

Without visits, traditional process, seniors take risks in choosing colleges

By Seth Daniel

Choosing a college is typically a rite of passage whereby students, their guidance counselors and the families take time to analyze finances, take in-person tours of campuses and check out their financial aid packages.

It’s a slow and methodical process that usually wraps up on May 1 when students have to make their college decisions and put in their first monetary deposits for the coming fall semester.

That process has been completely upended this year as seniors at Everett High have been remote all year, not having direct contact with their guidance counselors except online since March 2020. Meanwhile, with most schools not offering any in-person tours, students find themselves taking a little bit of a risk in choosing a school that they most likely have never actually been to.

For Mimi Le, she is choosing between College of Holy Cross and Boston University – but she’s never officially visited the campus.

“It’s 100 percent a risk,” she said. “It’s kind of nerve-racking because you have to kind of take a leap of faith and whether it’s the right choice for you. For me there was a lot of reaching out and flooding people with many questions.”

With no ability to visit either college except with a virtual tour, Le used the unique strategy of finding current students on social media and trying to see if they would answer questions honestly about their experience at the school. Not a lot answered, so for her the college choice

process including a lot of research, reaching out and hoping for a cooperative person on the other end of the social media handle.

“I had to go on virtual school visits and I also reached out to people I didn’t know that attended schools I wanted to know about,” she said. “I would go on social media and find people who attended those schools and I would message them and ask them some questions to see if they thought it might be a good fit for me. It was frustrating, and a lot of the students from big schools didn’t answer, but some did.”

So is the life of COVID-19 when people have to find work-arounds for just about everything that cannot happen in person, and for students in Everett looking at colleges – it all seemed to boil down to a risk that previous classes didn’t have to take.

EHS Senior Nam Tran is headed to Cornell in New York, and he said it’s a campus he really doesn’t know much about – and a student body he has never met and a teaching faculty he knows nothing about. Questions he had about the school have been answered online pretty well, he said, but most of the questions that would have been answered in person just have to be left up to good fortune.

“I am one of those seniors that wants to spread my wings and get out of Massachusetts,” he said. “I have to take this risk about whether it will be a good fit for me. I think I will like the in-person experience, but I didn’t get to visit, so it is a bit of a risk.”

Another consideration for senior Rose Jean Pierre

was whether to stay close to home, which she eventually did in deciding to attend Northeastern University. Had COVID-19 not happened, though, she said it’s possible she could have made a different decision.

“I chose Northeastern and I didn’t want to go far and I wanted to stay closer to home,” she said. “I wanted to be close to family and I could get back home easily because you don’t know what might happen.”

Guidance Director Johnna Hooks said that a risk is involved this year like never before, but she said many students are choosing to go to college and she believes in their resiliency.

“It is a risk they are taking, but I think the colleges did a good job showing off their campuses virtually and giving 360 degree views,” she said.

One of the major concerns she has is the large numbers of students that are choosing to delay college at EHS because they need to work to support their families. Right now, many urban high schools are starting to see that job loss by families is pushing more responsibilities on young people to work. That has now begun to

infiltrate extra-curricular activities, sports, school attendance and now college plans.

“It seems there is still that group of students that plan on continuing to college and there is another group of students that, because of COVID-19, there is a need for them to work more,” she said. “I don’t know, but that may be keeping some students from going to college because they need to support their families. That’s something that really affects our students. Many right now are struggling to just balance work and school. That’s been tough for them.”

For so many others in the Class of 2021, the decision is simply a financial one – she said – where kids choose their college only by the financial package offered.

“Right now, kids are still surveying options and financial aid and award letters,” she said. “I really feel like this year will be the year they decide on where to go by the amount of money they get from an institution. If they can, they will go to college for less because money is a real concern for our students now.”

Some students, she said, are even looking at a

skip year in order to work – to ride out COVID-19 fully – and to then begin looking at college next year.

When it came to finances, all three EHS seniors interviewed said they got a lot of help from the school – despite having to be on Zoom for the financial aid seminars – but they also relied on their friends to answer questions and support them.

“I’m a first generation college students so the FAFSA (financial aid application) and the college applications, I didn’t know anything about that,” said Pierre. “I did feel the school did try hard to guide us in the college process, which I really needed.”

Tran said he was in the same boat, and he not only turned to the school, but also his friends.

“I didn’t know what FAFSA was and had to learn it as I was going,” he said. “I didn’t have a lot of resources – maybe a few websites. It was a very difficult experience. How did I know the college would be good for me? Again, there were no in-person tours so you don’t know... Having a group of friends to work on applications with is valuable. Having a group of peers and friends

was really what motivated me to continue with the application process to tell the truth. Most of my peer evaluators in the end were my friends.”

And as the process winds down and students choose their college for next year, all said they are still a bit concerned about COVID-19. They are mostly concerned about whether it might shut down their schools and push them remote – something they all said they’ve had enough of with all-remote high school over the past 18 months.

Pierre said her class has missed out basically on all of their high school years, and it is very important to them not to miss out on college too.

“It would be a real bummer for me because I want to stay on campus because I hear college is the best time of your life,” she said. “I already missed out on half my high school experience and I don’t want to miss out on that experience in college too. I don’t want to go back to 24/7 in front of a laptop. That’s what I’m doing now. I want to move forward now and I want to live my life.”

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“I was playing with the idea for a little over a year and then we got really held up at the height of COVID-19,” he said. “Then, we got our studio in order and invested in personnel and equipment. We’ve also recently changed the format of the station. You can’t be everything to everybody, but one standard we have is nothing foul or nothing negative...Radio has become a much more powerful medium than it had been. COVID-19 has helped to boost radio even more and in particular, internet radio. You have the standards in radio like WBZ and the other licensed stations, but with internet radio you have more reach and none of the hang-ups. It’s good to know our boundaries aren’t restricted by a frequency.”

Many years ago, Bishop Brown said he had hosted a show with Cheever on ECTV, and he had fond memories of the successes of that show. Both of them may not have always agreed 100 percent on everything, but he said they were always on the same page.

“I got a phone call from Bishop Brown and I knew it had been coming,” she

said. “I told him, ‘Whatever the project is, you know I won’t say no to it.’ And that’s now the ‘Talk Time’ came about.”

Added Brown, “We had always worked well together and were on the same page. Patti has made a fantastic co-host and adds a perspective on things and keeps me grounded as a host.”

So far, the show has included Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Supt. Priya Tahiliani, Cambridge Health Alliance Dr. Kristin Meisinger and Everett Police Officer Jermaine Bel-lard – president of the local police officer’s union.

In addition to special guests, they also include “shout outs” to local efforts that help the community of Everett and surrounding areas, but don’t always get publicized.

“There are so many people doing so many good things, not just in Everett, but in surrounding communities,” said Cheever.

One stalwart of the show no matter what the topic, from local issues with Mayor DeMaria to national issues regarding police officer misconduct trials, is relaying correct and accurate information. Bishop Brown and Cheev-



Bishop Robert Brown (center) has gotten RGB Internet Radio off the ground over the last year, and now he is hosting a growingly popular talk show called ‘Talk Time’ with co-host Patti Cheever and Engineer Deland Senatus. The weekly show focuses on issues in Everett, the region and the nation every Monday night at 8 p.m.

er said they offer information and a viewpoint, but they’re not looking to force their viewpoint on listeners.

“We stay away from negativity or overly opinioned discussion,” Brown said. “Our job isn’t to necessarily make you see it from our viewpoint, but to share information that needs to be shared and let people make up their own mind on matters. There are two sides to every story and we want to present that to people and let them make up their own minds.”

The station also of-

fers hourly news updates, and plays a wide variety of music in between talk shows. Meanwhile, Bishop Brown has postulated that once restrictions with COVID are lifted, the show might be able to broadcast live from community events like the Church’s annual Community and Unity Block Party or City celebrations as well.

“We’ve had a lot of great guests and we have some really great energy going and we hope we can continue that through the year,” said Brown.

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former Pope John High School.

Some of his priorities include ushering in more affordable housing, including the project at Pope John; advancing construction on the Northern Strand Bike Path extension; and continuing to improve transit/transportation. In terms of COVID-19 responses, he said they continue to feed many people daily after one year, and also the desire to get everyone vaccinated in the City before the end of 2021.

Additionally, the mayor said he would be submitting a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Council soon that includes ambitious projects like rehabilitating the Everett Police Station and seeking funding to look at re-locating City Hall. The mayor has long-said as early as last year that if he were elected to another term, he would like to re-purpose the existing City Hall for community space, affordable non-profit space and even housing for homeless families in transition.

He would like to see City Hall scaled down and re-located to a smaller building that is more efficient.

Finally, Mayor DeMaria said he is looking forward to continuing his new role as a voting member of the School Committee. As a graduate of Everett Public Schools, and a current parent of one child in the schools, he said there is so much he would like to do for the schools and the students moving forward.

Running a campaign in the era of COVID-19 will

be new and challenging, but the DeMaria Campaign said it would be focused on meeting people where they are comfortable. The intend to go door-to-door and talk to people in a safe manner, but also if people aren’t comfortable opening the door – they will leave ways to contact the campaign online or by phone.

Mayor DeMaria has served three, two-year terms, and is currently in the last year of his second, four-year term.

- LEGAL NOTICE -
CITY OF EVERETT

BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149
(617) 394-2498

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board's website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk's website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 16 Mystic View Road
Map/Parcel: H0-06-000008
Property Owner: DDR Corp.
3300 Enterprise Parkway
Beachwood, OH 44122
Person Requesting: Anna Halutch
65 Belmont Street
South Easton MA 02375

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant proposes to construct a new two (2) family on an existing 5814 sf lot that currently has an existing two (2) family residential building that was constructed in April 1928.

Reason for Denial:

1. Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 26 River Front:

Applicant is seeking approval to: Remove the existing wall sign and install a new wall sign of 102.44 sq. ft. in area.

Sign Area of sign applied for:

1. SKETCHERS = 34'-1 3/4" x 3'0" = 102.44 sq. ft.

Zoning Ordinance:

Section 26 River Front District Paragraph (f) which states the following:

Sign Requirements. Signs within the River Front District shall be subject to the following requirements:

Wall signs shall be limited to individual signs identifying on-site tenants and each shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet on any wall and the total area of all wall signs on a building shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet in area.

This sign exceeds the square feet allowed by 52.44 sq. ft.

This sign is replacing the existing Dress Barn sign that is larger. The sign proposed is slightly smaller.

Topic: ZBA Meeting (public call in) 05/03

Time: May 3, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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How the Everett PD is honoring their commitment to public service

When the world shut-down in March 2020, a lot of things changed, including the role of Officer Jillian Donnelly of the Everett Police Department. When her main role as a School Resource Officer was put on hold as schools were closed, she shifted gears to meet the changing needs of her community, leaning into her role as Community Outreach Officer to aid the vulnerable homeless population in the city.

Along with her Sargeant, Dennis O'Donnell, Officer Donnelly was tasked with building a rapport with the growing transient population, many of whom gather in Everett Square.

Officer Donnelly, who says she has a "soft spot" for this population and truly likes to help people, was more than up to the task and began establishing relationships and gradually gaining their trust.

The first success story came in the fall of 2020 when Officer Donnelly was able to get one woman into a nearby detox center, after she showed up at city hall intoxicated and asking for help. Although usually reserved for family members, Officer Donnelly was able to petition the court on the woman's behalf and a Section 35 was granted, which places someone in "imminent danger to themselves or others" in an involuntary hold for substance abuse. Subsequently, the woman's boyfriend also decided to get help. After they both completed 90-day treatments, Officer Donnelly "literally never saw them again" which is a good thing in this case. She heard later they were doing well.

After this success, the team really got to work, interviewing people throughout the city to see how they could best meet their needs. They also made it clear what would not be tolerated – public drunkenness and disorderly con-

duct for example – and that no officer wants to arrest them for these offenses if they can avoid it.

The officers found that sometimes just having a conversation with people can go a long way. Many have no family around or are estranged from their family because of substance abuse and/or mental health issues and the feeling of isolation and hopelessness can become too much, but a simple kind gesture and the notion of someone "having their back" can make all the difference in agreeing to get help.

Unfortunately, as the winter months set in, the dire need for help for the vulnerable population only increases. Many of them drink just to stay warm and breaking and entering becomes an issue as the homeless seek shelter and warmth. During a snowstorm last year, a man was so severely intoxicated that he stumbled onto the on-ramp of the Tobin Bridge.

Right around Christmas-time, a homeless individual in a wheelchair was in desperate need of some help. Well-known in the community, the years on the street had hardened him, and although he was in extreme pain and vomiting, his distrust of doctors and fear of losing his belongings made him reluctant to seek help. Thanks to Officer Donnelly's persistence and arranging for his stuff to travel with him, he was able to get to a hospital and get medical treatment and ultimately an emergency surgery. He was later admitted to Barbara McInnis House in Boston where he will remain until housing becomes available.

Especially during the winter, it's not uncommon for the Everett PD to go above and beyond to help in any way they can. This includes purchasing food, clothes and blankets with their own money, making calls on their off hours to

find available beds and connect individuals with appropriate programs, and even driving them to treatment centers or shelters once they've been secured.

Once Officer Donnelly and Sgt. O'Donnell come across an individual in need, it is hard to forget them. In 2018, a man was so intoxicated that he fell, injured himself severely, and suffered a traumatic brain injury. In late 2020, on routine patrol Donnelly and O'Donnell yet again came across this individual. His substance use issues were clearly still pertinent. Knowing the medical history of the individual, both Officer Donnelly and Sgt. O'Donnell took it upon themselves to personally transport him to Recovery Centers of America in Danvers. This has happened on multiple occasions.

The Everett PD works closely with various organizations and programs around Boston to get as many individuals off the streets as they can. This includes the PAATHS program in Boston and various detox and substance abuse treatment centers such as Recovery Centers of America and the Barbara McInnis House.

As we experience a critical point in history where law enforcement is under constant scrutiny, it should be noted that Everett PD prides itself on taking the role of public servant very seriously, something that comes from the top down and is instilled in every officer.

Although at times it's been frustrating when they can't do more, Officer Donnelly feels the time and effort the department has put in has positively impacted the community and made for a safer Everett overall, however their work is no way near done.

"It's a constant, continuous, collaborative effort," she said, "but it's definitely been a blessing to be able to help these people."

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Meet the team: Officer Jillian Donnelly

What do you do in the City? "I am the School Resource Officer. I have been in this position since January. Prior to this, I was a Patrol Officer. Since the children have not been in school, I have been spending my time with the homeless to get them the right resources and help. I have worked to get some people into rehab and others in housing. I also still respond to patrol calls. Now that the schools have opened, I am back there as well."

What is your favorite part about working for the City? "I grew up here and went to school here. I have a lot of pride in my community and I love helping the people

of Everett."

What is the biggest lesson you've learned from your role? "I've learned a lot during my time here, but working with the homeless really puts things in perspective. Each person has their own burdens to bear, and one of the biggest lessons I've learned: treat people with dignity and respect. You also need empathy, compassion, and humility in this job because having the power to take someone's freedom away shouldn't be taken lightly."

What do you like to do when you are not working? "I am a huge animal lover! I have a



10-year-old dog, Emmett, and I take him for walks all the time. I also go to church, that's very important to me."

Harbor Lounge set to debut at Encore on April 23

Staff Report

As Encore Boston Harbor continues to expand its resort offerings, the company announced this week phase one of a new dining and lounge venue, Harbor Lounge, opening on Friday, April 23.

Located off the Garden Lobby, Harbor Lounge will feature locally inspired libations, small plates and shareable dishes, as well as nightly entertainment.

"Our new Harbor Lounge will be the perfect spot to enjoy a beverage and a bite before heading to dinner or hitting the casino floor," said Brian Gullbrants, Encore Boston Harbor President. "You'll feel as though a member of the Rat Pack could walk

in at any moment while you sip on one of our creative craft cocktails and enjoy the smooth sounds of live music again."

The extensive cocktail menu includes Boston namesake beverages such as The Charles crafted with Casamigos Mezcal, grapefruit, agave and sea salt, or the Dirty Water featuring olive oil washed Tito's vodka and olive brine. Additionally, signature drinks will rotate seasonally, beginning with the Royal Flush featuring Encore Bully Boy Gin, St-Germain elderflower liqueur, strawberry and basil, and the Hot Hand Old Fashion with Blanton's 'Encore Select', Ancho Reyes Ancho Chile Liqueur, angostura, lime and

Luxardo cherry. The beverage menu also includes abundant wine, beer and spirit options.

Food items include a serrano ham panini, spring pea hummus and charcuterie and cheese boards with camembert, molé salami, Manchego and more.

Harbor Lounge will be open Thursday from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 3:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. and Sunday from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. Phase two is planned to open later this summer and will expand the dining area and menu options, as well as include a stage, allowing for a more robust entertainment lineup. For the full menu and additional details, visit encore-bostonharbor.com.

DiBiao leads CM to Mass. football's top ranking

By Cary Shuman

Everett resident John DiBiao finds himself in a familiar position at the end of another high school football season: head coach of the top-ranked team in Massachusetts.

DiBiao's Catholic Memorial football team wrapped up an undefeated season with a 23-19 victory over previously unbeaten Xaverian Friday at the Knights' home field in West Roxbury.

The Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Max Preps, and New England Football Journal all listed Catholic Memorial as the No. 1 team in their polls. In fact, CM held the top spot in the polls from start to finish.

DiBiao's impact in the CM program was immediate. His CM teams – who wear The Ohio State University replica uniforms – appeared in back-to-back Division 1 Super Bowls in 2018 and 2019. The start of the 2020 fall season was pushed ahead to March of 2021 due to the pandemic.

But despite the continuing challenges posed by the pandemic this spring and losing his starting quarterback and running back to injuries during the season, DiBiao led the Knights to a perfect 4-0 season against four top-10 ranked teams.

DiBiao brought nonpa-

reil line coach Mike Milo with him from Everett to West Roxbury. Also on the CM staff as the team's athletic trainer is former EHS football star Jephthe Soulouque.

What's it like to be No. 1 in a state with 351 cities and towns and to be crowned as state champion by the pollsters?

"It feels very good," said DiBiao. "I'm very proud of the kids. It was a challenge to get through with the COVID and everything. We played a very difficult schedule. The kids hung in there and we played really well. CM is a great school."

The fact that John DiBiao is once again king of the Commonwealth comes as no surprise to local fans who saw the Everett High and Tufts graduate build a juggernaut that produced 12 state titles for the Crimson Tide. Many of his players, including Mikey Sainristil (Michigan), Jason Maitre (BC) Isaiah Likely (Coastal Carolina), Lewis Cine (Georgia), and Carlins Platel (Assumption/South Carolina), are carrying forth the DiBiao/Everett tradition. Former Crimson Tide star Lukas Denis was a Walter Camp All-American defensive back in his junior season at BC.

DiBiao's pipeline to Chestnut Hill is continuing at CM.


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outs, linebacker Owen McGowan, who took over at quarterback during the season, will be playing football at Boston College. Three CM sophomores, Boabcar Taore, Datrell Jones, and Jaeden Skeete, have committed to BC.

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AT LAST, SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring officially may have arrived on March 21, but the past month has been anything but spring-like.

For those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline, this is nothing new of course. The prevailing, on-shore sea breezes at this time of year transport air from the ocean that still is in the low 40s. So on days when the temperature may be in the 60s in central Mass., we're at least 10 degrees cooler, with a wind-chill factor that makes it feel 10 degrees cooler than that.

In other words, the 60s elsewhere feel like the 40s for us.

But this week finally brought a measure of spring, not only because of the warmth, but because of the daffodils, forsythia, and flowering trees that signal the end of winter and the promise of nicer days ahead.

With the coronavirus pandemic hopefully coming to an end, the arrival of spring is coming none too soon.

MASS SHOOTINGS ARE OUR NEW EPIDEMIC

Mass shootings with high-powered weapons are nothing new in America. The recent tragedies in Atlanta and Indianapolis are just two more of a long string of the slaughter of innocent Americans who simply were going about their everyday lives at work, in school, or at a shopping mall.

But as horrific as these well-publicized incidents have been, they are just the proverbial tip of the iceberg when it comes to mass shootings all across the country, which have been occurring at ever-increasing rates.

In the past 30 days since the Atlanta massacre, there have been 45 mass shootings -- defined as incidents where four or more people have been shot -- across the U.S.

The vast majority of these shootings never make it into the national headlines to the extent of the Atlanta and Indianapolis incidents, but they are real. For example, on April 8 in Bryan, Texas, a gunman (who apparently was a disgruntled former employee) shot six persons at a cabinet-making company. One was killed and five were wounded, four critically.

We could go on and on, but the bottom line is that America is the only place in the world where mass shootings are a daily part of life. And the reason is very simple: America is the only country where there are more guns than people and a large percentage of those weapons are high-capacity, semi-automatic firearms.

Ardent supporters of gun ownership make the time-worn argument that if there are restrictions on gun ownership, then only criminals will have guns.

But the reality is that the perpetrators of mass shooting incidents are not criminals -- they're typically the guy next door who has some sort of mental health or anger issue, but who has been able to buy a high-capacity weapon on a whim and go on a shooting rampage a short time later.

The shooter in Atlanta, for example, had purchased his gun just a day before he went on his murderous spree.

Other nations -- principally narco-terrorist states such as Mexico and Honduras -- may have higher homicide rates, but mass shootings by, and of, ordinary civilians are a uniquely American phenomenon.

Countries with broad gun-ownership, such as Australia and New Zealand, have instituted common-sense laws that have eliminated mass-shootings. Australia did so after a school massacre in 1996 -- and there have been no similar incidents since then.

What will it take for America to reach the tipping point that will persuade Congress to implement common-sense gun legislation?

We're obviously not there yet. Our guess is it will occur only when Americans will be fearful of gathering such that it will affect travel and business. After all, who wants to travel to a state where people are allowed to openly carry high-capacity weaponry?

But in the meantime, America tragically will remain among the most randomly-violent places on the planet.

Independent Forum

NEWS IN BRIEF

MAYOR DEMARIA'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that the annual Summer Youth Program is accepting applications. Through this program, participants are given the opportunity to gain work experience throughout the City, network, and build new skills to apply in future positions.

"I am excited to host this year's Summer Youth Program," said Mayor DeMaria. "This program not only provides Everett youth an opportunity to gain experience but it allows them to connect with the community and I encourage all who are eligible to apply."

Due to the pandemic, the City of Everett partnered with CommCorp to develop a virtual work experience for last year's program. However, this year's program will be a combination of virtual and in-person experiences, which include webinars, Zoom meetings with City of Everett staff, and working on outdoor projects.

Everett residents between 14 and 21 years of age are encouraged to apply for the program. The deadline for the applications is Friday, May 14th. For more information, please visit <https://youth-worksdata.org/aboutyouth-works.asp?key=key1s&y-w=Everett>.

FORESTEIRE CASE RESUMES

After many months without any activity due to the closure of courts for COVID-19, the alleged misconduct criminal case against former Supt. Fred Foresteire resumed with a status hearing between attorneys in Malden District Court on April 14.

Such hearings are not exactly open to the public now with COVID-19, and they are simply to regroup and prepare to exchange information. The hearing last week was actually continued to June 24 for another status hearing.

EVERETT TRAIL CLEAN-UP

Bike to the Sea is sponsoring a clean up of the Everett portion of the Northern Strand Community Trail on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The in-person activity will be held with all precautions in place of COVID-19, and will have a purpose of cleaning up the trail, sweeping it and getting rid of the winter muck. Water and snacks will be provided, masks are required, and large groups will be split into five people or fewer to maintain social distancing. Meet at Everett Earthworks Park on Air Force Road. For more information, contact Sarah Prato at 978-828-4200.

SEN. ED MARKEY HOLDS ONLINE EARTH DAY

Please Join Senator Ed Markey for an Earth Day Celebration & Virtual Conversation on Thursday, April 22 from 6 - 7 p.m. If you need additional information about this event, contact Samantha Padavic at samantha@edmarkey.org or (847) 744-0224. It is

a paid fundraising activity for the senator.

COUNCIL ON AGING/CONNOLLY CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging, together, have been working diligently to be able to offer programing to our senior residents to slowly open up The Connolly Center while maintaining current safety practices and protocol. We are happy to announce our "Coffee Clutch" program.

The Connolly Center will be open Mondays and Fridays only, beginning Monday April 12. There will be two sessions offered to Everett Seniors, and one session offered on Friday. Each session will allow a maximum of 24 seniors. There will be 6 tables of 4 people each for a 90 minute session. Seniors will have the opportunity to see old friends, enjoy a snack and coffee and scheduled entertainment. Safety protocols, such as mask wearing, temperature checks and social distancing are mandatory. Our staff is required to sanitize before and after each session.

The "Coffee Clutch" Schedule is as follows:

Monday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Monday from 10:45 a.m. to noon

Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Reservations are a must. To make a reservation please call Margaret @ (617) 394-2323.

COUNCILOR ADRIEN SPONSORS BABY ESSENTIALS GIVEAWAY, OFFICE HOURS

Councilor Gerly Adrien will be hosting a baby essentials giveaway for Everett residents on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. The drive was limited to 50 respondents seeking help with diapers and baby wipes, but already 80 people in need have signed up. Councilor Adrien is calling for volunteers to donate more diapers and baby wipes to be distributed to those in need on April 24. To donate, e-mail Adrien at info@gerlyadrien.com or call (617) 835-8267. Volunteers for distribution are also needed for April 24.

At the same time, on April 24, Councilor Adrien will be hosting outdoor office hours in Everett Square, and simultaneously will hold the office hours via Zoom and telephone. The effort is by appointment only, and will include a one-on-one meeting with Councilor Adrien to discuss any issues and concerns. It will go from noon to 2 p.m. To schedule a time, call (617) 835-8267.

CITY OF EVERETT RIVERFRONT DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce the Riverfront District Master Plan that encompasses the area near the Malden River. This plan will allow the City of Everett to reconnect with the Malden River and create new housing, jobs and entertainment.

"I am excited to share



FIRE GETS FUNDING FOR GYM EQUIPMENT: The Everett Fire Department has been awarded funding for the Fire-fighter Safety Equipment Award to support their health and wellness program for members. The grant funding will be used to update their existing gym equipment.

plans about our Riverfront District," said Mayor DeMaria. "I am committed to working with residents, land-owners, and businesses to ensure that the Riverfront District Master Plan revitalizes this district of Everett. I look forward to this project's completion"

The City of Everett developed the plan through collaboration with Howard Stein Hudson and Crosby Schlessinger. This plan will provide economic benefits to the City and develop an innovative neighborhood in the community.

For more information and to view the Riverfront District Master Plan, please visit <http://www.ci.everett.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/6267>.

ANNOUNCING THE 25TH ANNUAL MYSTIC HERRING RUN AND PADDLE

Join the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) from May 9-25 to celebrate the annual return of the herring. Each spring over 700,000 herring swim from Boston Harbor to the Mystic Lakes--the Herring Run and Paddle celebrates this spectacular wildlife migration.

The Herring Run and Paddle will take place at the Blessings of the Bay Boathouse in Somerville with the 5k route passing through Medford's scenic Macdonald Park. The paddle race route takes paddlers up to Medford's Mystic Lakes and back to the boathouse. The race this year is "virtual," meaning that participants can go to the race course at their own convenience anytime during the 9th-23rd. Run, walk, paddle, bike or cheer--this race is for all.

As part of the race, you are also invited to join the brand-new "3-Rivers Challenge," brought to you by MyRWA, in partnership with the Charles and Ipswich Watershed Associations. Whether you paddle, walk, bike, fish, or simply skip rocks, make sure to track your hours on and by the river. The individual with the most hours logged wins! Prizes include a Lincoln Hide-a-way solo forest green fiberglass canoe, watershed group swag, adult craft beverages, and more. The challenge will launch on Sunday, April 25th, with CRWA's Run of the Charles; it will run through the Mystic's Herring Run and Paddle (May 9th - 23rd) and end on the Ipswich's Paddle-a-thon on Saturday, June 19th. Make sure to check out the 3 Rivers Challenge Facebook Group, a place for our

paddlers, runners, walkers, and bikers to connect and share your river stories! More information and how to track your hours can be found at MysticRiver.org/herring-run-paddle.

Scanner Cheung, past winner of the Herring Run and Paddle's Iron Herring Award, said, "I think the Mystic River Herring Run & Paddle really brings together some of the best and most unique parts of Boston: the waterways and the tight-knit running community. Some of the biggest events here are the Head of the Charles and the Boston Marathon, but not many races can claim to combine the two... I could tell this race was really a grassroots event--sponsored by local companies (with great prizes!)-and dedicated to protecting the natural resources (like the Mystic River) that make exercising outside in Boston so great."

"I had raced it a couple years earlier and remembered it being a fast, flat course," said Beverly Atunes, winner of the Herring Run and Paddle women's 5k race, "it is a really well-organized community event."

Registration is open until through May 23rd is only \$10 per person. For more details about the event, or to register online, head to www.mysticriver.org/herring-run-paddle.

U.S. HAITIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS COUNCILOR ADRIEN

The U.S. Haitian Chamber of Commerce announced that Everett Councilor Gerly Adrien was named as the Young Citizen of the Year Award winner during its annual ceremony -- which was moved online this year -- on April 10.

"We are proud to have so many educated, innovative and talented Haitian Americans in our community," said Chamber President Hans Patrick Domercant. "Congratulations again to all the winners, finalists, and Toussaint Louverture Honorary Award recipient, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley."

Councilor Adrien said it was an honor to accept the award.

"Thank you to the U.S. Haitian Chamber of Commerce for awarding me the Young Citizen of the Year Award," she said. "I am honored to have been celebrated with other great leaders in the Haitian community."

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COVID-19 cases rise slightly from last week

By Seth Daniel

The numbers of COVID-19 cases in Everett has increased in the past week to 134 cases, up from 119 last week.

This week there were 134 new cases reported, though in recent days there have been far fewer than at the end of last week – when case counts were in the 20s each day. In the past two weeks, cases have gone up from 103 and below 100 before that. Despite that, Everett remains in the yellow, moderate risk zone.

The most recent numbers are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 20 - 8
- Monday, April 19 – 2
- Sunday, April 18 – 15
- Saturday, April 17 – 12
- Friday, April 16 – 26
- Thursday, April 15 – 28
- Wednesday, April 14 – 20

•Tuesday, April 13 – 23

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.

Everett receives 2021 EBEE Award for Leadership

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett received the 2021 Environmental Business Council New England, Inc. (EBC) EBEE Award for Leadership by a Non-Profit Organization.

This award was shared among 20 municipalities and other collaborators for the Resilient Mystic Collaborative project to protect their people and places from climate-intensified risks.

“I am proud that the City of Everett received this award with our partners,” said Mayor DeMaria.

“Through our combined efforts, we made progress to protect our communities from the effects of climate change. I look forward to continuing our partnership to further ensure our communities’ protection.”

Within the first 18 months of formation, the Resilient Mystic Collaborative raised over \$2.5 million in regional climate resilience funding for areas impacted by the Mystic River. These funds will support regional storm-water flood management, storm-hardening critical regional infrastructure,

next-generation coastal flood management, and closing climate equity gaps among residents and workers based on race and income.

Members of the Resilient Mystic Collaborative project will be honored virtually at the EBC 28th Annual EBEE Awards Celebration on Thursday, June 10th. For more information and to learn how to attend, please visit <https://ebc-ne.org/events-programs/ebec-awards-ceremony/#attend>.

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hour’s drive, which mirrors our distribution also.”

Gullbrants said it was a great local partnership, combining food with high-quality local beer from down the street.

“We are thrilled at the opportunity to partner with another local Everett business, whose products are beloved in the region,” said Gullbrants. “Night Shift Brewing’s reputation for high-quality craftsmanship and strong community ties created a natural synergy that we know our guests will love.”

Interestingly, Night Shift got its first start just down the street in a building behind the McDonald’s. That building no longer exists, as it was purchased by Encore and used as the design hub when the casino was being built – and now serves as storage for the casino and a horticultural center for the gardening efforts in Encore.

O’Mara said Gullbrants and others at Encore reached out to the partners



Chef Kyle Bradish, Encore President Brian Gullbrants, Night Shift Co-Founder Mike O’Mara and Joseph Liebowitz, Encore executive director of food, beverage and culinary operations.

of Night Shift just over the last few months with the idea to align. It ended up being a no-brainer.

“Our priorities lined up pretty well,” O’Mara said. “That’s a great thing. We have the same agenda and the same idea of what we’re looking to do... We’re just really excited to double down in our own City of Everett. It’s another location and a different spot, but right down the street from our brewery and Tap Room. In a lot of ways, we’ve come full circle with this.”

The new space is outfitted with all the COVID-19 protocols, and is a great spot to view sports while eating creative wings and delicious sliders. The menu is very diverse, and perfect for small plates or a dinner. Clearly, the beer is the focus and Night Shift has ample opportunity to have fun and be creative with their offerings from the brewery, while also offering the staple products that have made them a beloved regional brand that started in Everett.

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ger-term plan for the Malden River has been to remove the Phragmites and other invasive species, and to replace them with native plants and shrubs that lived along the Malden River years ago. The fire has seemingly sped up that process.

Meanwhile, Chief Carli said another issue is the safety of firefighters as they moved in to put out the fire and didn’t know of the homeless encamp-

ment. No one in the encampment was present or injured, but there were several propane tanks that were stored in the area that could have exploded and injured fire crews. Luckily, Carli said, that didn’t happen.

“It really could have been a dangerous situation for the membership,” he said. “There were probably in excess of 20 to 25 propane tanks down there. They could have

exploded from the fire, but thankfully they didn’t. When we show up at a fire like this, we don’t expect to see that in that area. At a grass fire in a location like that, we don’t expect to see humans there.”

Chief Carli reiterated he issued the emergency declaration because the situation just wasn’t safe.

“We want everyone to be safe, and that wasn’t a safe situation,” he said.

EHS GIRLS SOCCER

Right, Senior Katrina Nguyen (left) and Head Coach DeAnn Gallagher are excited to playing soccer.

Below, The Everett High School Crimson Tide Girls Varsity Soccer Team with Head Coach DeAnn Gallagher, Asst. Coaches Caitlyn Winsor and Sheryl Steeves. Front row: Tania Ventura Teada, Maria Paula Zubieta Numpaque, Leticia Zavala Ayala, Simon Shestha, Emily Ppreira, and Shyann Ambersley. Back row: Mariana Madrigal, Stephanie Azurida, Gitalia Boyce, 99, Katrina Nguyen, Leah Ferullo, Cynthia Domingues, and Layla Isabella Betancur-Cardona.



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help with. We don’t know all the aspects of the law and sometimes legal research doesn’t give you all the answers. I don’t want it to be thought by residents and taxpayers that we just sit around and do no work.”

City CFO Eric Demas said there has been a tremendous amount of change going on in the City over the last several years, and much of it has revolved around very specialized sections of the law like the power plant and the casino.

“I don’t think it’s out of line with what you might see in other communities,” he said. “Between the casino and the change in assessments, there’s been a tremendous amount of activity going on in the last five years as the City continues to grow and flourish. We have to

make sure we’re doing everything we can to protect the residents.”

As that has happened, Mejia said it has been smarter to use outside legal services rather than to hire new staff and have to pay benefits and a pension.

“I think it has been very responsible not to hire more employees and not have more unfunded liabilities with pensions and insurance and salaries,” she said. “It doesn’t make sense. If you average out all the costs we spend, it’s still less expensive (than hiring someone).”

Both Demas and Mejia also pointed out that some fees paid to the City’s outside counsel – KP Law – actually isn’t paid by taxpayers. KP Law usually has an outside attorney present at most Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings, but some of that

expense is picked up by developers.

Using the 53G accounts that can be charged to larger developers for transportation, engineering and legal services, the City is able to be reimbursed by developer dollars through those accounts for part of the KP Law fees.

Communications Chief Deanna Devaney, who is also an attorney, said in her experience working at other cities and towns, Everett outside legal fees are well-within the usual range.

“This is a common practice using outside law firms,” she said. “If we compared to other cities and towns outside Everett, I would say it’s more than comparable...I believe Everett is very reasonable as to what they have for outside legal fees.”

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EHS Roundup

FALL II SPORTS SPRING INTO ACTION FOR EHS ATHLETES

With the pandemic-shortened winter sports season having come to a conclusion, the so-called Fall II season for the Greater Boston League got underway this week.

The Everett High girls and boys soccer teams got underway with contests against Revere this past Saturday. On the girls' side, Everett came up short by a score of 7-1, with junior Gitalia Boyce scoring the EHS goal.

"We have had many factors through the past few weeks," noted EHS head coach DeAnn Gallagher, "but considering that we played hard, it can only get better."

Gallagher and her crew were scheduled to play Medford yesterday (Tuesday) and will host Malden tomorrow (Thursday) for a 10 a.m. kickoff at 7 Acre Park.

On Saturday the Crimson Tide will play at Chelsea, also at 10:00, and then will entertain Lynn Classical next Tuesday.

Members of the 2021 Crimson Tide are: seniors Isadora Pimenta and Katrina Nguyen; juniors Gitalia Boyce, Leticia Zavala Ayala, Stephanie Azurdia, Cynthia Domingues, Mariana Madrigal, and Tania Ventura Tejada; sophomores Maria Paula Zubieta Numpaque, Leah Ferullo, Simon Shrestha, Lamiah Wyzard, Emily Pereira, and Karla Lopez Inares; and freshmen Layla Isabell Betancur-Cardona, Joselyn Rivera, and Shyann Ambersley.

Assisting Gallagher on the sidelines will be assistant coaches Caitlyn Winsor and Sheryl Steeves, both of whom are EHS alumni.

On the boys' side, the Crimson Tide came up short in their opener with

Revere by a score of 6-0. Coach Pedro Blas and his crew will play at Malden tomorrow (Thursday) and will entertain Chelsea on Saturday. They will trek to Lynn Classical next Tuesday.

Coach Melissa O'Donnell and her EHS field hockey team will engage in their first contest of the season today (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. at 7 Acre Park.

The 2021 Crimson Tide will be led by captains Ashley Fitzgerald, Hailey Oteir, Kaleigh Snook, and Keara Farrell and assistant captains Mimi Le and Rebecca Covelle.

The team will play at Revere next Wednesday.

Coach Steven Gallagher and the EHS golf team already have hit the links with a pair of tri-matches against GBL foes Malden & Revere and Lynn Classical & Lynn English.

"We have a very short season this year, but the kids are excited to learn the game and get on the course and play," said Gallagher. "Hopefully we can gain some momentum for the start of the regular fall season in September."

Members of the team are senior captain Alyssa Bessler, senior Brendan



MAKING THE SAVE: Everett's goalkeeper makes a save.



SIDELINE SCUFFLE: Everett's (#12) mix it up with a Revere player as they fight for control of the ball.



FULL EFFORT: Everett's Guilherme Moraes and a Revere player keep each other away from the ball.

Currie, and sophomores Alex Velasco and Matthew Turilli.

They are scheduled to be back in action against non-league rival Winthrop on April 26.

EHS BOYS SOCCER IN ACTION AGAINST REVERE



WATCH IT: Everett's Guilherme Meireles has Revere looking over his shoulder as they both track down a bouncing ball.



STEP LIGHTLY: Everett's Ricardo DoCarmo goes toe-to-toe with a Revere player as they try to control a loose ball.



DEFENSIVE KICK: Everett's Victor Santos breaks up an advance by Revere during Saturday's "Fall II" season opener at Rivergreen Park. Revere won the game 6-0.



IN FULL STRIDE: Everett's Carlos Persona and a Revere player track down a loose ball.



HIGH STEPPIN': Guilherme Moraes and a Revere player battle for a ball during Revere's 6-0 win at Everett Saturday in the "Fall II" season opener for both schools.

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MAYOR CARLO DEMARIA OFFICIALLY OPENS CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS



Mayor Carlo DeMaria with his wife, Stacy, and their son, Carlo.

Last Saturday morning at 143 Main Street, Everett’s Mayor, Carlo DeMaria announced that he will seek re-election to the high office of Mayor for the City of Everett.

A large crowd of supporters were on hand for the announcement, despite the rainy weather that the

day brought. Maintaining social distancing and wearing masks, the popular mayor addressed and welcomed the support and enthusiasm of the crowd.

DeMaria addressed the many accomplishments of his administration and the bright outlook on Everett’s future he envisions.



Rosa DeMaria (left) is always there supporting her son and the City of Everett. Shown with Everett Councillor Rosa DiFlorio.



Maintaining a safe distance while signing up to support Everett’s Mayor, Carlo DeMaria.



Stacy DeMaria, (left) and Everett School Committee member at Large, Millie Cardello.



Tori Cyrus is one of the many DeMaria supporters that showed up last Saturday at Mayor DeMaria’s announcement for re-election.



Mayor DeMaria arrives at his headquarters at 143 Main Street, he is greeted by supporters waiting outside in the rain to show their support.



Mayor and first Lady greeting senior residents.



CiCi Paul (left) and Susan Ruan (center) talk to Mayor DeMaria and pledge their support for his re-election.



Over 150 Everett residents turned out to support Mayor Carlo DeMaria in his re-election campaign.



Citing his many accomplishments and his vision for a better future in Everett, Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced his intentions to seek re-election for the job of Mayor in Everett, the city he grew up in, and the one he wants to keep improving for all the future residents of the city.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL LOOKS AT EMINENT DOMAIN TAKINGS

CHELSEA - Council President Roy Avellaneda proposed that the City look at a list of vacant parcels and investigate the ability of taking those properties in order to build more affordable home-ownership opportunities.

Last week, Avellaneda said he knows the Council and the City have done as much as they can, but he feels like they should take the next step in looking at Eminent Domain takings.

“I think we’ve done everything possibly allowed to the City Council,” he said. “I would argue that we can never do enough and one way is we could do like the City did years ago and use Eminent Domain and friendly takings. They did that with One North and Chelsea Clock to create economic development. Maybe we should look at other parts of the City...I don’t want to sit here and be reactionary to what’s going on with private development and don’t want my advocacy to be limited to testifying before the Zoning Board and then letting the market do what it does.”

The idea of Eminent Domain takings is controversial, but it was one used often when Chelsea was climbing out of receivership and beginning to develop thousands of new units in the Everett Avenue area of the city. Now Avellaneda said perhaps bringing that back in the neighborhoods and focusing on vacant lots could be a spark for affordable home ownership opportunities. He said it may or may not be possible, but he would certainly like to investigate the possibility.

That is especially true now due to the program initiated with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, whereby that City Board is looking to build affordable housing on City-owned properties.

“I don’t take the thought of Eminent Domain takings lightly, but maybe it takes bold, drastic action such as this to create opportunities for our residents,” she said.

Earlier in the meeting, resident and AHTF member Norieliz DeJesus said she supported the idea, and thought it could be a

way for her to become a homeowner. While she said her landlord has been wonderful throughout her life in Chelsea, she also would like the stability of being able to own a home in Chelsea – something that is now out of reach for her in the current market.

“I feel like one day as I continue to grow my family, that maybe I won’t be able to stay in Chelsea,” she said. “As we start to see open parcels and properties, those could be opportunities and we should be thinking of our existing Chelsea families as the first to get them. They will have great pride in Chelsea. They won’t be absentee landlords. Let’s keep this pipeline going.”

•OUTSIDE WAIVERS
Councillor Leo Robinson introduced a piece Monday night to look at the numbers of City employees now requesting waivers to move out of the City, yet still keep their City jobs. Several such waivers have come up over the last few years, with many people selling in the hot real estate market and moving elsewhere.

“We seem to be cultivating a workforce that is moving out of the City and we have a number of residents looking for employment,” he said. “A lot of people say it’s upward mobility and I’m not against that. But I would also like to see that upward mobility offered to more Chelsea residents. These City jobs and DPW jobs are jobs people got because they lived in Chelsea. I think we need to have a conversation about alternatives to all these waivers.”

Councillor Enio Lopez said he agreed with looking more into the matter.

“A while ago there was a person who moved to New Hampshire,” he said. “I think we have people in Chelsea looking for jobs. Giving these waivers to people moving away from the City, I’m against that. There are a lot of people that live in Chelsea that want to work.”

•FIREWORKS CONFERENCE

City Councillor Todd Taylor requested that the Council quickly move to schedule a Conference

works rocked the City and angered many residents as they went off all night long – a problem that affected many of the urban areas in Greater Boston.

Councillor Enio Lopez said he wanted to get the Conference scheduled soon as the fireworks season usually begins in late May.

“Last year it was crazy,” he said. “If people have the money to buy these fireworks, they can pay a fine. It was a disgrace last year.”

•CHELSEA EATS
The City Council voted 8-0 to approve another grant of \$500,000 from the Shah Family Foundation to fund the Chelsea Eats Debit Card. The program began last year and was aided by many who felt it was a pilot for a Universal Basic Income. So it is, much of the program has been funded by private donations, and this was the latest organization.

BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM ON HOLD

CHELSEA - The Council voted decidedly against a nearly \$300,000 expenditure that would have funded an extensive Beautification Program concentrated in the downtown areas, noting that there were more critical needs for the money at this time.

The Council voted 2-7 in the defeat, which had been championed for some time by Councillor Naomi Zabot.

“This is something I’m very, very passionate about,” said Zabot. “In terms of the pandemic and the financial situation we’re I, we are getting federal funding to fill in those gaps. According to our City Manager we are in a good place financially and the addition of even one more job in the community is helpful to the community...This money would go back to the community and we’re cleaning up the streets which has become increasingly harder for the DPW to clean up. It’s increasingly hard to keep streets clean and some neighborhoods are spotless and other neighborhoods are full of litter.”

Those voting for the plan were Zabot and Yamil Rodriguez. Those voting against were Council President Roy Avellaneda

and Councillors Giovanni Recupero, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Leo Robinson, Todd Taylor, Enio Lopez and Calvin Brown. Absent from the vote were Councillors Damali Vidot and Judith Garcia.

The plan, which has been discussed through the winter in long meetings and discussion about the priorities of the City right now. The plan would include one supervisor and 25 workers for 19 hours per week. Those workers would come at a cost of \$255,850 in salaries, and \$37,000 for materials. The total cost of the program was \$292,850, which City Manager Tom Ambrosino had requested from the Council Monday night from the Streets and Sidewalks accounts.

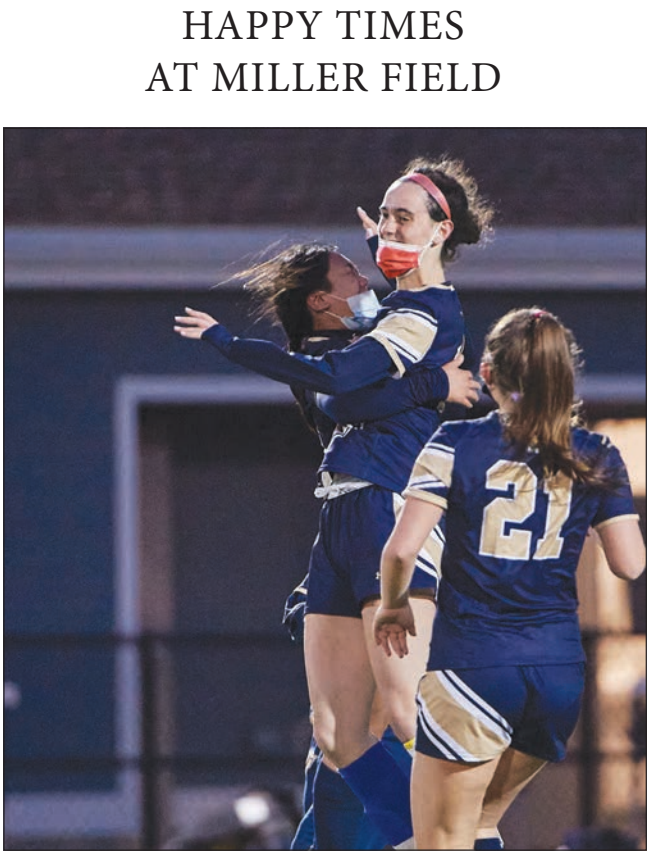
Most of the Council members did come down against the measure, not necessarily because they disagreed with Beautification efforts, but because they felt that the City wasn’t at a point where they could spend money on that when people still needed food.

“It’s just not the right time,” said Brown. “I can’t vote for it...I think we’re opening up a bad can of worms now.”

Avellaneda said he respects the idea, and had championed such measures in the past – including the MadVac effort in the early 2000s. However, he said there are just other priorities now and he wonders why Roca isn’t doing a better job with the money the City pays them to keep the streets clean.

“The problem I have with this is I’m not satisfied,” he said. “We still have money going out to a company like Roca. I don’t feel confident that we’re spending on a business like this and Roca at the same time. I think we need to evaluate the totality of the program and maybe we need to look at the program with Roca if they’re not doing the job needed for our neighborhoods. If not, we should look at whether or not they should be and maybe we should do something else.”

He said he was also disappointed that the program would only hire four youths, and the rest would be adults. He said it might be better to farm such a program out to the temporary agencies in Chelsea



Shown above, Maura Dorr and teammates celebrate Dorr’s second goal of the game that gave the Vikings a 2-0 lead over Boston Latin Monday at Miller Field. Latin battled back, however, and the game ended tied 2-2.

for the adults, and have the City focus on a program for youth only.

The matter cannot be brought back to the Council for another three months under Council rules.

COVID TEST POSITIVE TEST RATE INCREASES

EAST BOSTON - East Boston’s weekly COVID 19 positive test rate increased another 10 percent after reporting a 20 percent increase three weeks ago.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), last week, 2,017 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 6.6 percent were positive -- a 10 percent increase from the six percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago. The latest spike comes after Eastie reported an increase of 16 percent and 20 percent respectively week over week since late last month.

Of the 38,062 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 19 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was an increase of half a point from the 18.9 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

However, positive test

rates citywide decreased but still remain at the five percent threshold. According to the BPHC, 28,091 residents were tested and five percent were COVID positive--this was a 3.8 percent decrease from the 5.2 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago. The 5 percent threshold has been used to plan Boston’s phased reopening strategies.

Eastie’s COVID infection rate increased by 2 percent last week and went from 1,522.3 cases per 10,000 residents to 1553.2 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 175 Eastie residents contracted the virus and there are now 7,289 confirmed cases, up from the 7,144 reported two weeks ago.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 2.7 percent percent last week and went from 65,474 cases to 66,977 confirmed cases in a week. Five additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,358 total deaths in the city from COVID.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edison Delarosa to Red Balloon Capital, LLC, a Massachusetts Limited Liability Company, of 40 Everett Street, Middlesex County, Everett, Massachusetts, which mortgage is dated October 9, 2020, and recorded with Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds in Book 75858, Page 426, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction at 12:00 PM on the 7th day of May, 2021, on the mortgaged premises hereinafter referred to all and singular the

premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land in Everett, Massachusetts, depicted as Lot B and part of Lot 49 on a plan of land dated February 20, 2006 by Medford Engineering and Survey, Thomas M. Killion, PLS., consisting of 7,475 square feet of land, more or less, recorded herewith, being the land held by Grantors pursuant to a deed dated December 30, 1998 and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 29877, Page 554, and a deed dated December 30, 1998 and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 29877, Page 555 bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the most Northeasterly point of land of owner’s unknown, thence running in a Westerly direction fifty (50) feet by Lot A; thence running in a Southerly direction two hundred

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Street. 40 Everett Street, Everett, MA 02149 - Parcel ID; D0-04-000178
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es now and at the time of said auction which tenancies and occupation are subject to the Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the Mortgaged Premises, and also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances, if any of the foregoing there be. Terms of Sale: Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) will be required to be paid by bank or certified check (subject to collection) at the time and place of sale as earnest money The balance is to be paid by bank or certified check (subject to collection) within 30 days thereafter provided such days is on which the Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds is open for Business, and if not, then on the next day on which said Registry is open for business. Time is of the essence. The

successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale containing the above terms at Auction Sale. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the Mortgaged Premises according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the Mortgaged Premises by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee’s attorneys, INDEGLIA LUTRARIO the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after its receipt of written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within

twenty (20) days of its delivery of the required deposit to the Mortgagee’s attorneys. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later time and date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone the sale at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. Purchaser shall be responsible for costs of documentary stamps. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale. Red Balloon Capital, LLC By its attorneys, INDEGLIA LUTRARIO Attorneys at Law The Summit East 300 Centerville Road Warwick, RI 02886 401.886.9240 4/14/21, 4/21/21, 4/28/21 EV

LEGAL NOTICE

Everett Housing Authority Notice of Comment Period & Public Hearing
The Everett Housing Authority is required by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and 24 CFR 903, issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on October 21, 1999 to review its procedures and policies annually. The Housing Agency Plan is a comprehensive document that describes aspects of the EHA’s Federal program. A public comment period commences on April 26, 2021 and will end the close of business June 10, 2021. The EHA has made no changes to its current goals, objectives or policies but will accept comments on our current policies in writing or on audiotape during this period. A Public Hearing

will be held on or about June 22, 2021. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, this meeting will be held virtually. Further details will be posted at a later date. Comments may be submitted orally at the hearing, emailing the housing authority office, or by submitting written comments to the Everett Housing Authority Office located at 393 Ferry Street, Everett MA 02149. For reasonable accommodation requests contact the housing authority. The EHA plans and policies are available for review at the main office during regular office hours. The telephone number for the Housing Authority is (617) 387-6389. Dominic Puleo, Chairman Date: April 20, 2021 4/21/21 EV

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

First Everett High School steeped in local educational history

(The following is an occasional feature in the Independent based on the City’s 2018 Historic Property Survey done to note the many little-known historically significant properties within the city.)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The former Everett High School building is a notable example of Queen Anne-style architecture, originally constructed in 1892 and doubled in size by a nearly identical addition to the west in 1905. A major fire in 1982 destroyed the roof and the interior but the exterior has been carefully renovated to its former glory. The large brick building has decorative details in terra cotta and brownstone including a brownstone beltcourse, brick band, and classically-inspired moldings including bead and reel and egg and dart. It is capped by a high hip roof sheathed in slate with six massive, paneled brick chimneys. What is basically a rectangular plan is enlivened by two hip roofed projections on the façade which are connected by a single-story, triple arched entrance portico. The two front projections as well as the ends of the building are capped by stepped gable wall dormers that break through the cornice. Decorative finials top the dormers as well as the other roof peaks and intersections. The variety of windows include double-hung 1/1 units with transoms and flat arch brick lintels and stone sills used individually, in pairs and most often, in sets of three. The entrance on the west end is set in a Richardsonian arch with a pedimented door surround with dentil details. Above this there is a set of three diamond-paned windows above which is a brownstone balcony lacking a

balustrade but supported by massive decorative consoles adorned with classical motifs including dentils, wreaths with ribbons, and spools.

The building is set back slightly from the Summer Street sidewalk with a curving driveway in front of the entrance. There is a small planted area in front of the building with lawn and evergreens. Mortared stone walls flank the driveways on either end of building that extend down to the lower level parking lot behind the building. In the 1920s an addition was constructed to the southwest of the school but this is no longer extant.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

This building, the first purpose-built high school erected in Everett, was constructed in 1893 and nearly doubled in size with an addition in 1905. After the town of Everett separated from Malden in 1870 a high school first operated in the Old Center School house, moving to the third floor of the Masonic Building in 1872 and from there to the Locust Street schoolhouse in 1875 where it remained until 1881. In 1882 it moved to the Church Street schoolhouse until the new building was constructed on Summer Street. From 1882 to 1892 the number of students in the high school increased from 20 to 92, necessitating the construction of a separate building. In March 1892 an appropriation of \$6,500 was made for the purchase of a lot. Loring & Phipps were retained to prepare plans which were submitted to the town in May 1892. Ground was broken in August 1892 and the building was dedicated on September 30, 1893. The school was opened to 175 students on Monday, October 2, 1892. The new



Figure 1
Original 1893 building (prior to 1905 addition)
Source: Everett Public Library, Everett, Mass., accessed February 5, 2018, <https://digitalheritage.noblenet.org/everett/items/show/40>.

building had a capacity of 550 students. The contractors were Fessenden & Libby.

The 1893 School Committee Report provides a detailed description of the new building:

The building is of brick laid in red mortar, with light sandstone trimmings. It is ninety three feet six inches wide and with its front and rear projections has a floor space of seven thousand, three hundred and twelve feet. The following cuts show clearly the arrangement of the rooms on the various floors and especially the system of heating and ventilating. From a fan located in the basement a large supply of fresh air, partially heated, is driven to all rooms. By use of a coil pipe in each flue it is given the required temperature before it enters the room.

The classrooms have an abundance of light from the left and the rear; the corridors are well lighted and present a very attractive appearance with their open dressing rooms. The stairs are iron with rubber tread. The interior finish is ash with hard pine floors. The third floor is devoted to science. A lecture room with seating capacity of eighty, is connected on one side to a chemical laboratory and on the other side to a physical laboratory. Here are also the light and dark rooms, and the observatory is reached by 52

steps from this floor. This is covered with a revolving copper dome, built by M.M. Lowe Company of Boston and contains the latest in dome construction.

In 1905 the capacity of the high school was nearly doubled by the construction of an addition on the west end of the original building. The addition included a manual training room in the basement, chemical and laboratories on the third floor, a lunch room, typewriting room and library as well as classrooms. The total number of new rooms was 28, including those remodeled in the original building, making a total of 30 rooms with a seating capacity of 640. The addition also included the remodeling of the assembly hall with a new stage. Loring & Phipps again served as architects for the addition. The architects also designed a single-story addition for manual training purposes in 1912.

By 1920 the high school was over-crowded and planning began for a new building. The new Everett High School was opened at 548 Broadway in 1922 and the old high school building on Summer Street served as the Junior High School until 1932. A wing was constructed (or expanded) to the west in 1924 or 1927 to house the manual training shops and a gymnasium. It was de-



Figure 4
Building after 1982 fire
Source: MACRIS

signed by the F.I. Cooper Corporation. This building is no longer extant.

When the Junior High moved to the expanded Parlin School at 587 Broadway in 1932, the Summer Street building became the Fairfield Whitney School. It was named after long-time Superintendent of Schools, Fairfield Whitney (1862-1944) who resigned in 1932 after 22 years of service. The building was used as a Trade School. In 1942 it changed its curriculum and was renamed Everett Vocational High School. It continued to serve that purpose until the late 1970s. In 1982 the vacant building was damaged by a major fire that destroyed the upper floors and most of the interior. The property was subsequently conveyed by the City of Everett to Whitney House Associates who rehabilitated the building for 50 units of affordable housing. It is now known as Whitney Lorenti House.

The original building was designed by the Boston firm of Loring & Phipps (George F. Loring and Sanford Phipps). George F. Loring (1851-1918) was a resident of Somerville and established a partnership with Sanford Phipps (1850-1921) in 1884. The firm designed the Masonic Temple in Boston as well

as the Somerville Public Library and Masonic Building, various churches, libraries, and schools. Among their other works in Everett were the Central Fire Station and the chapel at Woodlawn Cemetery (1910).

The former Everett High School appears to be eligible for listing in the National Register on the local level under Criterion A, Education, and Criterion C, Architecture. This building, the first purpose-built high school erected in Everett, was constructed in 1893 and nearly doubled in size with an addition in 1905. It continued to educate Everett’s children, at different levels, into the 1970s. The building is also eligible architecturally as a notable example of Queen Anne style architecture. Both the original building and 1905 addition were designed by Boston architects Loring & Phipps who also designed Everett’s Central Fire Station and the Chapel at Woodlawn Cemetery. Although a 1982 fire destroyed the roof of the former school and the interior, it appears to retain sufficient integrity for listing on the National Register. The period of significance spans from 1893 to 1968, based on National Register guidelines for a 50 year cut-off for historic significance.

TSA seeks input on mobile driver’s licenses to inform REAL ID rulemaking

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published a request for information in the Federal Register seeking information about security standards and technologies concerning mobile driver’s licenses. Responses to the request for information will support future DHS/TSA rulemaking to update the REAL ID Act implementing regulation to accommodate mobile driver’s licenses.

Mobile driver’s licenses are digital representations of physical driver’s licenses, and are typically accessed via an app installed on a smartphone. Conceptually, mobile driver’s licenses are similar to digital representations of physical credit cards that are accessed via apps installed on smartphones. DHS and TSA are interested in mobile driver’s licenses because, compared to physical driver’s licenses, mobile driver’s licenses could provide greater security to TSA and all federal agencies verifying an individual’s identity, stronger privacy protections to individuals, and health and safety benefits to all users by enabling touchless identity verification.

“The TSA workforce comprises teams of security-focused innovators who look for opportunities to improve security and the trav-

eler experience across the nation’s transportation network,” said Darby LaJoye, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the TSA Administrator. “The mobile driver’s license is one emerging technology example, and TSA is interested in exploring its incorporation into our identity verification processes.”

The Request for Information, solicits comments and input regarding technical approaches, applicable industry standards and best practices to ensure that mobile driver’s licenses can be issued and authenticated with features that ensure security, privacy and identity fraud detection. Comments may be submitted until June 18, 2021.

The REAL ID Act applies to mobile and digital driver’s licenses and identification cards. To enable federal agency acceptance of mobile driver’s licenses for “official purposes,” which the REAL ID Act defines as including access to federal facilities, nuclear power plants, and boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft, the REAL ID Act implementing regulation requires an update to accommodate mobile driver’s licenses. This request for information will inform potential updates to the regulation.

For more information on REAL ID, please visit TSA.gov.

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St. Mary’s and Our Lady of Grace are becoming a new parish

By Stephen W. Fielding

A seamless and natural transition to become a new parish is currently taking place between St. Mary of the Assumption Church of Revere and Our Lady of Grace Church serving Chelsea and Everett that includes a beautiful, spiritual Haitian community and a growing Vietnamese community. The newly-formed parish will be named with suggestions from Fr. John Sheridan, Pastor, the staff of both churches, and the parishioners of each church. Final approval for a new parish name will be made by Cardinal Sean O’Malley who received three final proposals last week. To be clear: Each church will retain its current name and unique history.

Both churches have shared one pastor and have been working together for ten years, the last three as a collaborative. Fr. Jim Barry was initially the pastor for seven years for both churches. Fr. John Sheridan began his tenure as pastor three years ago this

coming June when the collaborative was officially formed. Being a builder of parishes, relationships, and collaboratives, he has brought a special spirituality and deep-rooted faith, joyful exuberance, and a very down-to-earth personality that is contagious and appreciated by the congregation of both churches. Through his motivation, the designation Morning Star Catholic Collaborative and the collaborative logo was created with participation by all. As a side note: Morning Star is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. Since both churches are named after her, albeit with different titles, it is hoped that the new parish name will reflect the collaborative’s current name or one attributed to her.

Fr. John recently posted a letter to all parishioners on www.morningstarcatholic.org, the Morning Star Catholic Collaborative Facebook page, presented this news at all recent masses, and spoke to parishioners on his weekly Monday video to parishioners called

“A Word From Our Sponsor”. He stated, “Most of what we need to do we’ve been doing for years, and in many ways, there will be no noticeable difference in the daily life of our families. This will not affect our particular churches - St. Mary’s church and Our Lady of Grace church, our buildings and facilities and programs will remain as they are - we will have one parish. This merger will simply allow us to streamline what we do and make it easier and better. Both have so much to give- Our Lady of Grace’s history and dedication to social action, Generations of Faith, a strong and vital Haitian community and a strong Prattville community; St. Mary of the Assumption’s energy, social interaction and Faith Formation program- and our united commitment to St. Joseph Parish in L’Asile, Haiti - both parishes serve as homes to groups and organizations; we share staff members, musicians and clergy.”

Fr. John continued, “Folks from both parishes have been meeting for months to build a Pastoral Council. The next step for our two parish families is to strengthen our bonds for a strong future for our faith communities. We will also embrace a new name for our parish. Both parish families are dedicated to Mary - and that identity is important to us. I trust that we can, inspired by the Blessed Mother, find the right name. I hope that we will be able to keep the Morning Star in the new name, to be able to keep and share the beautiful image of our Blessed Mother. Please keep in mind that our church names will remain Our Lady of Grace and St. Mary’s - it is our combined parish name that we are developing. I sincerely believe that this is

in the best interests of our families, each of us and all of us. There have already been 16 parish mergers since last March throughout the Archdiocese, in towns like Medford, Lynn and Lynnfield, so this is far from new. Through it all, I ask your prayers and support. We have been aligning our parish families for quite a while, and we already share so much - it makes sense that at this point, particularly in this rather difficult time, we would share even more. Parishioner’s generosity has been a blessing. The fact remains that financially, neither parish can exist on their respective collections, even pre-pandemic, an essential element of a parish’s viability. I’m happy to report that we have a business manager, Linda McElwaney, to help us look ahead. Yet I am concerned that with low attendance in both churches (even before this pandemic), the weekly collections will not be able to cover the basics without going through the funds we have, but combined, we can build on each other’s strengths. The loss of Bingo, the Women’s Club’s Christmas calendar, the Christmas Bazaar, the preschool program at St. Mary’s, the Flea Market and the several fundraisers held throughout the year have taken a significant toll on us. Even with a return to these activities, which I look forward to in the near future, it will take a long time to get back to pre-pandemic interest and numbers.”

Linda DeCristoforo has been Pastoral Associate for both churches for many years and has been a vital part of both staffs. Linda holds Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Emmanuel College and earned a Master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry from the



Fr. John Sheridan, Pastor (right) and Linda DeCristoforo, Pastoral Associate (left) are ready to lead St. Mary of the Assumption, Revere and Our Lady of Grace, Chelsea/Everett through the process to become one parish with a new name. Each church will retain their individual names and identities.

Institute for Pastoral Ministry for Religious Education with a concentration in Liturgy and Worship at Boston College. Her steady, unwavering faith and self-assuring spirituality solidifies her inner strength that is very evident when she speaks to you. Her leadership role in faith formation, various parish ministries and services, and liturgy and worship are quite respected and appreciated by all parishioners. She and Fr. John are truly remarkable people with complementary personalities that certainly radiates positiveness and togetherness for both church communities. Linda expressed excitement with the new merger and offered, “All faith formation programs, confirmations, communions, religious education programs, all ministers (lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.) together, will present new opportunities and not a real change.”

Fr. John is clearly excited for both churches and the parishioners of the

newly formed parish whose name is expected to be approved in the next several months. “This good, great for the future. It will certainly help us. Now we have great hope, joy, and expectations, and can focus on families and children, and brining everyone together in fully filled church soon! We have bog plans. As I say we should look up and look ahead.”

He emphasized, “During this pandemic we have so many volunteers to ensure protocols were kept- from temperature takers, contact tracers. People sanitizing the churches, cleaners, so many, many people who gave their time and put themselves at risk. I am humbled and grateful.”

So, now is definitely a time to look up and look ahead as St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Revere and Our Lady of Grace Church, Chelsea/Everett await approval of their new parish name while keeping their current church names in a seamless and natural transition.

OBITUARIES

Florence Ruth Snook

Wonderful, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, homemaker and wife

Florence Ruth (Tranielo) Snook, a lifelong resident of Everett, graduated from Everett High School in 1947. She attended the Whidden Hospital Nursing Program in Everett before she married Winson and began her family.

Florence was a wonderful, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, homemaker and wife. She was also very active at the First Congregational Church in Chelsea; always baking for special events and there were many.

Florence worked as a nurse’s aide early on and then eventually went back to school where she received her Associate’s degree from Bunker Hill Community College. She worked as a teacher’s aide at the Hamilton School in Everett. Following that, she worked in the billing department at the Massachusetts General Hospital for 20 years, retiring at age 65.

Florence traveled many places after her children grew up and left home. She traveled all over the country with Winson as part of the Shriner’s Organization. Wherever Florence went she brought love. On her last day on earth she said, “The world is a wonderful place. Spread love. Love one another. Take care of one another. Be kind to one another.” Her best friend and sister-in-law Ethel, once said, “If the car is go-



ing, Florence will be in it.” She has taken her last ride on earth but as she said, “I am ready for my next adventure.”

The beloved wife of Winson C. Snook of Everett with whom she shared 71 years of marriage, she is the devoted mother of JoAnn L. Kelly of New Hampshire, Robert W. Snook of Florida, Richard D. Snook and Dennis J. Snook, both of Washington, John D. Snook of Billerica, Douglas K. Snook of Bellingham and Christopher M. Snook of Everett; sister of the late Vincent, Joseph, Jack Traniello and Rose Sokolowski and is also lovingly survived by 15 grand-children and eight great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea today, Wednesday, April 21 from 3 to 7 p.m. Florence’s funeral services will be conducted in the Funeral Home on Thursday at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery in Everett.

In compliance with State COVID-19 Phase IV regulations, the Funeral Home is allowed a 50 person capacity limit. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter. We encourage family and friends to visit www.carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Legislative majorities support lifting children out of deep poverty

Over 100 legislators (21 Senators, 86 Representatives) have co-sponsored ‘An Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty’ sponsored by Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representative Marjorie Decker. This legislation would raise maximum cash assistance grants by 20% a year until they reach half of the federal poverty level, \$915/month for a family of three. Families living below half the poverty level are considered to be in Deep Poverty. Under the bill, grants would reach Deep Poverty in July 2023 and then would keep pace with inflation as the poverty level goes up.

Raising cash assistance grants would help meet the basic needs of 26,000 families with children and 20,000 elders and persons with disabilities.

“It is simply unacceptable that we have nearly 50,000 children in this Commonwealth living so far below half the federal poverty level,” said Senator DiDomenico, the lead sponsor of the Senate bill. “Lifting Kids Out of Deep Poverty must be one of the highest priorities for the legislative session. We have made great progress but we still have work to do. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the Legislature to make this happen.”

The Legislature took the historic first step of raising benefits by 10% in the FY 21 budget. But the maximum TAFDC grant for a family of three with no income is still only \$652/month. Governor Baker’s FY 2022 budget proposed

to roll back the 10% increase, leaving grants frozen at their levels from a generation ago.

“Poverty is not an identity, it is the result of policy choices” said Representative Decker. “It is critically important that we increase assistance to families. This will continue to be a choice we make. Last year, we made an important step in the right direction by increasing Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Emergency Assistance to Elderly, Disabled and Children for the first time in over 20 years with a 10% increase. I am thankful to the majority of our colleagues in the House and Senate who agree that we must continue increasing assistance. The Governor has a strong record of trying to reduce resources to the most economically vulnerable. While he is try-

ing to roll back the increase of \$31 for the elderly and children with disabilities, we know that now is the time to expand resources.”

“We are thankful for legislators’ commitment to making sure kids have what they need,” said Deborah Harris, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, one of the Coalition’s lead organizations. “Over the years, cash assistance grants have lost value to inflation, leaving families with children struggling in deep poverty. Parents can’t afford basic necessities like diapers, cleaning supplies, and internet access. They run out of money for food. It is time to take the next step to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty.”

“No one should be living in deep poverty,” said Naomi Meyer of Greater Boston Legal Services, another of the Coalition’s

lead organizations. “Children and families who receive cash assistance face tremendous hardship, making difficult decisions every day in order to survive. Increasing cash assistance grants would help them make ends meet and make a real difference in their lives.”

The Lift Our Kids Coalition, comprised of 146 organizations, formed in late 2016 to advocate for repeal of the welfare family cap, the law that barred benefits for children conceived while the family received assistance. The Legislature repealed the family cap in 2019, overriding the Governor’s veto of the repeal by an almost unanimous vote. The Coalition then successfully advocated for a 10% increase in cash assistance grants that went into effect in January 2021.

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

book page, “Zion Church Ministries.”

For more information, they can be reached on-line 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

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

Mystic Side
Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3 p.m. Haitian Creole.

Come all and let us walk together in this season of

hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Grace Anglican
Episcopal Church
67 Norwood Street,
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Church Phone
617-387-7526 or
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Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

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

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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

Bring a Book-Buy a 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
Parish
489 Broadway
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Phone 617-389-5660

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

NA Meetings – Mon.

Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can’t But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women’s Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

We are on the Internet
<http://www.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
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