft Community Health website.

With federal vaccine shortage, local clinic has to cut back

By Seth Daniel

The successful Everett Vaccine Clinic has had to be cut back this week due to a shortage of vaccine coming into the state, according to City officials.

Communications Director Deanna Devaney said the City would not be taking new appointments and would only be administering second doses to those that have been vaccinated at the Everett Vaccine Clinic in the former Pope John High. That is due to the fact that they were informed by the state they would only be getting 400 doses a week through March.

"We'll only be doing second doses at the clinics through March," she said. "We believe we've shown our ability to be able to vaccinate our residents, but the state says because of the shortage, they can only give us 400 doses per week. If we only get 400 doses per week, we have to make sure there is adequate numbers so we give second doses."

Last weekend, the clinic vaccinated 440 people in one day, and the previous weekend they vaccinated nearly 1,000 people in the weekend clinic.

"We designed this on our own," she said. "No one taught us how to do it. It's all just figuring it

In the beginning, she said they got 400 doses a week, and then also got enough to cover all the second doses. Recently, that was changed and the state said Everett would only get 400 doses in total. That caused them to make the change, and allocate all of their allotment to second doses.

"We don't know if and when that will change," she said. "If it does change, we will continue doing first doses."

At the same time, the Everett Housing Authority does have its own clinic run by the Board of Health. Residents in EHA properties are able to get their own doses through a separate allotment.

Devaney said it is a shame because the clinic was successful and people were comfortable. "People are coming to

the clinics," she said. "It's not like we're having trouble filling them with Everett residents. It's important because people are comfortable getting vaccinated in a place they are familiar with."

HISTORIC FEMALES

Col. Barbara Janet Bishop: "Military Pioneer"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the first in a month-long series about noteworthy women in Everett, taken from vignettes written by former City Clerk Michael Matarazzo in his book 'They Came from Everett.' The histories of many female residents of Everett might surprise readers, as many of their stories have never been fully told. Matarazzo's book is available at bookblues.com.

Colonel Barbara Janet Bishop, who had assumed her assignment as Director of Women Marines on 3 January 1964, retired in August 1969 during ceremonies held in the office of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Leonard F. Chapman, Jr. Prior to this assignment, she completed a tour of duty in Naples, Italy, as Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe.

Colonel Bishop was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on 2 October 1920; the daughter of Sidney and Jessie (Bruce) Bishop. When Mr. & Mrs. Bishop first married they lived with Jesse's widowed mother in her home on Sherman Street as Sidney's job as a chauffer for a private family did not provide enough income for the couple to move into a place of their own. Jesse's sister Margaret and her husband Dr. Lester Chisholm a dentist, who would become Mayor of Everett in 1923, lived downstairs.

By the time of Barbara's birth, Mr. Bishop's employment situation had improved significantly with the passage of the 18th Amendment as he was now serving as a Prohibition Enforcement Officer. Soon after, they purchased the house from Mrs. Bruce and eventually sold that house and purchased one on High Street.

Barbara attended the Everett Public Schools and graduated with honors from Everett High School in 1938. Barbara was in love with the arts. She was a member of the Writer's Club at Everett High and throughout her high school years she attended the Scott Carbee School of Art in the evening, and spent her summer vacations studying landscape



painting.

After her high school graduation, she entered Yale University and completed a six-year course in five years earning her a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Art in January 1943.

While Barbara was studying at Yale, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the nation was at war. Barbara felt an obligation to do her part for the war effort and as a result just 19 days after her college graduation she enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve. With war in full force, things happened quickly for Barbara in 1943. She was assigned to active duty in April, reported as a private to the Marine Corps Women's Reserve Officer Candidates' Class at the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, in Northampton, Massachusetts, appointed as a Cadet in the Women's Reserve in May, and in June of that same year, was commissioned a Marine Reserve

second lieutenant. According to her official Marine Corps biography, her first assignment was as a detachment officer with the Marine Training Detachment at the U.S. Naval Training School, University of Indiana at Bloomington. From there she was attached to the Marine Aviation Detachment at the Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Georgia, as an administrative officer from October 1943 through March 1945. She joined the Aviation Women's Reserve Squadron 21 at the Marine Corps Air Station, Quantico, Virginia, as a Squadron Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer from In April 1945 until February 1946. She then served with the Division of Aviation at Headquarters Marine Corps as Officer in Charge of Secret Confidential Files

until she was assigned to an inactive duty status, 10 September 1946, with the rank of captain in the Women's Reserve. With the end of WWII,

it appeared that Barbara's

military career was over; so she returned to her study of the arts. Captain Bishop earned her Master of Arts Degree at the University of Chicago from September in June 1948 doing her thesis on the five Florentine Cassone panels exhibited in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. She was working on her doctorate when the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act of 1948 was passed. The Act enabled women to serve as permanent, regular members of the armed forces in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the recently formed Air Force. Prior to this act, women, with the exception of nurses, served in the military only in times of war. As a result, she was recalled to active duty, reported and was commissioned a captain in the Women Marines on December 7, 1948. Captain Barbara Bishop was now to become a career

Marine. She was assigned to Marine Corps Headquarters and duty as Officer in Charge of Secret and Confidential Files, Division of Plans and Policies. While there, she was promoted to major in February 1951. In February 1952, she

was transferred to Hawaii where she served in the same capacity at Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Headquarters until September 1953. Now back on the mainland, she served as the Commanding Officer of the Women Marine Company, Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. She was promoted to her permanent rank of lieutenant colonel in February 1955 with rank from January 1954.

Colonel Bishop returned to Headquarters Marine Corps in May 1955 to serve as Head of the Women's Branch, Division of Reserve, with additional duty as Deputy Director of Women Marines. From October 1956 through July 1959, she was assigned as Commanding Officer, Wom-Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. During this assignment, she was cited for exemplary performance of duty in a letter of appreciation by the Commanding General of the Recruit Training Command.

In August 1959, she was named Assistant G-1, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico. She served in this capacity through February 1962, and the following month reported for duty in Europe as Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Naples, Italy. On 3 January 1964, on assuming her new duties as Director of Women Marines, she was promoted to the temporary rank of colonel. Upon assuming her new post, Colonel Bishop became the fourth Director of Women Ma-

As Director, Colonel Bishop worked to reduce the attrition rate of Women Marines, urged the Pentagon to have Women Marines assigned to Vietnam, improved housing and served on the Pepper Board a study group to "propose a program to render the peacetime service of women Marines of optimum benefit to the Marine Corps." Among its recommendations that were approved were women's assignment to new duty stations and a broader range of occupational fields to include drafting, lithography, operational communications, communications maintenance, auditing, finance, accounting, informational services, air control, and flight equipment. Women began receiving orders to service schools immediately after recruit training instead of proceeding to

Colonel Bishop retired in 1969 and returned to Massachusetts to sue her interest in early glass-making in America. She became Director of the Sandwich Glass Museum and co-edited a book and several articles on glass. Her interest in the arts of Russia led her to make many visits there to attend Faberge exhibits and the Bolshoi ballet.

their permanent duty sta-

On 28 January 2005 Col Barbara J. Bishop (Ret), fourth Director of Women Marines, died in her sleep in her home in Sandwich, MA. She only had two final requests - that no fuss be made over her and that she be buried in the family plot in Peabody, MA.

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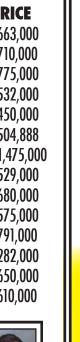
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THE FILIBUSTER MUST END

The pros and cons of maintaining the filibuster in the U.S. Senate have reached the forefront of political discussion as never before -- and with good reason. Whether one believes that the filibuster protects the minority from the so-called tyranny of the majority or provides a means for the minority to obstruct the majority, the filibuster clearly is anti-democratic.

The filibuster is not part of our Constitution. It simply is a Senate rule upon which the Senate has carved out exceptions over the years, most notably for Presidential nominations and budget matters. The latter is referred to as reconciliation, which is how President Biden's \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief bill was enacted by a simple majority, as was the Republicans' \$2 trillion tax cut for the ultra-rich in 2017.

The rule allowing a filibuster may have made sense in the early 1800s when the U.S. was not divided between two parties. Political coalitions were much more fluid in the early days of our nation and compromise was common among senators.

drawn between Democrats and the newly-formed Republican party (which only had come into existence in 1854), principally on the issue of race -- with the Democrats from the Solid South coalescing around the issue of segregation.

The so-called Dixiecrats -- embodied by Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina -- used the filibuster from the 1940s through the 1960s in an attempt to stymie Civil Rights legislation, especially the Voting Rights Act.

Though the racist efforts of Thurmond and others ultimately failed (only because the Senate obtained a 2/3 majority to end filibusters on those issues), the filibuster likely will be employed by Senate Republicans to obstruct voting reform measures that are necessary today.

The national Republican playbook to limit voting among non-white citizens once again is surging. Republican state legislators have filed more than 200 bills that would restrict voting in the coming elections in their states.

The very foundation of our democracy rests on the right of every citizen to vote. Legislation presently before Congress would ensure that voting rights are not abridged in any state. However, thanks to the arcane filibuster rule, the passage of a new Voting Rights Act faces little chance of success in the Senate.

The truth is this: The anti-democratic state efforts to limit voting rights most likely will be allowed to proceed because of the anti-democratic filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate -- and unless the Democratic majority in the Senate takes steps to abolish the filibuster rule, the United States will have a democracy in name

MARVELOUS MARVIN WAS A GREAT FIGHTER AND A **GREAT PERSON**

The boxing world lost one of its all-time greats with the sudden passing of Marvelous Marvin Hagler this past week.

Hagler, a native of Newark who moved to Brockton as a teenager, reigned as the undisputed middleweight boxing champion of the world for seven years in the 1980s and is acknowledged as one of the greatest fighters of all time. His bout with Thomas Hearns, which lasted about eight minutes, is regarded as the

greatest three rounds in boxing history. We were fortunate to see one of Hagler's title fights when we covered his title defense for The Chelsea Record against Vito "The Mosquito" Antuofermo in the old Boston Garden in June, 1981 (we were stunned when we realized how long ago that fight was!).

We also had the pleasure of running into the champ after he had retired in an elevator in Boston at One Devonshire Place in the late 1980s. We only exchanged pleasantries, but Hagler's innate humility, graciousness, and sense of humor were apparent in our brief encounter.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler overcame his hard-scrabble background with an unparalleled sense of determination and hard work to become a world champion. His attainment of the pinnacle of his profession serves as a model for success in life in any endeavor.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler was a great fighter and a great person.

He will be missed.

Independent Forum



IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT SPRING IS HERE, MARCH 20

GUEST OP-ED

Former Mayor Ragucci endorses DeMaria for re-election campaign

By Dave Ragucci

Leadership, combined with the ability to make tough decisions, all while managing a flourishing City of over 45,000 residents, is no easy task. I know this because I have been there. As a former Mayor of the City of Everett, I am proud to endorse Mayor Carlo DeMaria as he seeks reelection.

Since Carlo was elected Mayor, the City of Everett has consistently progressed. His relentless advocacy brought multi-billion-dollar resort and casino to our community, which has allowed Everett to advance as a City without burdening the taxpayers. If you look around the community, you will see brand new, state-of-theart parks and recreation spaces, two newly renovated fire stations, direct access to a waterway that many never knew was even there, and many

other improvements. Through Carlo's bold ideas and initiatives, Everett has been recognized throughout the Commonwealth and the country as a trailblazer in transportation. He was the first to create dedicated bus lanes to improve congestion to and from Boston, a model that is now used throughout the Commonwealth. He has embraced transportation PILOT programs such as the shared streets program, which has giv-

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Former Mayor of Everett Dave Ragucci (left) and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

en pedestrians the free- prosperous gateway city dom they want and need to have equal access to the roads. While some of these may sound like small tasks, implementing any change in a City that shies away from altering the norm becomes

complex. I have had the opportunity to work with Carlo throughout my tenure in government and continue to serve as Chairman of the City's Redevelopment Authority. His vision and execution for redevelopment is unparalleled. While I served as Mayor, Carlo was a Common Councilor and then Alderman at Large. While we didn't always agree on every issue, we worked together respectfully for the people of this great city. I saw something special in him then, that I still see today. His love and passion for Everett and its people is unmatched. He's a fair, compassionate and time-tested leader that has led Everett to be the

I have never questioned Mayor DeMaria's direction or his leadership. The high regard with which I hold his leadership was further solidified when the COVID-19 pandemic arose. His steadfast commitment to the City, its residents, and their health was unparalleled. His quick choices may have very well saved the lives of many. His decisions set a firm example which was followed by multiple cities and towns.

Being Mayor of a city like Everett is no easy task. It has often been joked that politics in Everett can be a blood sport. It can take a big toll on your family and can, at times, be a thankless job. These are shoes I have walked in. Being in those shoes has given me a unique perspective in evaluating the work that the DeMaria administration has been able to accomplish. He is a tested leader and he is what Everett needs. His ability to unify our community during a time where we were distant in so many

ways is paramount. I wholeheartedly support Carlo DeMaria's bid for reelection as Mayor of Everett and I hope you will share in my confidence by casting your vote for him come No-

vember 2, 2021. Dave Ragucci is the former Mayor and City Coucilor of Everett, and the former Town Manager for the Town of Stoneham, and the former Assistant City Clerk for the City of Everett.

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Looking back on the pandemic after one year

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria

As I sit here tonight with my wife, Stacy, this week we are reflecting on this past year. How difficult it has been for all of us; how our lives were turned upside down; and how in an instant our normal lives became so scary and even more stressful.

I remember hearing from our family in Italy about how bad the virus was and I had no idea what to think. Come to find out that I would have had to make one of the toughest decisions I've ever made as Mayor.

In an instant Everett City Hall became remote and our children were told they couldn't go back to school for three

weeks. We were condemned in the news for being so bold in deciding this. In hindsight, the Superintendent and I took a huge risk, and I'm happy to say that we were on the right side of the risk.

We lost so many loved ones during the pandemic. Our family, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances. My heart goes out to every single person who has lost a loved one to this pandemic. One of the most im-

portant things that I have learned during this time is that Everett is not just a City. We are a community – a community that takes care of each other when we're down.

We came together as a community to feed those who needed it, provide

funding to those who experienced hardship, and most importantly compassion for those who were struggling. Thank you to our

healthcare heroes, our food panty workers and volunteers, our social organizations, our grocery store workers, our USPS employees and of course our first responders. And your families who have sacrificed so much. You are truly admirable. The year 2020 was a

2021 is a year of rebuilding and I couldn't be happier to do so as your Mayor. May God bless you

long year for all of us but

and God bless your families. Carlo DeMaria is the

Mayor of Everett.

GUEST OP-ED

American Rescue Plan 'appalling and outrageous' for Everett

By State Senator Sal DiDomenico

When these numbers (from the American Rescue Act) were brought to our attention about two weeks ago I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I immediately contacted our Federal Delegation and our city leaders to try and find a solution. The American Rescue Plan was promised to be the relief that we had been waiting for, especially for our hardest hit communities like Chelsea and Everett. It is both appalling and outrageous that two of the hardest hit

communities, and Chelsea being ground zero during the Covid crisis, are getting a fraction of the federal funds that neighboring communities are getting - and many being much more affluent. Covid ravaged Chelsea and Everett, and our residents dealt with so much pain, suffering, heartache during the past year. These funds were supposed to go to disproportionately affected communities and help cities like ours, but this obviously did not happen. I have spoken to Governor Charlie Baker and his team to push for some of the other federal funds to be allocated to Chelsea and Everett, and I will be working with the Governor and our elected leaders to bring in the needed funds that these cities rightfully deserve. I am extremely upset that my communities did not get the help they needed. The high hopes we had for the American Rescue Plan did not come to fruition for Chelsea and Everett.

Sal DiDomenico is a State Senator.

News in Brief

GUEST OP-ED

March madness - would you like to coach? \$4,950.00. Roy Williams coaches making much

of North Carolina will

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Have you ever thought changing jobs? Have you ever aspired to be a college basketball coach? Now is a great time to get your resume together. John Calipari is the

Ken-University of tucky men's basketball coach. His pay this year is over \$8 million. He has a lifetime contract worth 86 million dollars. In the eyes of the basketball world the UK basketball coaching job has been one of the most desired jobs in college sports. However, big pay doesn't come easy Calipari has led Kentucky to one NCAA Championship, four final fours and he has had 26 twenty-win game seasons throughout his career. Although this year his 9 wins and 16 losses hasn't gone over too well with many of Kentucky's fans

paid college basketball coach there are others who do very well. Mike Krzyzewski of Duke will earn \$7 million this season. Jay Wright of Villanova will earn \$6 million. Chris Beard of Texas Tech is scheduled to earn \$5,050.00. Rick Barnes of Tennessee will earn

Calipari is the highest

earn up to \$4 million. Tom Izzo of Michigan State will earn \$3,984.00. And, the list goes on. Chris Mack, Louisville, \$4 million. Brad Underwood, Illinois, \$4 million. Larry Krystkowiak, Utah, \$3,961.519. Bob Huggins, West Virginia \$4,050.000. UCLA coach Mike Cronin \$3,600.00. Scott Drew of Baylor \$3,350,000. There are 50-60 college coaches making \$2 million a year but it does drop for many others. Kyle Smith of Washington State makes \$1.4 million. Steve Alford for Nevada is making \$500,000. Johnny

back from coaching professional basketball in Greece will earn just over \$1 million dollars at Iona. This is a far cry from the \$70 million-dollar contract he had with the Boston Celtics. His package had also reached over \$5 million per year before he left Louisville. The list of coaches is

Jones of Texas Southern

Rick Pitino who came

will be paid \$250,000.

too long to name them all with many more making between \$1 million to over \$2 million per year. There are many, many

smaller salaries.

The point is if you are looking for a career change you might consider college basketball coaching. Brad Stevens wanted to be a coach. He went to Butler in Indiana to be a volunteer in the Bulldog's program. He became the assistant coach and then a very successful head coach. Butler moved him from free to over \$1 million per year by the time he left. Today he now makes over \$3.6 million per year as the head coach of the Boston Celtics. Not bad for starting out as a volunteer. So, find a job waiting tables to feed vourself. Volunteer for a good basketball program. Work very hard. Earn yourself an assistant's job and you might end up coaching a great basketball program and making several million a 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.

LIBRARIES RECEIVE STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES GRANT **AWARD** Mayor DeMaria is

EVERETT

pleased to announce that the Everett Public Libraries have been certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) to receive their annual State Aid to Public Libraries Grant for FY21. While this process was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MBLC has now officially recognized that the Everett Public Libraries are in full compliance with all State regulations pertaining to municipal public libraries and, as such, certified our Libraries to receive State Aid this year.

"I am grateful for this generous award from the Commonwealth," Mayor DeMaria. "It is wonderful that our libraries have received this funding and can continue to provide our community access to State-wide services." "It was great to read

that, despite some budgetary uncertainty resulting from the pandemic at the beginning of the Fiscal Year, the State was able to fund their State Aid Library grants this year," said Interim Library Director, Matt Lattanzi. "The funds we are receiving from the State will make a very positive impact on the expansion of services we provide to our patrons."

The grant was awarded in the amount of \$75,716.72 for this FY21, which is an increase from last year's amount. In addition to the funding, State certification also allows our libraries to participate in State-wide services that include the Commonwealth Catalogue and certain Statewide Interlibrary Loans for materials.

MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD TO PROVIDE **CONTINUED** ASSISTANCE IN

frequent chusetts National Guard

MARCH 11 - NATIONAL 311 DAY - 311 is the backbone

of the customer service operation in the City of Everett. Through the pandemic these individuals worked countless hours to serve our residents. A big thank you to all of them. Pictured here (L-R) Chad Luongo, Briana Hyppolite, Reno de Filippis, and Vico Naimo.

provide ongoing public safety support to local, state, and federal agencies in the region. As with earlier Mas-

sachusetts Guard assistance in the nation's capital, the deployment falls under Governor Charlie Baker's Jan. 25 activation order, which made up to 700 Massachusetts National Guard personnel available at any given time to augment the security and logistics capabilities of various agencies in the region. With the Governor's consent, this second phase of the federally funded mission is expected to last for 10 weeks. Previously, around 600 Soldiers and Airmen were deployed to the support mission and returned home on Feb.

The mission will not interfere with the Massachusetts National Guard's ability to respond to and assist in emergencies within the Commonwealth. The Guard will ensure all appropriate health protection measures are implemented leading up to, and throughout, the mission. This includes pre-departure screenings, COVID-19 testing, and mandatory mask wear. Additionally, Soldiers and Airmen will have individual rooms while deployed to the D.C. area to further reduce risks during this pandemic. Massachusetts The

National Guard trains regularly with military, law enforcement, and civilian agencies to provide a broad spectrum of services in support of security, logistics, disaster relief, and other missions. The Guard has a proven track record of success supporting civilian authorities and their side-by-side training with state and local first responders

makes them well-suited

for this mission.

EVERETT CITIZENS FOUNDATION GRAND FUNDING APPLICATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Citizens Foundation Granting Funding application for Round 2 in FY21 is now available. The request limit for this round of funding is set at \$10,000. All applications are due Monday, April 5.

"This is a great opportunity for organizations to receive additional funding," said Mayor De-Maria. "The Everett Citizens Foundation seeks to assist organizations that have a positive impact on the residents of Everett. I encourage all organizations in the community to apply."

Any nonprofit organization can apply, however organizations who received funding during Round 1 are ineligible to receive any funds during Round 2. Applications can be found online at http://cityofeverett.com/719/The-Everett-Citizens-Founda-For questions or con-

cerns regarding the application or eligibility, please email ECFoundation@ci.everett.ma.us.

STARTS ON **NORTHERN STRAND EXTENSION**

CONSTRUCTION

Beginning Wednesday, March 10, Construction began on the Northern Strand Bike Path to add and upgrade neighborhood connections at Elm Way, Parlin Street, Norman Street and West Wellington Streets. In order to facilitate this work, the trail was closed from West Street to Waters Avenue on Thursday, March 10, and extending through July 31.

LETTERS to the Editor

TRADE SCHOOL AT POPE JOHN SITE To the Editor;

Education and training

in the trades will help the next generation to rise out of poverty. It is my understand-

ing that the City Council is considering bringing a vocational school to Everett. This proposal would convert the old Pope John High School into a vocational school. High school graduates have very few options for gainful employment and a career. Even after getting low paying jobs in the service industry people still live below the poverty line, depending on the government for healthcare, food assistance and help with

housing.

As a member of Pipefitters' Local 537 Boston and a retired HVACR technician, I am a firm believer that many jobs now and in the future will be in the area of the Trades and IT and there is an immediate need of these skilled workers. With that said, working in the trades is no easy task however, with the high demand and good training, trades people will earn good wages and strong benefits and can change the trajectory of their lives. Working in the trades is an honorable profession and challenging intellectually and physically. When you see cranes in the sky,

and biotech companies will provide full time employment in the trades in the near future. With a new industry opening up for renewable energy, there will be opportunities in this market also. We are in a situation

that we need immediate income housing. For this reason this will be a hard sell converting Pope John into a trade school. I think utilizing the school building to provide the next generation with training to have good reliable jobs is one step in the right direction. I'm a firm believer in education in empowering people to succeed and be contributing members of

society.

Jean McAdam

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Andrea Manley (11) elevates past a Revere defender to take a shot.

EHS captain Ashley Fitzgerald plays tough "D" against a Revere opponent.

EHS girls win first three contests

The Everett High girls basketball team is off to a fast start in the opening week of the delayed 2021 winter sports season, winning its first three contests in convincing fashion against a trio of Greater Boston League opponents.

First-year head coach Riley Dunn's Crimson Tide defeated Medford last Wednesday, 59-48, behind the superb performance of senior captain Maya Kirnon, who forwarded a powerful double-double with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Junior Andrea Manley also turned in a double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Two nights later, the Everett girls turned aside Malden, 56-44. Manley led the Crimson Tide in the scoring department with 17 points, while Kirnon once again double-doubled with 12 points and 13 boards.

Junior Ashley Cordeiro made a major contribution coming off the bench, hitting for 11 points against the Golden Tornadoes.

Everett kept the good times rolling this past Monday with a runaway 61-36 triumph over Revere on the EHS court.



EHS Captain Maya Kirnon (22) looks to pass while closely defended by a Revere opponent in Monday's 61-36 victory. Maya has led the way for the Crimson Tide to a 3-0 start with double-doubles in all three contests.

The Crimson Tide led from start to finish, sprinting to a 16-2 advantage after the first period, and never were seriously challenged. Everett continued to hold commanding leads at the quarter-markers, other 32-15 at the half and 42-29 after three periods.

Kirnon continued her torrid pace at both ends of the floor to achieve her third double-double in as many games, pouring in 23 points and pulling down 14 caroms. Maya also showed her defensive prowess, making five

Manley reached double figures for the third straight game, hitting for 14 points. Sophomore Kayley Rossi was a thorn in the side of the visitors from the Beach City, scoring six points, grabbing eight rebounds, and making three steals.

"We're off to a great start," said Dunn, who served for seven years as assistant coach under long-time EHS girls head coach Tammy Turner, who now is the Everett schools' Athletic Director. "We're looking forward to working hard and getting better every day at practice."

The 2021 edition of the Crimson Tide are led by a pair of senior captains, Maya Kirnon and Ashley Fitzgerald.

"Maya is tenacious and is one of the hardplayers est-working I've coached," noted Dunn, "and Ashley is a hard worker, communicator, and great motiva-

Dunn has three other Crimson Tide girls back from 2021, junior Andrea Manley, sophomore Kayley Rossi, and junior Jane Odiari.

Newcomers include junior Gigi Boyce, junior Ashley Cordeiro, and sophomore Tatiana Mo-

"We have a young team and I'm really excited for what the future holds," said Dunn, who has been a ninth grade English teacher in the Everett schools for seven years. "My returning players all will play key roles during this season in games and also will be leaders on and off the

court. Every single girl has a role that will make this team successful.

"We're excited for the season and for the girls to have an opportunity to play," continued Dunn, who played her high school basketball at Central Catholic in Lawrence, where she was the captain of the 2007 team that went to the state finals. Dunn then went to Division 3 Ithaca College, where she played for three years.

Prior to becoming the EHS assistant coach, Dunn coached for many years at the AAU level and was the assistant coach of the Lesley University women's team in 2014 while she was attaining her Master's Degree in secondary education.

"This is a shortened season, so we're looking forward to coming out strong, working hard



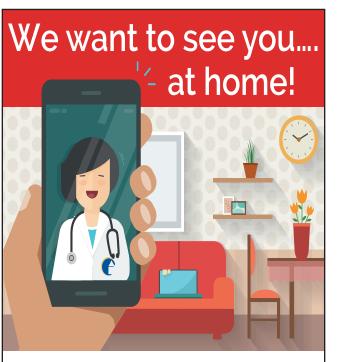
Revere opponent.

every possession, and to keep getting better every day," Dunn added. "I'm really lucky to have a group of girls who work hard every day, no matter what's going on in the

Dunn and her crew were scheduled to meet Chelsea today (Wednesday) and then will play at Lynn Classical on Friday. The Crimson Tide will host Lynn English next Wednesday.



Gig Boyce (14) boxes out a Revere opponent.



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Do you need to schedule a telemedicine appointment with your primary care provider? Did you miss an appointment that needs to be rescheduled? If so, call 617-569-5800 to schedule a telemedicine appointment. This is especially important if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition.

You should be treated if needed, especially during this public health crisis. We're here to keep you healthy!



Fire Union / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

other businesses being shut down as well."

Chief Carli said his comments weren't meant as a crutch to cut back the Fire Department, but to simply state a fact that he expected more calls, and regionally calls were down. That, he said, was not expected at the outset of the pandemic.

"It's something where 2020 will always go down with an asterisk," he said. "We're not looking at shutting down the Fire Department because we're down 1,000 calls. What I was saying is it was puzzling.

"I think what we should be celebrating here is that there were 1,000 addresses that didn't need us," he continued. "We're one of the few industries that

celebrate less respons-

es...I hope it didn't come across we were saying that we were trying to use this data to make changes to our department... You need three or four years of data to look at anything solid."

Dep. Chief Sikora said one of the key things that needs to be addressed is the staffing shortages of recent years. He said no one has been hired since 2016, and he said staffing was at more than 100 when Encore opened in 2019.

"The numbers show we are close to 31 down from that time," he said. "In that time, we've had at least seven new developments that are large, and they're talking about maybe 10 more, includ-

ing the SkyEverett high-

rise that's proposed...

We're getting to a critical point with staffing. Our City is expanding upward. We don't have the land to expand outward so we're expanding up with high-rises."

Hogan said the numbers were purely a product of COVID-19, and he said once the City comes out of COVID and continues to grow, there are going to need to be more firefighters for hazard prevention.

"The numbers were a product of COVID-19 and not because we weren't needed," he said. "People weren't going out and it was a direct result of that...It's great they're hiring 20 people to put on the ambulance. That's a good thing, but we need to protect the

citizens before we put an

ambulance in service. We think our numbers are dangerously low."

All said that before the City embarks on its ambulance service next month, it needs to commit to restoring the contingent that was in place when Encore opened. Then, they said, they should hire ambulance personnel.

Carli said he knows the lower numbers last year were a product of the virus. His colleagues at the Chelsea Fire Department have reported that they were down 1,000 calls also, and Somerville Fire was down 500 calls last

"It wasn't an oddity in Everett," he said. "I understand what they're feeling."

Sports

EHS boys basketball with a 73-34 win over Revere



dislodged face mask as he scored 24 points to lead the Crimson Tide to a 73-34 win over Revere at Everett High School Monday.



Everett's John Monexant keeps a close guard on Revere's Dillon Day during Everett's 73-34 win Monday afternoon at **Everett High School.**

Everett's John Monexant poured in 24 points to lead the Crimson Tide to a dominating 73-34 win over Revere at Everett High School Monday. The potent Everett squad

overpowered the scrappy Patriots, and Revere had no answers to Everett's overall size and speed. Everett led 16-7 after one period and extended the lead to 32-20 at the half. Monexant scored eleven of Everett's 22 third quarter points as the Crimson Tide pulled away en route to the win.

Everett's Ralph Enayo also reached double figures with 12 second half points, nine of them in the final quarter. Revere was led by James Clauto with 11 points and Daniel Day scored 6.



Everett's Kevin Ariste stretches to keep a ball in play.



Everett's Kevin Ruiz defends Revere's Jarod Natola.



Everett's Nurein Muhamed plays tight defense.



Revere's Nathan Ramos and Everett's James Monexant stop short as the ball gets away.

Sky Zone Everett reopens to the local community

Sky Zone, creator of the world's first indoor trampoline park and part of the CircusTrix family of brands that continue to push the limits in new active entertainment experiences, reopened its doors to the Springfield community on March 11th in compliance with local and national government guidelines.

Sky Zone Everett will reopen and operate with reduced capacity to enable social distancing and enhanced cleaning measures, including daidisinfectant spraying or fogging of the entire park using products that meet the EPA criteria for use against

SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. Learn more about the health and cleanliness measures we are putting into practice across our community of parks by visiting: https:// www.skyzone.com/ever-

ett/cleanliness. Sky Zone Everett features wall-to-wall trampoline courts plus a wide array of attractions including Ninja Warrior Course, Challenge Zone, Bungee Trampoline and many more. Guests are also able to take advantage of Membership offerings to enjoy these attractions again and again In addition, Sky Zone offers special party packages at each location, hosting over 200,000 birthday parties across the country each year alongside graduation parties, corporate gatherings, fundraisers and more. Sky Zone Everett is the perfect destination for families and locals to come together for hours of exhilarating fun!

Sky Zone Danvers is located at 69 Nor-Street, Everett, MA 02149. For more information, please visit https://www.skyzone. com/everett or call (617) 387-1000.



2021 YARD WASTE

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- Yard Waste will be collected on your trash/recycling day. · Holiday Schedule - Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining
- collections for the week will be delayed one day Friday's collection will be on Saturday.
- Rules to follow:

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- 1. Items must be placed curbside, no later than 7 a.m.
- 2. Only clean yard waste packaged in brown paper bags or in barrels will be picked up.
- 3. NO PLASTIC BAGS. NO LARGE branches, rocks, dirt or broken pots please. 4. "Yard Waste" stickers are for barrels only. Stickers are not needed for paper bags. They are available at the
- Constituent Services Desk 1st floor, and the Mayor's Office. 5. Clean yard waste includes: grass clippings, leaves and small branches (tied not taped).

For Large Branch Removal: Call 617-394-2270 or 311 to schedule an appointment for City mulcher truck.

Please contact the Constituent Service's Office at 617-394-2270 with any questions regarding recycling and or yard waste.

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria had the pleasure of presenting members of Portal to Hope (PTH) a grant distribution from the Everett Citizens Foundation

recently. "Investing in commu-

nity organizations such as Portal to Hope is essential in ensuring that members of our community receive services they need during times when they are most vulnerable. The support offered and the work done by Deb Fallon and her team is truly remarkable. I look forward to continuing our partnership and assisting the residents of Everett together," said Mayor DeMaria.

In February, 2020, Portal To Hope (PTH) partnered with the Everett Citizens Foundation to offer a Youth Safety Council (the "Council"). Over the last nine months and while still continuing to navigate through the pandemic, the Council has remained dedicated

to its goals, including that some of its original members, who have moved on to higher education, continue to be involved in the Council and share their leadership in mentoring younger members. Since the Council's inception in Everett, PTH has provided training and support to youth, ages 15-18, empowering them to stand against violence and to promote equality in our community.

Everett Citizens Foundation grant distribution

"Portal to Hope has over the years provided a much needs ervice to the City of Everett and its residents. The ECF was very proud to be able to financially support their expansion of services through the creation of the Youth Leadership Program," said Matt Lattanzi (ECF Support Staff).

Portal To Hope was one of 25 grant recipients for ECF's Year 2, Round 1 grants and they received the maximum grant amount (\$10,000).

"Thank you so much for helping us secure funding for Portal to Hope. This year, we took a dramatic hit - losing \$100,000 in state funding. Thanks to your help, we are able to maintain program services for youth and our clients in need of emergency shelter and stabilized through COVID-19," said Deb Fallon (Founder of PTH).

"I've been so impressed by your dedication, positive energy and willingness to listen to everyone in the social organizations and you're so helpful, a pleasure to work with. Thanks for your support of PTH. We're grateful for you," said Marnie Gallagher (PTH Victim Advocate).

"Thank you so much for support the Youth Leadership Program at PTH. I am very thankful for your willingness to work with youth," said Mihret Amare (Chair of PTH Youth Leadership Program).

The ECF's Year 2, Round 2 applications are now available for submission, with a deadline set for Monday, April 5, 2021. You can find the application on the City of Everett's website: www. ci.everett.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/6233/ Everett-Citizens-Foundation-Grant-Application-Year-2-Rd-2.



Foundation Chair Holly Garcia with representatives from Portal to Hope.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented a grant from the Everett Citizens' Foundation to Portal to Hope recently as part of the latest round of grant funding. Pictured with him are Foundation Advisor Matt Lattanzi and Foundation Chair Holly Garcia.

Everett man charged with armed bank robbery

Staff Report

An Everett man has been charged in connection with committing armed bank robbery.

Jamaine Howell, 35, was charged by criminal complaint with bank robbery and using a firearm in furtherance of a crime violence. Howell made an initial appearance yesterday before U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge M. Page Kelley. Howell has been in state custody since his arrest on state charges on Feb. 16, 2021.

According to charging documents, on Feb. 7, 2021, Howell entered a branch of TD Bank on Commonwealth Avenue in Allston and gave a de-

threatened the teller and stated that he had a gun. Howell then allegedly threatened two bank customers and displayed a firearm. After taking his plastic bag - now containing about \$5,900 from the teller, Howell instructed one of the customers to come with him and led the customer out of the bank. After walking about a block with Howell, the customer managed to flee while the defendant was distracted. It is further alleged

that, later that week, police received a report that Howell brandished a firearm at a guest at a hotel in Sharon. On Feb. 16, 2021, police officers arrested Howell, and found mand note and a plastic him armed with a loaded bag to the teller. Howell .45 caliber Ruger hand- Attorney Nathaniel R.

gun. Police also found a loaded semi-automatic shotgun in a vehicle that had previously been rented to Howell.

The charge of bank robbery provides for a sentence of up to 25 years in prison, up to five years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of using a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence provides for an additional sentence of five years to be served consecutively to any other sentence imposed. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting United States

Mendell and Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division made the announcement today. The Boston, Sharon and Lynn Police Departments provided valuable assistance with the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bill Abely and Charles Dell'Anno of Mendell's Major Crimes Unit are prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

<u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>

MORTGAGEE NOTICE OF SALE

Everett celebrates the month of the Francophonie

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett in collaboration with the French Consulate of Boston, the Haitian Consulate of Boston, the Everett Haitian Community Center, and other Francophonie constituents of the City of Everett will be raising the French flag to celebrate the Month of the Francophonie. The ceremony will occur on Wednesday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. outside of City Hall on Broadway.

"I am excited to celebrate the Month of the Francophone," said Mayor DeMaria. "Members

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of our community have deep ties to French heritage and other Francophonie cultures and I am proud to raise the French flag to recognize the month. It is my hope that our community can join together and continue to celebrate all cultures and traditions."

In accordance to social distancing guidelines, the ceremony will be closed to the public and will be made available to watch on Facebook Live. Residents are welcomed to participate in the ceremony through Mayor De-Maria's Facebook page, @mayordemaria.

OBITUARIES

Marie Sicuso

Of Everett

Marie E. (Caprio) Sicuso of Everett, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on March 14 at the age of 91. She was the cherished daughter of the late John and Adeline (Grasso) Caprio and the beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Sicuso, loving mother of Jim Sicuso and his wife, Maribel of Methuen, John Sicuso and his wife, Connie of Stoneham, and Adele Sicuso and her husband, Michael Altobello of Chelmsford; dear sister of Fr. Robert Caprio OFM of Boston, and the late John Jr, Lucy, Louis, Antonetta and Richard Caprio; adored grandmother of James and his wife, Corinne, Gina and her fiancé, Peter Francis, Ariana, the late Jennifer Sicuso and great grandmother to Freya Sicuso. She is also survived

Family and friends will honor Marie's life by gathering in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere on Friday, morn-

by many loving nieces,

nephews and cousins.



10 to 11:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Revere for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in her honor at 12 Noon. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers dona-

tions can be made in Marie's memory to Franciscan Mission Associates [FMA] 274-280 West Lincoln Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10551-2509. Attn: Ms. Madeline Bonnici, Executive Director.

In accordance with state and federal guidelines masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be practiced. For online guest book please visit: www.vazzafunerals.com.

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CHURCH News

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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book page, "Zion Church Ministries.'

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

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

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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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

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News and Notes Our Parish Staff: Father

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Eucharistic Adoration

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

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Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have Thank you **Immaculate Conception**

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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 www.everettcan.com to request any additional

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

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KEY PROPERTY GOES OUT TO BID

CHELSEA long-vacant storefront on Broadway that used to house the Salvation Army store has gone out to bid this week and will soon have some movement on choosing a developer to build-out the City-owned, and key, downtown property.

City Planner Alex Train said the City has put out the RFP on the property at 440 Broadway and had a site walk with potential respondents Tuesday morning. Bids on the property are due April 29, and Train said he expects to get some very good proposals to choose from.

"We're engaging in a pretty robust promotional and advertising campaign to elevate the regional knowledge of the opportunity," he said. "We're hoping to get a lot of good information out there and we're optimistic it will yield a number of high-quality proposals."

He said they have begun to form an Evaluation Committee on the matter, and predicted by the end of May they will have the developer selected. Then they will forward it to the City Council for review and approvals.

The development is seen by the City as a way to really get momentum going for development in downtown Chelsea. In a key location in busy Bellingham Square, the property has already gone through the approval process - thus saving lots of time and money for any developer that wins the bid.

What has been approved is a 16-unit, five story new building with podium parking for eight spots. There is also to be 5,000 sq. ft. of retail on the ground floor. If a developer were to come in and want to propose a different project, they would have to go through the approval process again.

"We did all the approvals before the RFP and got the development ready in hopes it would translate into more affordable housing and a higher-quality product," Train said.

The City will be looking for an all-affordable, or a majority-affordable, project with ground floor retail and community uses. For the retail, he said they are looking for something creative, maybe even a continuation of the gallery that is there now, but certainly not a chain store.

"We don't want something that could just be in any downtown in America," Train said.

HOMEOWNER STABILIZATION PROGRAM TO START SECOND **PHASE**

CHELSEA The Chelsea Homeowner Stabilization Program has nearly completed its first round of assistance, and will begin the larger Phase 2 program – which has money in it to help those whose property taxes have gone up significantly - will begin in the next two weeks.

Housing Specialist Desirae Valentin told the Affordable Housing Trust Fund on Tuesday that the first phase was successful, with 25 people selected for help and the loan documents now being wrapped up.

She said 41 had been put in the lottery, with others on the waiting list. However, only 25 were selected and qualified, and some money was left over because of that. That money will be rolled into Phase 2.

Of the 25, some 15 have signed agreements and the City is moving to get payment to them. The others are still finalizing paperwork and loan documents.

"We should be finishing within the next two or three weeks on that and everyone will have signed loan agreements by the end of the month,"

The program gives out up to \$5,000 for a single-family, \$8,000 for a two-family, and \$10,000 for a three-family. It is meant to pay three months of mortgage, utilities, taxes, insurance and tenant costs. The loan is forgiven after two years if one doesn't sell the home and doesn't move out. Those accepting would have to pay half back if they sell within the year, and all of it back if they sell immediately.

The larger Phase 2, she said, should open up in a couple of weeks for applications.

City Planner Alex

Train said they are also working with Chelsea Restoration Corporation to make loan modifications to those homeowners who do not have a favorable mortgage, such as a high adjustable rate.

Additionally, he said there have not yet been a lot of foreclosures on homeowners in the city as of now, but many experts expect that in the near future.

"We haven't seen a large number of foreclosures yet and that's because lenders are being flexible," he said. "Forecasters do predict there will be increases in foreclosures if the market doesn't pick up for hospitality and service sectors."

HEARING HELD ON TENANT DISPLACEMENT

EAST BOSTON City Councilor Lydia Edwards held a hearing with the Boston City Council's Committee on Government Operations to recommend passage of her ordinance extending and enhancing protections for tenants facing displacement by condominium or cooperative conversion.

As Chair of the Boston City Council's Committee on Government Operations, Edwards ordinance will strengthen existing protections afforded by the current ordinance in light of the rapid increase of small apartment buildings being converted to condominiums in East Boston and throughout the city.

Since 1983, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has afforded municipalities the option to enact protections for tenants residing in properties subject to condominium conversion. Boston's condominium conversion ordinance, updated in 2014, affords residents of covered properties a notice period, right of first refusal to purchase their unit, relocation assistance, just cause eviction, and relocation benefits if the unit is converted to a condominium.

Edwards explained the ordinance increases relocation benefits for residents facing displacement, provides additional notice requirements, and establishes a condo conversion permit and notification system within the

HELPING THE SALVATION ARMY



The Chelsea Salvation Army was pleased to accept a donation from Javier Bellini, vice president of Cambridge Savings Bank, on March 3 at the Chestnut Street facility. Accepting it is the Salvation Army's Isael Gonzalez. "We are so grateful for the support of community partners like Cambridge Savings Bank that support the work we do for our community," said Gonzalez. "Because of partners like them The Salvation Army of Chelsea/East Boston have served 5.9 million meals since March 2020, and The Salvation Army distributed 14.5 million meals across Massachusetts."

City of Boston's Office of Housing Stability and Inspectional Services Department. In addition, the ordinance establishes a look back period of 12 months which will assist in determining whether the tenants are provided all of their rights and benefits in cases of a building clear out.

"The proposed language strengthens the current ordinance, closes loopholes, and further protects tenants from displacement during this citywide rental housing emergency," says Councilor Edwards. "I'd like to thank my Boston City Council colleagues, especially City Councilor Ed Flynn, Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon and Tim Davis at the Department of Neighborhood Services, and all administration officials who worked diligently to make this happen".

Last year, Councilors and administration officials held a hearing and working session on July 27, 2020 and October 15, 2020 examining issues of building clearouts that occured prior to a building owner starting the formal process to convert a building.

The aim of hearing and working sessions was to increase the relocation assistance provided in order to better reflect the economic realities of the current rental market, and expand the groups covered by the ordinance beyond protected classes to include families with children and tenants that have lived in a unit for longer than five years.

"I support this proposal," said Councilor Ed Flynn. "I want to strengthen the ordinance like we all do, and look forward to seeing what we can do to provide more protections for our seniors, persons with dis-

grant neighbors to make sure Boston is a city for, for all."

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Michael Councilor Flaherty thanked Edwards for her advocacy on this issue.

"I look forward to working on this and to continue to improve the quality of life for folks that have been faced with eviction," said Flaherty. "We have a responsibility as a government to try to protect our residents and neighbors and keep them in their homes, particularly those that are born and raised in neighborhoods. Through no fault of their own, through speculation and investment, they're being squeezed out of their property. Rents continue to creep up so anything we can do to keep people in their homes and to give them whatever support they can as tenants being evicted I say, 'sign me up.' So I appreciate the work Councilor Ed-

wards is doing." District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon also thanked Edwards for her leadership and added, "I really want to echo the sentiments of my colleagues that this is critically critically important in protecting folks who are vulnerable to eviction and displacement by condo conversions."

Chief Dillon said the previous ordinance had too many loopholes.

"We all are here to extend the condo conversion ordinance that wasn't strong enough," said Dillon. "It had too many loopholes and it needed to be strengthened. What we're discussing here today is really going to make a difference for tenants and it's going to be harder for them to be displaced so (developers) can achieve a condo conversion."

MICHLEWITZ BACKS SANTIAGO FOR MAYOR

EAST BOSTON Just over a week after Jon Santiago launched his campaign, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz from the North End has endorsed Jon Santiago for Mayor of Boston.

"I am proud to endorse Jon Santiago for Mayor of Boston. Our city stands on the precipice of a new era of leadership and I know Jon's experience as a doctor, a veteran, a Peace Corps volunteer, and as a state representative him the most qualified to lead us into that new era," said Representative Michlewitz. "He will help us recover as a city and region."

Michlewitz represents the Third Suffolk District, which comprises the neighborhoods of the North End, Waterfront, Chinatown, South End, Downtown, Leather District, Bay Village, and portions of the West End, Beacon Hill and the Back Bay. In 2019, he was named Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and continues to hold that post. Born and raised in the North End, Rep. Michlewitz and Santiago have delivered for Boston neighborhoods on a variety of legislative initiatives including COVID-19 relief, landmark education reform, transportation investments, and the expansion of affordable housing.

"Having worked with Chairman Michlewitz on Beacon Hill to deliver urgently needed results for our city and state, I've seen firsthand how much he cares about our city and expanding opportunity for all," Santiago said. "I am humbled to receive his endorsement and look forward to working with him and community leaders throughout Boston to bring our city back stronger than ever." Jon Santiago is cur-

rently serving his second term as the State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District representing the South End, Roxbury, Back Bay, and Fenway neighborhoods of Boston. He is an



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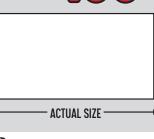


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tal of \$11.61 million with the bump up from county funding.

That was compared to affluent communities like Newton, which got \$48.14 million and a total of \$65.29 million with the county resources. Brookline got \$34.21 million, but no county money figures were available. Meanwhile, nearby Medford got \$39.25 million and a total of \$50.37 million with the county resources. Malden also got much more as well, with \$35.04 million from the Act and \$46.76 million in total with the county bump up.

Both Chelsea and Everett's numbers were more on par with Shrewsbury.

Officially, City leaders said they were told the funding was determined by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula that designates "entitlement" communities and "non-entitlement" communities and the allocations didn't really consider the impact of COVID. Because Chelsea and Everett are below 50,000 people officially, they are non-entitlement communities and didn't get a lot of funding because of that. Efforts by the federal delegation, sources said, came too late in the process to be able to make adjustments - resulting in the smaller numbers becoming official.

With those numbers, many officials said it looked like the most effected people were the least funded – with both Chelsea and Everett being in the top five most impacted cities in the Commonwealth.

"When these numbers were brought to our attention about two weeks ago I couldn't believe what I was seeing," said State Sen. Sal DiDomenico. "I immediately contacted our Federal Delegation and our city leaders to try and find a solution. The American Rescue Plan was promised to be the relief that we had been waiting for, especially for our hardest hit communities like Chelsea and Everett. It is both appalling and outrageous that two of the hardest hit communities, and Chelsea being ground zero during the COVID crisis, are getting a fraction of the federal funds that neighboring communities are getting - and many being much more affluent... I am extremely upset that my communities did not get the help they needed. The high hopes we had for the American Rescue Plan did not come to fruition for Chelsea and Everett." Mayor Carlo DeMaria

said he and other leaders have been working with the state and federal delegation to try to fix the shortfall, and hopes that something can be done in the coming days to make sure the plan helps communities like Everett that were the hardest hit.

"I recognize that the American Rescue Bill is the first time during the pandemic that our federal delegation was able to secure direct funding for cities and towns," he said. "However, the bill relies upon a commonly used federal funding formula that does not adequately consider the disproportionate impact that COVID-19 has had on cities such as Everett and Chelsea, which have some of the highest number of cases per capita in Massachusetts. I will continue to work with our federal delegation and the Baker-Polito Administration to achieve an equitable allocation of federal funding for Everett and Chelsea to ensure our fiscal recovery from this public health crisis."

Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino said the funding doled out to the two communities – and also to Randolph and Methuen, the other two of the four that got "shorted," - was unconscionable.

"Wealthy communities got windfalls and a lot of other communities like Everett and Chelsea got screwed," he said. "Of the 20 most impacted communities, there are four that really got adversely impacted by the funding – Chelsea, Everett, Randolph and Methuen. We're hoping the state will step in and deal with those four... It's unconscionable and incredibly inequitable. We hope the state will step in to right the situation. We were trying to quietly work behind the scenes (with the federal delegation) to fix this, but it didn't happen. We are not happy about it. We're still trying to fix it, but at this point, Gov. Baker is our ally and sole hope."

Everett Councilor Michael McLaughlin said he was disappointed that the money they expected to come, never did. "It is extremely disap-

pointing and frustrating to see one of the hardest-hit communities get significantly less in federal funding," he said. "Two of the hardest hit communities like Everett and Chelsea were not treated equitably. Everett has been designated as majority minority community and should be treated as such by our federal delegation. This situation must be rectified. I hope and have full faith that Mayor DeMaria and Senator DiDomenico will be able to work with the Baker Administration to help off-set as much of this lack in funding by our federal government. Our community needs and deserves these important resources to assist us in recovering as one of the hardest-hit communities in the Commonwealth."

Everett CFO Eric Demas was one of the first to identify the shortfall in early March, and he and Mayor DeMaria quickly reached out to the federal delegation and other

decision-makers. At the same time, Chelsea was also identifying the issue and the two communities rapidly began cooperating in their messaging with Sen. DiDomenico.

March 4 before the U.S. Senate even voted on it," he said. "I was shocked and I notified the mayor and said we need to figure this out and see what we can do before they vote. We immediately reached out to our federal delegation and unfortunately we weren't able to get anything accomplished before the vote. We are now in the process of seeing what we can do to address the disparity for Everett... We're not going to stop until we get the situation corrected." Said DiDomenico,

"COVID ravaged Chelrightfully deserve."

now falling on the federal delegation, including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (who represents three out of four of the aggrieved communities), and U.S. Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren.

officials, and none responded to a request for comment on the situation in Chelsea and Everett. Two sources close to

"I noticed this back on

sea and Everett, and our residents dealt with so much pain, suffering, heartache during the past year. These funds were supposed to go to disproportionately affected communities and help cities like ours, but this obviously did not happen. I have spoken to Governor Baker and his team to push for some of the other federal funds to be allocated to Chelsea and Everett, and I will be working with the Governor and our elected leaders to bring in the needed funds that these cities A lot of the blame is

The newspaper contacted all three federal

the situation said the matter went all the way to Treasury Secretary Janet

with the City's Board

of Health and Housing

American Rescue Act Funding for cities and towns in Massachusetts:

\$4.58 million \$13.59 million* Everett \$3.91 million \$11.61 million* Chelsea Newton \$48.14 million \$65.29 million* Revere \$20.24 million \$30.54 million* \$434.68 million \$569 million* Boston Shrewsbury \$3.8 million \$11.27 million* \$3.96 million \$11.77 million* Woburn \$63.28 million \$79.06 million* Somerville Medford \$39.25 million \$50.37 million* Malden \$35.04 million \$46.76 million* \$3.93 million \$11.68 million* Amherst Brookline \$34.21 million \$Not available (*with county allocations added in)

Yellen – who indicated it was too late by the time the request came and no changes could be made. More than three sourc-

es close to the situation

said none of the federal

delegation was aware of the issue until local officials reached out, and when they did, very little happened. Congresswoman Pressley did put out a statemen after the Rescue Act was signed into law and touted it as a great

victory for Massachusetts. While she said she was disappointed that the bill did not include a \$15 federal minimum wage and paid family leave, she did not mention the lower funding for communities like Everett and Chelsea. "I proudly supported the American Rescue

Plan on the floor of the House of Representatives..., and our work is unfinished," read her statement. "We must keep fighting for policies that meet the scale and scope of this crisis and set us on a pathway to a just and equitable longterm recovery. I look forward to partnering with the Biden Administration and my colleagues in Congress to do just that." In Chelsea, La Colab-

orativa Director Glady Vega has been very vocal in the last few days about the lack of funding. On Tuesday afternoon, she held a multi-community rally with representatives from Chelsea and Everett. She said she was deeply hurt by Senator Warren and Congresswoman Pressley, in particular, because both had visited La Colaborativa's vaccination site in Chelsea in the last few weeks and said nothing about this situation.

She said none are welcome to come back until

they make things right. "Bring a check for \$40 million and they can come in and take some more pictures," she said, extremely upset. "It makes me so made because I feel like we continue to be used and abused. Ayanna Pressley and all the others came here to our office. She told me the stories I send to her are stories that she tells everyone in the halls of Congress. She said that just the other day when she was here. Where are all those stories because the cash didn't get here?...It felt to me like Sal DiDomenico gave them the news that we were only getting

"I can't even buy enough toilet paper to wipe the tears of my community members when they're being evicted and going hungry with \$3.9 million," she continued. "It's a disgrace. Where were they when this decision was made? They didn't try enough. If they didn't have the guts to fight, I would have. Reach out to me and I'll make sure it happens... It's beyond upsetting."

\$3.9 million.

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emergency room physician employed at Boston Medical Center, the city's safety net hospital. He serves as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and has deployed overseas. Prior to these experiences, Santiago served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic. He lives in the South End with his wife, Alexandra.

HELPING DURING **PANDEMIC** LYNN - For many

GLSS STAFF

people who work at Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS) helping others—especially those in need—is simply part of their DNA. But willingly doing so in the midst of a global pandemic says something special about GLSS staff. "I have been at GLSS for almost a year now, and during that time, I have witnessed so many acts of caring

and compassion among our staff," said Kathryn C. Burns, MHA, Chief Executive Officer. "As I have said before, it continually reaffirms for me

my decision to join this incredible organization." During the past year, GLSS staff have deliv-

ered Meals on Wheels, organized toy drives, brought food to local distributed shelters, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, gave out Grab & Go meals and bags of groceries, and so much more. So it came as no surprise to learn recently that many GLSS staff are assisting the City of Lynn with its vaccination efforts. "Throughout the pan-

demic, consumer, clinical, and protective services staff have gone above and beyond to connected with our consumers, and, at this critical time, everyone is doing their part to help people get vaccinated," said Holly Jarrell-Marcinelli, Director of Consumer Services. "Both our nursing and supportive housing staff have jumped in to support vaccine clinic operations in the city of Lynn. On several recent

Fridays, Rosemary Durant, RN, GLSS' Nurse Manager, has assisted in preparing vaccines for administration at the Lynn Tech Fieldhouse site on Neptune Boulevard. "There were many volunteers from both the

community and the Lynn

Community Health Center directing consumers answering quesand tions," she stated. "The Lynn Fire Department was out in full force and was a big help." The following week, Rosemary was joined by GLSS Home Care nurse Carolyn Coan-Andrews, RN. Rosemary noted that

the entire process from registration to vaccination seemed organized and ran smoothly. The City of Lynn anticipated administering 520 vaccines that day; however, due to the Governor's decision to allow companions and caregivers under 75 to also be vaccinated, the total vaccines administered was probably closer to 600. The City plans to add evening hours with the goal of vaccinating 1,000 people per day. Recently Paula Gon-

zalez, RN, and Nurse Supervisor Michelle Syed, RN, volunteered for what was the busiest clinic yet, with over 750 people being vaccinated.

"It is really our honor and privilege to be able to do this," Michelle said. Staff who work at Supportive Housing Sites

in Lynn also worked

Authority to offer vaccination clinics. Maloney Properties, which manages St. Theresa House and St. Mary's Plaza, partnered with CVS to vaccinate approximately 90 residents, administering both shots over the course of four clinics with assistance from Program Manager Maureen Teal and SCO GSSC Gre-Paradis. Working with the Lynn Board of Health and Simon Properties, Resident Services Coordinator (RSC) Iliana Arzola organized a clinic at Silsbee Tower Apartments, where approximately 60 elders received the first vaccine. (The second dose is scheduled for March.) Eligible residents of neighboring Lynn Housing Authority properties were invited to attend, and RSC Acie Johnson and Home Care Case Manager Mariana Zorin provided support. "I am so grateful to Simon Properties for opening its doors to the residents of nearby McGee House and Olive Street," Maureen stated. "Residents at those sites were delighted to be includ-

GLSS staff are helping in all sorts of interesting ways. Liz Bulkley, Moeun Him, and Joey Sawyer-Shaw are currently working on a series of educational videos about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines in conjunction with the Lynn Community Health Center. Throughout the pandemic, the Media Team has been creating videos to assist in educating staff, consumers, and the general public about COVID-19 and developing programming like Kelly's Corner and GLSS TV to reduce stress and isolation.

"This year has really shined a spotlight on the dedication, commitment, and caring of our staff under the most difficult circumstances," Kathy Burns said. "All these highly visible efforts really showcase to the wider community the character and compassion of our agency."



The Connolly Center Food Pantry celebrates one year

On Wednesday March 17, the Connolly Center Food Pantry will be celebrating its first anniversary of operation. During this time, the center has distributed more than 1.6 million pounds of food to

the Everett community. "No one in our community should go hungry," said Mayor De-Maria. "The pandemic has affected our community in many ways, creating a demand for food assistance. I am truly grateful to our staff and volunteers for serving our community during these challenging times throughout the past year."

"I'm very grateful to be able to do this work and serve to the community," said Dale Palma, Programming Coordinator for the Council on Aging. "Without the support of the Mayor and his Administration, this could not be done. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many volunteers who helped out. It's heartwarming and heartbreaking at the same time that we have many people in need."

At the beginning of the pandemic, the Connolly Center was transformed into a robust food pantry. The center has been serving 1,500-1,800 individuals each week since last March and continues to provide the community with these resources. Throughout the year, the Connolly Center has also been working with other food pantries in the community to accommodate their food requests specific to their clientele and cultures.

The Connolly Center will continue to operate and serve the community. They are open to the public every Wednesday from 9:30am-11am. As a reminder, remember to always wear a mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.



A tireless crew of volunteers assembles food for those in need inside the Connolly Center.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria loads packages of food into a vehicle last summer.



Volunteers at the Connolly Center Food Pantry load bags for residents.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

EMERSON COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

The following students have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that se-

Gabriel Simao of Ev-Major - Media erett,

Arts Production. Class of

Jhalyshka Feliciano of Everett, Major - Theatre and Performance. Class of 2024.

About Emerson Col-

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and

change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, the Netherlands, London, new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit

LOCHIRCO NAMED TO DEANS' LIST AT BRYANT UNIVERSITY

emerson.edu.

Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an wavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. James LoChirco, class of 2021, from Everett, has been named to the Deans' List for the fall 2020 semes-

"The challenges of the last year have revealed the character and grit of our community of scholars," said Provost and China, and the Czech Chief Academic Offi-Republic as well as its cer Glenn Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, reflecting on Bryant's successful fall semester. "I am impressed and proud of their resilience, dedication, and innovative spirit."

Congratulations James on this outstanding achievement!

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JEAN-FRANCOIS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT BATES **COLLEGE**

Sam Jean-Francois of Everett, was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2020. This is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.88 or higher.

Jean-Francois, the child of Clairma Jean-Francois, is a 2019 graduate of Somerville High School. Sam is majoring in Africana at

Bates. Located in Lewiston, Maine, Bates is internationally recognized as a leading liberal arts college, attracting 2,000 students from across the U.S. and around the world. Since 1855, Bates has been dedicated to educating the whole person through creative and rigorous scholarship in a collaborative residential community. Committed to opportunity and excellence, Bates has always admitted students without regard to gender, race, religion, or national origin. Cultivating intellectual discovery and informed civic action, Bates prepares leaders sustained by a love of learning and zeal for responsible stewardship of the wider world.



