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Council votes for in-house ambulance

By Seth Daniel

It was a busy evening July 8 for the Fire Service in Everett, as the City Council squared off in a debate on whether or not to fund the in-house ambulance effort, and heard the long-awaited results of a comprehensive Fire Study commissioned by the City.

The Council did vote in the ambulance 10-0, but only after a push was made by Councilor Michael McLaughlin to cut the ambulance funding – which failed by a vote of 3-7.

The focus of the evening was squarely on the ambulance funding, which was a \$250,000 expenditure in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that would be used to purchase the first ambulance in the effort. The City has already hired 18 new firefighter/EMTs for the move, and all are currently in training with Cataldo Ambulance for the EMT certification. Most will head to the Fire Academy this summer and fall. With 67 percent of calls over the last five years for medical calls, the City is looking to transition the Fire Service to not only fight fires, but also to respond to ambulance calls in the City – a major

change whose timing has been question by the Fire Union, thus creating some controversy on the vote July 8.

The issue for the union has been that this is a major change, and needs to be talked out first and negotiated. While they back the concept, they want their manpower numbers to be restored to 102 firefighters before embarking on the ambulance crusade.

That was the backdrop for a vigorous debate that’s been boiling for several months, and has been mixed up at the same time in the comprehensive fire study – which looked at the ambulance and many other aspects of the Fire Service.

“The ambulance is coming,” said Chief Tony Carli. “(The union) said it; I said it. It’s coming. At the end, there will be an ambulance so let’s vote it through and get the ball rolling and maybe that will light a fire under us to get the negotiations done. There is enough staff.”

Inserted Union President Craig Hardy, “That is an opinion. That’s not law.”

Hardy said they just want to understand the change first, but there has been little effort thus far

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Everett’s Haitian community upset over assassination

By Seth Daniel

Politics in Everett can be more than enough for a person to handle, but for the large Haitian American community in Everett, the assassination of former Haitian President Jovenel Moise – though thousands of miles in their home country – feels like a politician event that happened right next door.

Moise was assassinated in the night at his presidential home last week, potentially by mercenaries from Colombia. The event has developed into a wide range of conspiracies and unknowns as the international investigation has plugged on, and some are already calling it the Haitian version of the Kennedy Assassination. Here in Everett the feelings following the event are deep and hurtful – local leaders said.

“It’s demoralizing,” said Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers of the Everett Haitian Community Center (EHCC). “I know it is very far away from here, but for us it’s like it happened here in Everett and the communities around us... It is just such a demoralizing thing for the community, and it’s a community that has been dealing with COVID-19 on top of this. We’ve had special prayers at the Center for Haiti and

our family members and friends there. It’s not easy for our community at this time...Being far away, you feel powerless. It becomes numbing.”

Everett is a unique place for the Haitian American community as it hosts one of the most dense clusters of the community in Greater Boston. While Haitian Americans live in almost every community around Boston now, Everett is believed to have more than 20,000 Haitian residents – or about one-third of the entire City population. So, an act in Haiti may be far away, but it resonates very strongly in a place like Everett where that community finds itself in shock.

Moise was a controversial figure, and many did not support him due to the way he ruled – which in his final days was mostly by edict and what many thought was a power grab to change the Haitian Constitution. However, politics aside, many here feel like it’s the overall act of killing the president of a nation so casually that hurts the most.

“The biggest thing I’ve been hearing in the community is that people are just very upset that assassins went into a country and murdered a president – poking his eyes out and

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With high school mentors and Everett Police on hand, the annual Jr. Police Academy is meeting this week at EHS and out in the field.

Right, English Learner (EL) program student Estefani Sorto takes a break from academics to work on a puzzle with teacher Marissa McQueeney. EL students and parents overwhelmingly asked for in-person learning this summer to help mitigate the education setbacks brought on by COVID-19 online learning.



High School offers innovative programs to get kids back into the school groove

By Seth Daniel

Everett High School (EHS) has never been so full of life in July, but with an unprecedented slate of summer programs and summer learning on the plate, the high school has set out on a historic summer journey to help students find purpose and place and get ready for the September return to school.

All over the district, the Everett Public School summer program has excelled in offering the widest-range of summer learning and activities than they’ve ever offered. However, the EHS programming has combined summer

learning recovery with interesting programs with new and different partners.

Principal Erik Naumann and Asst. Principal Cory McCarthy (who is transition into the role of the district’s Chief Equity Officer) have put together the program that McCarthy said is more vigorous than most districts in the state.

“It is an historic summer,” said McCarthy, who started early in putting together the EHS summer programs. “It would be hard to find better programming anywhere in the state than what we have here this summer.”

Principal Naumann said he and McCarthy put together the plan, and McCarthy executed it and they are excited now to have kids in the building for their second week.

“Most schools and districts are behind and trying to play catch-up right now,” said Naumann. “Mr. McCarthy took the initiative to get ahead. He went above and beyond to make sure the students of Everett were ready for summer learning and summer programming...It certainly is the best summer programming we’ve ever had.”

The program exists in several components, with a stress on summer learning/credit recovery, English Learners (ELs) classes, social-emotional learning support and being active

again.

Lucy DiNatale is coordinating the summer learning portion and helping students recover credits they may have lost due to failing or performing poorly in classes during the COVID remote year – a year that was particularly tough socially, emotionally and academically for high school students above any others.

“We’re helping them recover any credits they might have missed,” she said. “Because of COVID and Zooming all year, it was difficult for everyone. We want to help them get back on track for September

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Ward-only changes require patience when getting signatures

By Seth Daniel

The change to a ward-only voting process for Ward Councilors and Ward School Committee seats has been a bit of an unknown for the first few months of the municipal election process, but now candidates and Election officials are saying the first change is a more difficult process in collecting signatures.

Now limited to only collecting 100 signatures of residents in their respective wards, and interacting with a public still skittish from COVID about door-knocking, candidates in the wards are finding it takes more patience and time to get on the ballot than it did previously. Under the new

Charter Changes, candidates must pull Nomination Papers and get 100 signatures of registered voters in the ward they wish to represent. Previously, they could get signatures citywide from voters and voting for wards was done citywide. With a voting rights lawsuit hanging over their heads on the matter, the Council voted last year for the ward-only change, and it was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Lt. Governor earlier this year.

This is the first time, right now, that ward candidates for Council and School Committee have been out trying to qualify for the ballot under the new system. So far the word is that many won’t answer their doors due to

continuing COVID fears, and getting signatures is harder than it once was.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said he has already noticed the increased difficulty, and noted that maybe the wards could be adjusted downward in the future. The state law requires only 25 signatures, but Everett has always moved that number much higher.

“It’s definitely harder and definitely more difficult to get signatures in a ward,” he said. “Knocking doors is increasingly more difficult with Ring doorbells. People can see you and they won’t answer. I’ve been out there checking it out and it’s definitely more difficult than eight years ago when I ran. The incumbents have it easier

because they can call up people within their existing voter base. I’ve been hearing these candidates are finding it more difficult and I agree with that. Still, I think we did the right thing in making the change. It was the right thing to do.”

First time School Committee candidate Cady Steinberg said it has been more difficult than she expected, as she had learned from the experiences of others who were under the old citywide system. However, she said she has pushed through and utilized patience and persistence.

“I would agree it’s definitely been challenging,” she said. “I submitted (sig-

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Councilor and mayoral candidate Fred Capone spent the past week of his campaign door knocking all over the neighborhood. Here, he stopped at the family home (top) to take a shot with his mother, Rose, and brothers, Rich, Vin and Ron, while campaigning. Meanwhile, sign-holding in Everett Square was another activity that moved ahead no matter what the weather. Above, Capone is pictured with his wife, Michele, and supporter Karen Garofalo.

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nature) sheets Monday and am waiting to hear back on how many have been certified. I think the ward-only aspect is great in that I'm interacting with the folks that I'm representing, but I think the limitation, coupled with the terrible weather we've been having, has made it hard to get out and knock on doors. However, I do have to say my team and I were out (Sunday) and I think we did pretty well."

Steinberg was certified for the ballot later on Monday, July 12.

Incumbent Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins has been elected under the old citywide system, and now is learning how to campaign under the new ward-only system. She said it takes patience and a new way of strategizing.

"Running citywide broadens the pool of residents that can sign our papers," she said. "A city-wide candidate can stop in front of a busy store, intersection, or event and get certified faster. Everywhere you go you find registered voters that can sign your papers. As strictly a ward candidate, our reach is more limited now. Residents feel uncomfortable answering their door because of COVID, so the best strategy has been to reach out to people directly and schedule a time to stop by. That is more personal, but takes longer than the at-large process."

Completed Nomination Papers to get on the September or November ballot are due on July 23. The City Clerk has until Aug. 6 to fully certify Nomination Papers and set the ballot.

- SNAFU IN WARD SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT REMAINS

The controversial Charter Change from last winter reared its head once again last week when it was discovered that one stipulation that passed the State Legislature was difference from what was passed by the City Council.

The issue was related to the numbers of signatures

required for ward candidates for Council and School Committee. The Council had discussed, negotiated and voted to require that 125 signatures be required for ward candidates. That was moved on to the State Legislature for passage, but outside attorneys KP Law and Clerk Cornelio made a clerical error when the moved it on, making it only 100 signatures required instead of 125.

The 100 signature requirement ended up passing the Legislature and was signed into law without anyone realizing the problem.

It was discovered last week, and Cornelio notified every one of the new standard. The 100 signature requirement will be left as it is. Cornelio said it actually helps candidates, particularly non-incumbents. Had it been mistakenly revised upward, they might have taken action, but since it lowers the threshold, he said no action will be taken.

- CANDIDATE UPDATE

Candidates are quickly qualifying for the ballot this week, as the field begins to look settled in most every race up for grabs.

Already, last month, all three mayoral candidates qualified for the ballot, and while it's the biggest race, that's been set for some time.

The Council at-large race is really taking shape now, with many now on the ballot or just about to be on. Those that are certified for at-large Council are:

- Angelmari DiNunzio
- Councilor Michael Marchese
- Councilor Rich Dell Isola
- Stephanie Smith
- James LaVecchio
- Allen Panarese (currently a School Committeeman)
- Kenneth Gianelli
- Councilor John Hanlon
- Irene Cardillo

Candidate Guerline Alcy continues to seek signatures, and James Mastrocola has not turned in signatures yet. Catherine Tomassi Hicks withdrew from the race.

In Ward 1, Council-

or Wayne Matewsky has qualified, and in Ward 2 Stephanie Martins has qualified, while her potential challenger Jason Marcus has withdrawn. In Ward 3, Councilor Anthony DiPierro was certified on Monday, and a challenger in Ward 3 has pulled Papers, Darren Costa. In Ward 4, Councilor Jimmy Tri Le has qualified, and challenger Holly Garcia has also qualified.

In Ward 5, Councilor Rosa DiFlorio has qualified for the ballot and challenger Vivian Nguyen is still seeking signatures. The Ward 6 race has been set since last month, and will feature Candidates Al Lattanzi and Ross Pietrantonio.

The School Committee at-large race got interesting two weeks ago when current at-large member Millie Cardello withdrew and became certified in the Ward 1 race.

Those certified in the at-large race include:

- Margaret Cornelio
- Member Cynthia Sar-nie
- Bernie D'Onofrio
- Member Joe LaMonica

Challenger Jennie Montesor took out papers last week for at-large and Ward 5, and Challenger Robert Santacroce is still pursuing signatures.

In the Ward 2 race, Challengers Jason Marcus and Cady Steinberg will face off and are set on the ballot. Ward 3 has been a very interesting spot for the School Committee, with current Chair Frank Parker stepping aside last month, and Veterans Agent Jeanne Cristiano stepping in and being certified. Some more drama unfolded on June 30 when Samantha Hurley took out Papers for Ward 3.

In Ward 4, Member Dana Murray and Challenger Mike Mangan are still pursuing signatures and no one is yet certified for the ballot. In Ward 5, Member Marcony Almeida Barros has been certified, and a new potential challenger emerged last week in Montesor.

In Ward 6, Challenger Catherine Tomassi Hicks has been certified, but Member Tom Abruzzese is still seeking signatures and so is current Councilor Michael McLaughlin. Challenger Renee Solano is also still seeking signatures.

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Everett man arrested for Malden shooting

Staff Report

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Malden Police Chief Kevin Molis have confirmed that Brian Butler, 30 of Everett, was arrested this morning without incident in an Ashland home. He was arraigned in Malden District Court in connection with the fatal shooting of Erin Fitzgibbon, 30 of Everett.

Police have also arrested Cody DiGaetano, 24 of Chelsea in connection with allegedly helping Butler flee the scene and provide transportation to Ashland after the shooting. DiGaetano has been charged with accessory after the fact to an armed robbery and accessory after the fact to assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

“Erin Fitzgibbon’s death was the tragic result of her being in the wrong place at

the wrong time. We recognize that for her loved ones and for the public last night was a long night wondering about the whereabouts of Mr. Butler,” said District Attorney Marian Ryan. “We believe that as a result of the media attention on this case an individual known to the persons involved in this incident was able to help move our investigation forward in locating Mr. Butler. We are grateful for everyone’s patience and vigilance in this case.”

The subsequent investigation into this incident, including witness interviews and video surveillance, revealed that following the fatal shooting the suspect was allegedly driven from the scene in a green Honda by Cody DiGaetano. The two men allegedly travelled to Ashland where Butler remained overnight.

Last night police were able to locate the vehicle in Chelsea and subsequently determined the location of Butler. He was arrested on July 7 by Massachusetts State Police and Malden Police with the assistance of Ashland police.

Butler has been charged with murder, armed home invasion, armed assault with intent to murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm and possession of a loaded firearm.

This is an active and ongoing investigation being conducted by the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office, Malden Police and Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the District Attorney’s Office. The Massachusetts State Police STOP team and the Massachusetts State Police negotiation team also assisted.

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to engage with the union on what he described as a “big change” in working conditions.

“There’s so much to talk about,” he said. “We’re opposed to beginning an ambulance before we get our numbers back up to 102. We need to do a lot more things before purchasing an ambulance and putting the cart before the horse...Our membership isn’t opposed to it, but we need to talk about and negotiate it. This is a big change for our membership.”

A lot of the decision-making on the ambulance was based on the comments and recommendations about the ambulance in the Fire Study – which covered much more than just the ambulance.

Donald Bliss, of Municipal Resources, conducted the Fire Study and heavily recommended the in-house ambulance transition – and when pushed he said there was enough staff on board to staff both fire and ambulance.

“It’s our opinion that you can staff an ambulance and staff your Fire Department operations,” he said.

Hardy pointed out that Bliss also mentioned in the Study that the Fire Service should be restored by using a long-lingering federal grant to hire eight firefighters. The City has balked at that grant, called the SAFER grant, as it only funds the first few years of the firefighter salary, and then the City has to pay moving forward. Hardy pointed out that Bliss said the City should use the SAFER grant to hire eight firefighters, and then when the grant is running out, new revenues from the in-house ambulance service could cover the costs of those firefighters.

Overall, Bliss was very high on the idea of the City running its own service, and said he recommended they start with one



Fire Study Author Donald Bliss told the Council that he believes the Fire Department has the staffing to operate an ambulance service and staff fire operations. It was a key piece of advice that helped the Council decide to go forward with funding the City’s in-house ambulance initiative. Fire Chief Tony Carli looks on.

ambulance, and continue contracting with Cataldo Ambulance during the transition. He said he recommended having a final number of three ambulances and one spare to cover all of the City’s calls – implemented over time.

“I can give you a very clear and unequivocal answer to the questions about running an ambulance, and the answer is yes,” he said. “Fire-based EMS ambulance service is not only effective for patient care, but also is a cost-effective utilization of you City resources, personnel and equipment. It provides a high-quality of service to the citizens of the city. We believe a Fire-based service will not only improve response times, but also provide a revenue stream to cover the cost of that service... As you move forward and take on more and more of the transport calls, your revenue stream will cover more than enough of the cost for the ambulance and the staffing.”

That strong testimony, in the end, was likely what propelled the measure to an approval – as it has been an initiative stuck before the Council for some nine months or more.

Hardy said the union was disappointed that the Council went forward before tending to their concerns, but reiterated they don’t oppose the concept



Fire Union President Craig Hardy asked the Council to wait on purchasing the ambulance, noting that all of the details have yet to be worked out with the Union and its membership.

of having the Fire Service operate and staff an in-house ambulance service.

“At the end of the day, they did spend the money and got the ambulance,” he said. “We’re not opposed to it, but we don’t want to rush a big change like this...We need to be restored to the 102 positions we were budgeted for pre-ambulance.”

The ambulance takes about six months from purchase to delivery, Carli said. The new hires that will be charged with helping staff the new service are currently in training for EMT certification, or are on ride-alongs training with Cataldo. Most, Carli said, will attend the state Fire Academy in July, August and October. A new ambulance service could be in place potentially by Jan. 1, 2022.

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said Guerline Alcay, a community leader in Everett and a candidate for City Council. “The way I feel about it is the Haitian government is not that complex to be able to pull that off... What is so sad to me is that someone is so comfortable that they think they can go into a country and assassinate a president in his own home. It’s unacceptable to me...What we need here in Everett is closure and an explanation of what really happened and why people could go in so comfortably and do this.”

City Councilor Gerly Adrien – the only Haitian American elected official in the area – said she participated late last week in a conference call with the Haitian elected leaders in Greater Boston, as well as some former leaders.

“The call was a robust discussion about whether the U.S. should be more involved or not,” she said. “It was interesting. They were requesting people to ask for the FBI to investigate. Other people didn’t think that was a good idea because this is an issue for Haiti and the FBI is a U.S. organization and shouldn’t be involved...The community in Everett is hurting. There are two sides to it, but no matter how anyone felt about the president this is unacceptable. What we need to do is stand in solidarity as a country to help strengthen our country in Haiti. I think it’s just a tragic event and I was surprised and shocked.”

Councilor Adrien said she wanted to stress that violence in retaliation is not something anyone should advocate.

“I think violence right now is not the answer,” she said. “No matter how people felt about the president, everyone in Haiti and in the US, we should call for

peace and stability.”

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who co-chairs the House Haiti Caucus, said there has to be accountability.

“The assassination of Haitian President Moise was a horrific act and stands as a clarion call for swift and decisive action to bring political stability and peace to a nation in crisis,” she said. “We are extending our condolences to his family and loved ones. We are also praying for First Lady Martine Moise. We also call for full transparency and an independent investigation into this criminal act. We remain committed, more than ever, to working diligently alongside the Biden Administration in support of ushering in an equitable, inclusive Haitian-led democracy. One that reestablishes rule of law, reinforces institutions of Haitian-led governance, and centers the safety and human rights of every Haitian citizen.”

In Everett, some of the emotions are logistical challenges. For instance, Rev. Desrosiers said they have been doing a lot of work on the upcoming Temporary Protective Status (TPS) rulings that came out earlier this year, as well as pending Haitian passport applications and official Haitian document requests – like birth certificates. Those things are now on hold and very uncertain for those here in Everett and other communities.

“All that is at a standstill,” said Desrosiers. “No matter what ideology you have or if you don’t support that administration, you can’t feel good about this and it causes people many problems as well. We can’t do anything with those applications, and there is little we can do about that. We’re still pushing, but right now

the priority in Haiti is the investigation.”

She said they are looking towards churches and foundations to help, and for cities to do help in meaningful ways – such as in providing some sort of identification for people that are stuck in a bind due to not being able to get documents or legal information from the Haitian government.

Additionally, most of the Haitian Americans in the community have family members still in Haiti, and others have significant investment in businesses and vacation homes there. The tie is also strong for those in Everett because many go back several times a year to visit with their children – something that might not be possible anymore if the country descends into chaos.

“I don’t know if I’ll ever be able to go back,” said Alcay. “My family has a beautiful beach house there and I like to go there for a week and relax and see family. The whole diaspora has invested in Haiti. Most Haitian Americans when they go to Haiti have a house there and that is at risk now. Where do we go? I’m worried that my children may never be able to go back and see the country where they are from.”

Harkening back to her faith, and the strong faith of Haitian Americans in the United States, Rev. Desrosiers said the community should never lose hope.

“When everything seems lost and everything is so sad, there’s always hope,” she said. “In the middle of chaos, there is always hope.”

Man charged at officers with a sword before being shot

Staff Report

Middlesex DA Marian Ryan has confirmed the ongoing investigation into a non-fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred early on Monday morning in Everett.

Shortly after midnight on Monday, Everett Police received a 911 call to a Buckman Street apartment building. Upon arrival police learned that a male suspect who lived in the building had barricaded himself inside. Additional officers and SWAT also responded to the scene. The preliminary investigation suggests that the suspect, identified as a 45-year-old Everett man,

exited the home allegedly in possession of what was described as a sword and advanced at officers.

Officers deployed less than lethal force, in the form of a sponge round, that was ineffective. An Everett Police Officer subsequently shot the suspect. First aid was administered on scene and the man was transported to a Boston hospital where he is expected to survive. One Everett Officer was also transported to an area hospital as a precaution. This is an open and ongoing investigation.

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To the said Board of Appeals, the 8,202 sq. ft. lot is located within the Business Zoning district. The applicant seeks to increase the existing structure at 366 Broadway and add three (3) new stories to the existing two (2) story building for a total of five (5) stories. The new building will consist of twenty (20) units. Fourteen (14) parking spaces are proposed (existing) for the building new building. No changes are proposed to the existing parking lot.

Reason for Denial:

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

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1. Appendix A section (6) B.3 - Height: A building is not to exceed a maximum height of 65' and four (4) stories. The proposed plan seeks relief to build (5) stories.

2. Appendix A Section (6) B (2) (a) – Lot area 1.5 to 1 Maximum floor area ratio, The FAR for this project is at 2.11

3. Appendix A section (17) Off Street Parking: Requires two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit. Twenty (20) Residential units x two (2) spaces = forty (40) spaces required, fourteen (14) spaces are provided, relief will be required for twenty-six (26) spaces.

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SORRY FOLKS -- BUT THE PANDEMIC IS FAR FROM OVER

We in Massachusetts are living in a bit of a pandemic bubble right now, both literally and figuratively.

The high vaccination rate in our state, as well as in neighboring states throughout New England, has contributed to a dramatic drop in the number of COVID-19 infections, deaths, and hospitalizations in our part of the country.

The successful reopening of our economy serves as a testament to the value of having a highly-vaccinated -- and highly-educated -- population.

It's as if our region of the U.S. is equivalent to an island nation such as New Zealand, where COVID-19 has not made a dent in economic or other activity since the beginning of the pandemic because its prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, sealed off its borders to foreigners from the very beginning of the pandemic.

However, New England is not an island. Millions of our own citizens are traveling to other places and returning, and millions of non-residents are coming here to visit this summer.

The Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the dominant strain of the virus both in this country and throughout the world. The troubling aspects of Delta are that it is much more highly-transmissible than the original, it is more lethal, and the vaccines are slightly less-efficacious against it compared to the original strain of the virus for which the vaccines specifically were developed.

In Australia (where vaccination rates are very low), the Delta variant has shown itself to be a whole new ballgame, so to speak, in terms of how contagious it is. The virus has been transmitted among people who simply came fleetingly into contact with each other and shared the same airspace in an indoor mall.

"It is the most hyper-transmissible, contagious version of the virus we've seen to date, for sure -- it's a superspreader strain if there ever was one," said Eric Topol, a professor of molecular medicine and an executive vice president at the Scripps Research Institution, in a recent interview in Scientific American.

The Delta variant is being blamed for the huge increases in infections and deaths throughout the world, particularly in places where vaccination rates are in the low single digits.

There also are many areas in the U.S., such as parts of Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas, where vaccination rates are low, that predictably now are seeing large increases in COVID-19 cases caused by Delta.

The Delta variant is concerning enough on its own, but the real problem is this: The more people who become infected with COVID-19, the more likely that the virus will mutate into additional variants, with the possibility that vaccination efficacy could begin to drop significantly if one of these strains develops an ability to evade the vaccines' protective effects.

It is nothing less than tragic -- and despicable, really -- that there are some in public life who are urging Americans NOT to get vaccinated. That mindset was on display this past weekend at the Republican-dominated CPAC conference, where some clown on a panel who spoke out against the nation's vaccination program was actually applauded by those in attendance.

There is a strong and vocal minority in this country who strive to create chaos -- that's what makes them tick.

Whether we as a nation can overcome the combination of venality and stupidity that was on display at CPAC this past weekend will determine whether we can beat the pandemic in the short term and whether our democracy and our way of life can survive in the long term.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Helping the homeless

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria

I have always been proud to be a resident of Everett. Part of that pride comes from knowing how much the residents of this City care about others and how they want to help when they see someone in need. I was reminded of this when I was asked recently about what Everett is doing to help the homeless individuals in our community. It's that desire to help those in need of services that guides the work that the City is doing to help homeless individuals.

The issues and circumstances individuals face

that lead to homelessness often are very complicated, including mental illness and substance abuse issues that impact a person's ability to get an education, stay employed and remain in housing. Very often these individuals either don't have family or have become estranged from their families due to the stress and pressure of their struggles. These are not easy issues to solve, so the City's efforts are always going on because there are no quick fixes when working to help people to enter and maintain recovery needed to participate in public

housing programs. When we meet individuals who are anxious and willing to accept the City's help to get into programs, we still need to offer ongoing support and assistance for their longterm health and well-being.

Even when we are able to offer programs, services and housing to individuals, there is still the challenge of trying to help people who simply don't want the help the City has to offer. But, that doesn't stop us from trying.

The City is working with its network of public and private partners to direct homeless individuals

who are in need and who want help to the services available to them. While the Everett Police Department has the assistance of a social worker and we have an Opiate Counselor or with the Everett Fire Department, the City is hiring a Mental Health Clinician as part of our comprehensive approach to addressing these issues. Homelessness is an issue that impacts individuals as well as our community, which is why we use a collaborative approach towards implementing solutions.

Carlo DeMaria is the Mayor of Everett.

GUEST OP-ED

Financial suicide is not necessary

savings and sunk it into a restaurant endeavor. He had never run a restaurant before and within one year the restaurant had failed. His money was gone and he had a sizable debt.

Another acquaintance retired and wanted something to do. He got into a cookie business that lasted three months. He spent \$30,000 a month for three months in a cookie franchise before he was able to get out of the venture.

Neither of the prior persons had any prior business ownership experience.

Life is filled with lessons. Education is often very expensive. You must decide if you are still young enough or too old to take on such a business venture. This is especially true if you could end up losing all your investment and further financially obligating yourself.

If you want or need something to do, then get into something that

you can afford and know something about. Being informed and applying as much research to any endeavor is crucial. If you can afford a large franchise fee, other investment costs and you can make the business successful, then by all means enjoy your endeavor. If you are risking being homeless then you should probably reconsider.

Years ago, an old friend was almost financially broke at 50. He had worked in various restaurants with others but had little to show for his efforts. He rented an old hamburger restaurant that had been closed and his rent and overhead were cheap. He went to work making the best hamburger in town. For 16 years his burger business netted him an annual salary of over \$300,000. He retired well.

Sometimes we simply need to be content with what we have. If you need

to work, consider what you know, what you have and how you can make it work for you. It could require a minimal amount of advertising. Or, it might simply require letting acquaintances know what kind of work you are doing and building your business by word of mouth. You may be able to use space or land that is sitting dormant and can be rented or bought reasonably.

Life's pursuits can be, and should be, approached with reasonable caution. Financial suicide is not necessary.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist -- American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

LETTERS to the Editor

"CRITICAL RACE THEORY"

To the Editor,

This is an informational letter for clarity.

It has come to my attention that somebody running for office is incorrectly telling folks that we are implementing "Critical Race Theory" in our schools. We are NOT.

EPS is implementing "Culturally Responsive Teaching," which happens

to use the same acronym -- I realize that this is confusing, but it isn't Everett's acronym. Please use the link for more information and correct this misconception when you are presented with it.

<https://www.understood.org/articles/en/what-is-culturally-responsive-teaching>

This work in culturally responsive teaching is imperative to our schools. At this point, I'm assuming

that this misinformation is being spread in error and not malice.

With that said, we cannot allow ignorance around responsible educational practice or malicious, intentional political machinations to impede the development of our children. Period.

"Critical Race Theory" is a very complex field of study and exposure to that material happens in college or graduate school.

By contrast, "Culturally Responsive Teaching" is necessary next step in moving our school system forward.

Malicious and/or ignorant rumors will be hugely detrimental to our students and staff, and MUST NOT be propagated.

Thank you for your time.

**School
Committeewoman
Dana Murray**

Sen. DiDomenico appointed to National Task Force

Staff Report

Sen. Sal DiDomenico has been chosen by the National Council of State Governments to serve on their 2021-22 Healthy States National Task Force. This is a bipartisan group of state leaders from all three branches of government tasked with providing resources and recommendations for state governments on how to best address current state challenges, including those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members include State Senators, State Representatives, Lieutenant Govern-

nors, Secretaries of State and Judges from throughout the United States and U.S. Territories. The National Task Force will focus on four key policy areas during this two year process to provide states a holistic policy strategy for their shared challenges.

"It's an honor to be chosen to serve on this CSG National Task Force that will gather ideas and research to provide steps for states to come out of the pandemic and improve the overall health of our nation," said Senate Assistant Majority Leader DiDomenico. "This is a great opportunity to serve

with colleagues from throughout the United States and bring the proven models we have used in Massachusetts to the national stage. It is great to share our successes with other parts of the country."

The CSG Healthy States National Task Force will convene throughout 2021 and 2022, to discuss and deliberate about the opportunities and policy practices that can collectively improve state health. Senator DiDomenico has also been appointed to the Civic Health Subcommittee on the Task Force which will explore policies that build strong communities

and support meaningful civic engagement where states have the greatest nexus of influence, such as voting, civic education and participation, and increasing public trust and interface with government. The full task force will also be meeting in Sante Fe, New Mexico this Fall during the Council of States Government National meeting.

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Wynn Resorts purchases Lower Broadway property

By Seth Daniel

Wynn Resorts is on the move again in Lower Broadway, purchasing a key piece of land on Dexter Street for \$9.2 million from a trust controlled by Joe A. Marchese, just as the Council last week approved an Urban Renewal Plan amendment for the area that excluded the possibility of Eminent Domain takings on Mystic Street.

The area on the eastern side of Lower Broadway, across from the casino, has been the topic of discussion for several years about including accessory uses like hotels or theatres in the future. It seems the future is now, as the City’s Everett Redevelopment Authority (ERA) has been on the move in seeking an Urban Renewal Plan amendment for the district that would create an Everett Entertainment and Destination District.

Wynn Resorts bought a tremendous amount of land on the eastern side of Lower Broadway prior to the casino opening, but then paused on that agenda and created large overflow parking lots that the City of Everett has operated over the past couple of years. Now, Wynn Resorts seems to be in the buying mood again and poised to develop, or work with another developer, to begin

changing the landscape across the street.

In a recent property transaction, an LLC controlled by Wynn Resorts purchased 12 Dexter St., a nearly one acre property that used to house an auto repair shop, but is mostly vacant land and is uninhabited by any businesses now. The property is owned by Dexter Street Realty Trust, which is controlled by Joseph A. Marchese, according to property records.

Wynn Resorts paid \$9.2 million for the property, according to property transfer records.

That all feeds into a greater Urban Renewal Plan (URP) amendment that has been circulating around City Hall, and drew great controversy over the past month. That controversy came from three private properties included in the amendment that would have been potentially taken by Eminent Domain from the owners – one of the being a home with several apartments. At a meeting two weeks ago, the property owners and several Councilors expressed reservation about approving the plan to potentially take properties from long-time residents and business owners, and give them to the casino.

City officials said they didn’t intend to take those

properties, but were just reserving the right so that in the future that could be exercised if it became necessary.

The focus of the plan, however, and the Eminent Domain measures, are on the large Station Parcel – which is the old power plant parcel that is no longer in use and has a massive amount of waterfront exposure.

At a Special Meeting of the Council on July 8, the URP was back up for consideration, and the Council did end up passing the matter by a 10-0 vote, but not without some revisions.

Relying on help from the City Solicitor, the Council removed the Eminent Domain taking provisions for the three private Mystic Street properties, but kept the provision for the Station Parcel.

Many councilors at the meeting said they could not vote for anything that involved taking private property by force from residents or small business owners.

“I can’t support taking people’s property for the casino – telling them to get out of here because we want this spot now,” said Councilor Jimmy Tri Le. “But if this isn’t going to hurt any of these residents and business owners, I can go along with it.”

FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Donna Lento

What do you do in the City?

“I am Secretary to Plumbing & Gas and Secretary to Food & Milk Inspector. We all provide customer service to residents who need assistance from the ISD Department. I distribute assorted permits to residents upon request such as building, electrical, or mechanical. We help each other out with various duties among the departments.”

What is your favorite part about working for



the City?

“I love the people. I really enjoy coming to work, because of the people I work with, and the customers I get to interact with each day.”

What is the biggest lesson you’ve learned from your roll?

“I have learned that since everybody sees and interprets thing differently, I need to listen and put myself in their shoes. We do our best to understand other people’s perspectives to help them.”

What do you like to do when your are not working?

“I love baking and spending time chasing the grandkids around!”

Meet the team: Joe Gaff

What do you do in the City?

“I am Sergeant at the Everett Police Department - Traffic Division. I oversee the Traffic Division of the Everett Police Department. I tend to any needs about traffic, help out with parking complaints and oversee any concerns about speeding. I am one of two DOT (truck enforcement) Inspectors.”

What is your favorite part about working for



the City?

“The people. It’s great to be in the City of Everett with the community. I have formed many friendships over the years and I am thankful to be here.”

What is the biggest lesson you’ve learned from your roll?

“Over time, I’ve learned that the small things you do for people really matter. Even a simple hello or a short conversation can really make an impact.”

What do you like to do when your are not working?

“I love sports, family time, traveling, and coaching - I have coached 55 seasons of sports.”

One call to City Hall still available

The City of Everett officials would like to remind residents that the 311 Call Center is available to take their calls and answer any questions or concerns. Residents can dial 311 or 617-394-2270 for immediate response.

Residents who live on the border of a surround-

ing city such as Chelsea, Malden, Revere, or Somerville, may experience difficulties when dialing 311. They may be redirected to other cities’ call centers. If a redirect occurs, please call 617-394-2270 to reach the City of Everett’s 311 Call Center.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keeverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 114 Bucknam Street
Map/Lot: D0-02-00022

Person Requesting: Mr. Ryan Gianatassio
114 Bucknam Street
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner wishes to convert the existing three (3) family dwelling into a four (4) family dwelling. The plot plan submitted indicates that seven parking spaces are proposed in the yard and a curb cut of 42.2 feet in width.

Reason for Denial:

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

Violations:

- A four (4) family is not an allowed use in this district.
- The Floor Area is above the allowable at 1.14 FAR.
- The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be required to be moved in order for the other vehicles to enter and leave the parking lot.
- Five (5) of the proposed eight (8) parking spaces are shown on the plot plan to be (8'x16') which is less than the required 9' x 18' nor have the required 275 square feet per car.
- The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be parked within the required minimum specified building setback (7').
- The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be parked closer than eight (8) feet from a habitable window.
- The parking plan provided indicates that it will be necessary for vehicles to back into the street.
- The parking plan provided does not indicate an 18' aisle to allow vehicles to ingress and egress at the same time.

Zoning Ordinance Sections

1. Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses:

A. Uses. Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, of for other than the following specified purposes:

1. A single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the

Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided that the following standards are met: Any addition shall comply with the front, side and rear yard requirements and height limitations of the Zoning Ordinance.

Where the existing building is already non-conforming, any alteration shall not increase the existing non-conformity. Parking in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance shall be provided for any additional dwelling units. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

2. The offices of a doctor, dentist or other member of a recognized profession, teacher or musician residing on the premises; provided there is no display or advertising except for a small professional name plate.

3. Customary home occupations, such as dressmaking or millinery or the leasing of rooms or the taking of boarders, conducted by owner occupants only; provided there is no display or advertising visible from outside, except for an announcement card or sign of not more than two (2) feet square area, and that such uses be confined to not over one-third of the total floor area occupied by each family.

4. Schools, except private vocational schools, public libraries, fire stations, art museums, churches, parish houses and Sunday School buildings, membership clubs and social and recreational buildings and premises, park, water supply reservations, soldiers and sailors memorial buildings, except those chief activity of which is one customarily carried on as a gainful business.

5. Real estate signs, referring only to the premises or tract on which they are located, and having an area not exceeding eight (8) square feet.

6. Truck gardens and greenhouses, provided that any greenhouse heating plant shall be distant not less than twenty (20) feet from any street or lot line.

7. Hospitals, not for the insane or feeble-minded; provided that no building be within thirty (30) feet of any street or lot line.

8. Public or charitable institutional buildings not of a correctional nature, providing that no building thereon be within thirty (30) feet of any street or lot line.

9. Railroad or street railroad passenger stations or rights-of-way including customary accessory services therein; not including switching, storage, or freight yards or sidings.

10. Cemeteries, including any crematory therein, which is not within a distance of thirty feet of any street or lot line.

11. Telephone central buildings without garages or yards for service or storage.

12. A garage in which no business, service or industry is conducted is permitted but only on the same lot with a principal building to which it is accessory. On any such lot, such garage space

may be provided for two (2) motor vehicles, and for one (1) additional motor vehicle for each two thousand (2,000) square feet by which the area of the lot exceeds three thousand (3,000) square feet. However, garage space for one (1) motor vehicle may be provided in any case for each family for which residence is arranged on the lot. Not more than one (1) such vehicle shall be a commercial vehicle, and it shall not exceed two and one-half, (2 ½) tons capacity. In such a garage, space shall not be leased to non-residents for a commercial vehicle, nor for more than one (1) vehicle of any kind for each resident on the lot. Such a conforming garage may be erected on the lot previous to the erection of a principal building on the same lot but where thus erected earlier than the principal building the garage shall be so placed on the lot as not to prevent the eventual practicable and conforming location of the principal building. Community or group garages: which may be permitted on the otherwise vacant lot, shall only be permitted in the Dwelling District upon the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals. There shall be no service for gain to other the owners or tenants of such garages. No such garage shall conduct a repair shop. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

13. Agriculture, horticulture or floriculture and the expansion or reconstruction of existing structures thereon for the primary purpose of agriculture, horticulture or floriculture. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

14. Temporary mobile home placed on the site of a residence destroyed by fire or other holocaust, for the purpose of providing temporary shelter while the residence is being rebuilt, but not to exceed twelve (12) months. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

15. The following uses shall only be permitted in the Dwelling District upon the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals:

a. Uses, whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, accessory to activities permitted as a matter of right, which activities are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production. The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant such permit provided that it finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good.

b. Community or group garages which may be permitted on an otherwise vacant lot. There shall be no service for gain to other than the owners or tenants of such garages. No such garages shall conduct a repair shop.

16. Open-air markets of any type shall be prohibited. The sale of used household goods by residential occupants on their premises, normally referred to as garage sales, shall be allowed providing that such sale not continue for a period of more than seven (7) days in any year, except by

Special Permit of the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

17. Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)

2. Section 4 Dwelling Districts A Uses 17. Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)

3. Section 17 Off Street Parking (J): "Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle."

4. Section 17 Off Street Parking (I)

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

5. Section 17 Off Street Parking (K): "Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located."

6. Section 17 Off Street Parking (M): "No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building."

7. Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 4. "Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway"

8. Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 5. "All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to allow ingress and exiting at same time."

Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals
MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
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ber.”

She said high school students in particular have been found to have suffered the worst, as they were the last to go back to school, and many of them had parents that had to go back to work. That often left them at home alone for long hours, with limited contact with friends and on the Zoom computer classes day in and day out. It led to isolation, depression and severe social-emotional issues for even the most well-adjusted students prior to COVID-19.

“They are at the disadvantage that they were the last to go back,” she said. “Their parents had to go back to work, and it was easy for them to stay in bed...That’s what happened to them and they admit that. They admit now staying in bed wasn’t the best decision and they see it wasn’t. Even the scholars that like school found it difficult to stay motivated...It was easy to stay under the covers.”

For most of the kids in the summer learning/credit recovery program, they are showing up enthusiastically. The program is online Mondays and Fridays, but in person the rest of the week. DiNatale said part of the process is giving kids purpose and a place, which is what they are doing in the summer program.

“It comes down to purpose and place, and that’s big,” she said. “Some of the kids are saying they are so happy to have to get up and shower and have somewhere to go. They are regaining that sense of place at the school, and their purpose here too.”

In one of the more innovative programs at the high school, a wide range of students are participating in EHS’s first-ever Evaluating Agricultural Technology (EAT) program. In a partnership with the Timothy Smith Network, the Boston Design Center and Microsoft, students are able to use the very advanced Surface 3 laptops to combine engineering, computer coding and agriculture together in a nine-week program.

In the EHS library this week, there advanced laptops sit in combination with bags of potting soil and seeds for growing food crops. With so much biotech in Boston, students are being trained for the food engineering industry that is emerging in Boston, Cambridge and Somerville. About 20 or more students attend daily and are paid a \$15 stipend for their work all summer long – one of the newest ways that school systems are looking to get urban kids out of retail jobs and into innovative summer opportunities.

Program Director Courtland Ferreria-Douglas and EHS Graduate and Program Assistant Ahmed Alananzeh help students to use the Surface 3 laptops and the most advanced software to find engineering solutions to simple gardening issues. They will also be coding in three computer languages and commanding a Sphero car to perform certain tasks.

“This program is a combination of agriculture and design,” said Ferreria-Douglas. “We’re fortunate in Boston to be surrounded by a lot of technology companies and many of them are working in the food industry and agricultural sciences...We’re showing students there is this coalition of technology and agriculture.

Recent graduate Alana Mathis said the program

has helped her to be motivated to learn more about coding and engineering.

“The opportunity sounded pretty good to me for a summer job,” she said. “It had a lot of tech, a lot of opportunities to connect to people and it helped me to do things I wouldn’t usually do or wouldn’t go out and do on my own. This was a very different program, plus I got paid. It wasn’t something that was too much for me and I’d recommend it to other people.”

Said Student Clinton Ngamne, “When I first looked at it, it was this combination that was unusual because it’s agriculture and technology. I wondered how those two things went together. It has ended up being great because I love science and I’m learning about agriculture...I’ve looked at other programs, and I don’t think I’ve seen anything like this.”

For the EL students, Director Brittany Hay said they heard loud and clear from parents that they wanted their students to be at the school in a program, and not on Zoom during the summer.

“It was important for us to offer a program for every single English Learner, some 400 or more, in the district,” she said.

On Monday, students in Marissa McQueeney’s class were going over poetry, and looking forward to later in the day when they would get to work out at the Fitness Center. With some having arrived in the United States just six months ago, they were excited to learn how to use the stair climbing fitness machine, while also focusing in the morning on math, English and science.

“The students are very



Eighth-grader Ricardo Contreras in the Three Point Jr. Shark Tank program shows off the character he programmed on his Computer Assisted Design (CAD) program.



Students in the EAT program range from honor students to average students, and with a wide range of ages. The program pays students \$15 an hour to attend regularly and complete the engineering assignments.

excited to re-claim routines,” she said. “We’re doing a lot of social-emotional learning and getting to know the school building too. It’s going to be fully half of the school that won’t know their way around next year.”

This week, the East Boston-based Zumix program will be coming to the EL classrooms to use music for team-building and other activities, and they have also hosted artists who have shown their work or performed for them.

This week, also, kids from the middle school

began participating in a program at EHS called the Three Point Junior Shark Tank Program – which uses technology and STEM to teach kids with a social-emotional aspect that helps them overcome the tough times they confronted in 2020. Later in the year, MIT will be providing a program to teach Algebra to high schooler using Virtual Reality kits.

It’s all part of a program that, which focused now on COVID-19 recovery, will likely be parlayed into the future to help young people in Everett get a leg up

on their peers in the suburbs and in private schools. McCarthy calls it “something extra.”

“Our district and our kids always need something extra,” he said. “They have to always think about what something extra means. We have to strive to find the best engagement with the kids. Just one kid could reach 1,000 other kids later.”

For more information on the EHS summer programs, go to <https://sites.google.com/everett.k12.ma.us/ehs-summer-school>.

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Baker proclaims “Hurricane Preparedness Week”

Governor Charlie Baker has proclaimed July 11 - 17, 2021, to be Hurricane Preparedness Week to emphasize both the Commonwealth’s vulnerability to tropical storms and hurricanes and the importance of preparing for their impacts.

“As we saw during our recent experience with Tropical Storm Elsa, planning and preparing in advance for a tropical storm or hurricane can help protect individuals and families and limit damage to property,”said Governor Charlie Baker. “We encourage residents in every part of the Commonwealth to develop an emergency plan, prepare emergency supplies and stay informed throughout hurricane season.”

While hurricane season in Massachusetts runs from June 1 to November 30, historically, most tropical storms and hurricanes have hit New England during August and September.

“Our administration continues to work with cities and towns across the Commonwealth to

enhance their preparedness before the next hurricane or tropical storm,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.”As shown during Tropical Storm Elsa, that collaboration and coordination is key to keeping our residents and communities safe. We join MEMA is encouraging all residents to take the time to prepare this hurricane season.”

“Tropical storms and hurricanes don’t often happen in New England, but it only takes one storm to cause major damage,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco, “Every corner of the state is at risk and we remember especially Tropical Storm Irene, which caused significant flooding damage in Western Massachusetts ten years ago. As first responders prepare for these events, we’re asking everyone to take time make a household safety plan.”

Earlier this month, MEMA updated its annual Massachusetts Tropical Cyclone Profile, which includes information about tropical storms and hurricanes, associated hazards,

and a seasonal outlook for what is expected to be an above-normal hurricane season.

“MEMA and more than 70 Emergency Support Function organizations continue to prepare for disasters such as tropical storms and hurricanes,” said MEMA Deputy Director Pat Carnevale. “Hurricane Preparedness Week is a reminder for residents to prepare by learning if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, and staying informed before, during, and after the storm.”

How Residents Can Prepare

- Know Your Evacuation Zone - Learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone:www.mass.gov/knowyourzone
- Make an Emergency Plan – Have an emergency plan of how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place that addresses the needs of all of your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with access and

functional needs, and pets.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>

- Build an Emergency Kit - Build or customize an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.
- Stay Informed - Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. Learn more about different types of alerting and information tools, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional news media, 2-1-1 hotline, and local notification systems: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>

For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, a social media toolkit, flyers, and more, visit MEMA’s Hurricane Preparedness Week webpage.

Area officials applaud increase in climate resilience funding

Cities and towns involved in the Resilient Mystic Collaborative applauded the doubling of annual funds for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant Program to \$21 million in the Baker Administration’s FY2022 Capital Plan.

“Chelsea has already suffered through two debilitating heat waves and a dozen days over 90 F even before July 1st,” said Alex Train, Director of Housing and Community Development. “Our same residents who suffered disproportionately through COVID are now at risk from heat-related illnesses. We need to upgrade our infrastructure and services for the summer of 2050, not 1950.”

In the latest MVP grant round, the Commonwealth received 92 applications requesting a total of \$28 million for action grants out of \$10 million available. “Extreme heat, storms, drought, and flooding are no longer a thing of the future. Climate resilience needs to become a core government function, just like schools and roads,” said Julie Wormser, deputy director of the Mystic River Watershed Association. “This funding increase is a critical down payment.”

Below are some of the projects in Greater Boston’s Mystic Watershed seeking MVP funding this year.

“Twelve municipalities depend on the Charles River and Amelia Earhart Dams to prevent catastrophic coastal flooding of residential neighborhoods and businesses,” said Owen O’ Riordan, Commissioner of Cambridge’s Department of Public Works. “It is of critical importance that these dams and portions of our shoreline be elevated to ensure we protect tens of thousands of people and billions in property from harm. We

could use every penny in the MVP program over the next decade just to solve this one issue.”

“Belle Isle Marsh is by far the largest remaining salt marsh in Boston Harbor providing a crucial buffer for flooding to neighboring communities and critical habitat for over 250 bird species, mammals and marine animals, said Mary Mitchell, president of Friends of Belle Isle Marsh. “Funding for restoration projects and nature-based resiliency projects within the marsh is needed now to best protect against climate change and sea level rise.”

“One of Winthrop’s most valuable resources is Ingleside Park, a vast green space enjoyed by the entire Town,” said Rachel Kelly, Director of Planning and Development. The Park floods after heavy rains and snowmelt. Winthrop would greatly benefit from additional MVP funding to mitigate flooding with improved drainage and green infrastructure.”

The Resilient Mystic Collaborative includes 20 of 21 communities (Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Burlington, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Watertown, Winchester, Winthrop, and Woburn) and over 98 percent of the population and land base in the Mystic River Watershed. Together, RMC municipalities represent one percent of the state’s land base and 10 percent of its population. The partnership focuses on fresh water and coastal flooding, and protecting vulnerable residents and workers from extreme weather, including heat.

“The Resilient Mystic Collaborative and MVP Program has brought together cities and towns in ways that we could not

foresee,” said Alex Rozycki, senior civil engineer for the Town of Reading. “As these communities continue to work together and evaluate shared MVP grant possibilities the scope and breadth of these complex projects quickly expands as well. Regional MVP funding is supporting a revitalized trail system and green stormwater treatment systems to increase storage and water quality in Reading, which provides similar benefits to downstream communities. The estimated cost to complete this project alone is over two million dollars.”

“Climate change is bringing intense rainfall that overwhelms our aging stormwater systems with increased frequency,” said Elena Proakis Ellis, Melrose Director of Public Works. “We are working with 16 other communities to manage local and regional flooding through expanded wetlands and other nature-based solutions. With enough small projects combined, we can make a real difference in our region. These projects are too costly for communities like Melrose to afford with local funding alone, however. This work is essential to the region and brings other habitat and social benefits along the way.”

“The industrial district that spans Chelsea and Everett provides thousands of good-paying jobs and billions in annual economic activity,” said Chelsea’s Alex Train. “It was unfortunately also built by filling in the Island End River, which is now chronically flooding during heavy storms. The price tag for protecting this area from flooding over the next fifty years is north of \$50 million.”

Mystic River Watershed at a Glance


The 76-square-mile Mystic River Watershed stretches from Read-


ing through the northern shoreline of Boston Harbor to Revere. An Anglicized version of the Pequot word mis-si-tuk (“large river with wind- and tide-driven waves”), it is now one of New England’s most densely populated, urbanized watersheds.

The seven-mile Mystic River and its tributaries represented an early economic engine for colonial Boston. Ten shipyards built more than 500 clipper ships in the 1800s before roads and railways replaced schooners and steamships. Tide-driven mills, brickyards and tanneries along both banks of the river brought both wealth and pollution.

In the 1960s, the Amelia Earhart Dam transformed much of the river into a freshwater impoundment, while construction of Interstate 93 filled in wetlands and dramatically changed the river’s course. Since then, many former industrial sites have been cleaned up and redeveloped into new commercial areas and residential communities.


The Mystic is facing growing climate-related challenges: coastal and stormwater flooding, extreme storms, heat, drought and unpredictable seasonal weather. The watershed is relatively low-lying and extensively developed, making it prone to both freshwater and coastal flooding. Its 21 municipalities are home to a half-million residents, including many who are disproportionately vulnerable to extreme weather: environmental justice communities, new Americans, residents of color, elders, low-income residents and employees, people living with disabilities and English-language learners.








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NEWS IN BRIEF

CITY RECEIVES GAMING COMMISSION GRANTS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett was awarded the 2021 Community Mitigation Fund Impact Grant in the amount of \$70,000 from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission for the Everett Police Department.

“The funding from the 2021 Community Mitigation Fund Specific Impact Grant will help our Police Department better serve our residents,” said DeMaria. “I am grateful to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission for awarding the City of Everett this grant that will allow our department to support the needs of the community.”

The Everett Police Department received the grant to provide funding for additional late-night patrols and additional equipment. The grant will fund the cost of 150 extra overtime patrols, allowing there to be two officers assigned in 4-hour blocks on weekend nights as well as on Thursday or Sunday nights during special events that may increase traffic in the area. The grant will also include funding for a vehicle for use by the Everett Police Department assigned to the Gaming Enforcement unit.

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will kick off their Outdoor Summer Concert Series on Thursday, July 15, be-



SHAPIRO PARK MEETING. On July 6, despite the rain, a healthy turnout of residents came to Alpine Road/Shapiro Park to hear plans and give feedback on what they would like to see at the new park. Residents were vocal about concerns and desires, and the City will return for another meeting on July 28 at 6 p.m. to share updated designs.

tween 6-8 p.m. The concert will occur at Wehner Park located at Broadway and Lynn Street in Everett.

“Our Summer Concert Series is a perfect opportunity to spend an evening outside and enjoy some great music,” said DeMaria. “I look forward to our community gathering and having a good time.”

The Outdoor Summer Concert Series was set to kick off on Thursday, July 8th. However, due to inclement weather, the concert was postponed. The concert is kid-friendly and free to the public.

It will feature Hal Holiday with lead vocalist Paul DuBuque and The Tones featuring Everett’s own, Jenn Levy. These performers have a wide range of songs to perform including songs from the 1950’s to present day. Light refreshments will be served.

Keep an eye out for additional events as the summer progresses!

CHA VACCINE DAY IN EVERETT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) will be hosting a Vaccine Day in the City of Everett on Sunday, July 18. CHA will be visiting five local churches between 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

“Through our partnership with CHA, the City of Everett is continuing to bring vaccines to the community,” said DeMaria. “It is important that we continue our efforts to distribute the vaccine and I am grateful for our relationship with CHA. The City of Everett is committed to vaccinating the entire community to ensure that residents are protected from COVID-19.”

CHA will be visiting the churches and maintaining the following scheduling:

- First Baptist Church of Everett (50 Church Street): 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Igreja Universal (460 Broadway): 12 – 3 p.m.
- Latinos Unidos En Massachusetts (198 Ferry

Street): 12 – 3 p.m.

- Our Lady of Grace Parish (194 Nichols Street): 1:30pm – 2:45pm
- Haitian Church of God of Unity (1935 Revere Beach Parkway): 1 – 3 p.m.

CHA will be distributing the Pfizer vaccine, which is available for those ages 12 and over. Children ages 12-17 will require parent or guardian permission to receive the vaccine. Once the first dose is administered, CHA will provide more information regarding the second dose.

There is no cost for the vaccine and walk-ins are welcome. The vaccine is available to all, regardless of immigration status. Health insurance and ID are not required. Music and food will be provided by CHA.

CLERK CORNELIO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION

Everett City Clerk Sergio Cornelio was elected the president of the Massachusetts Association of City Clerks two weeks ago at the organization’s annual meeting.

Cornelio had been a Board member of the organization previously, and won the confidence of the other City and Town Clerks in the organization in order to win election as their leader.

With that, he will automatically become a leader on voting issues in the Commonwealth, lobbying and advocating the State Legislature for voting changes and tweaks that the Clerks around the state favor. That duty comes at a very critical time as the State Legislature begins the process of unwinding the COVID-19 voting

measures, figuring out what will stick and what will be done away with. Meanwhile, the Association also has other advocacy points in terms of record keeping and management as well.

MEDITATION FOR SENIORS AT THE CONNOLLY CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging are happy to announce Mindful Meditation for seniors at The Connolly Center. The schedule is as follows; Fridays, July 23, August 8, August 20, and September 3 at 8:30 a.m. This class is designed for you commune with your inner self, promoting self-awareness and the well-being of mind body and spirit. Please join Anna Noble from East Boston Health for this rewarding class. Reservations are required by calling 617.394.2260 or 617.394.2323. Class size is limited to 20 people.

SUMMER SAFETY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join neighbors and friends for the City’s Summer Safety Movie Night happening next week on July 22, starting at 7 p.m., Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium located on Cabot Street.

This is a free event and all are welcomed to attend.

The featured movie will be Space Jam (1996).

Move begins at 8:30 p.m. The event is to promote safety on the roads and will be family friendly. There will be safety activities, giveaways and fun for the whole family, including popcorn for the movie.

COVID TESTING SITE

The Everett COVID-19 testing sit has been moved to RiverGreen Park, 1 RiverGreen Drive, as of July 3.

The testing will be walk-up only with no appointment necessary.

- Testing times include:
- Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-7 p.m.
 - Friday and Saturday noon to 6 p.m.

MASS GENERAL BRIGHAM MOBILE VACCINE

The COVID-19 vaccination and information van, sponsored by the Kraft Center, will be in Everett on July 17, from 4-8 p.m. for vaccines and information sharing at the Everett Universal Church.

They will be administering the Pfizer vaccine, and care kits.

BALDWIN AVENUE PLAYGROUND SURVEY

The City and the design team for the reconstruction of the Baldwin Ave. Playground are looking for public input online. They are looking for resident input via a survey. They would like to know what the residents’ ideas, priorities and vision are for the new park. Please participate in the survey by Aug. 1.

To access the online survey, go to www.survey-monkey.com/r/Baldwin-ParkSurvey1. For questions, call (617) 394-2334, or e-mail Robert Moreschi at robert.moreschi@ci.everett.ma.us.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION TO BE LATER IN THE SUMMER

Mother Nature did not cooperated with the City’s plans for our Independence Day celebration, after it was cancelled twice due to poor weather, including last Friday’s rain date. Due to the additional contractual obligations of vendors the City is unable to reschedule the event for this weekend. In lieu of this event, the City said it would be planning an End of Summer Extravaganza with fireworks, entertainment, and more. Stay tuned for more information.

FREE ANNUAL SENIOR SUMMER BBQ

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging have planned their annual Free Senior Summer BBQ for Everett Seniors only, aged 60 and over. This year, due to the changes at The Connolly Center, the Council on Aging has decided to host the event at Anthony’s Restaurant, 105 Canal Street in Malden, Friday August 6, at 3 p.m. If you need transportation for this event, or have any questions, please call us at 617.394.2323 or 617.394.2260.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bread of Life mobile food pantry at the Lafayette school in Everett needs volunteers to help distribute free groceries on Thursdays from 3 to 5pm. Call Charlene @ 781-824-0564 or email charlene.wilson@breadoflifemalden.org The Bread of Life mobile food pantry distributes food to needy families every Thursday from 3-5 p.m. at the Lafayette School in Everett.

- 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, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition.
Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 57 Everett Street
Map/Lot: D0-04-000140
Person Requesting: Mr. Nicholas Christiano
17 Richard Avenue
Wakefield, MA 01880
To the said Board of Appeals, the owner wishes to convert the existing two (2) family dwelling into a five (5) family dwelling in the Dwelling District. The plot plan submitted indicates that eight (8) undersized parking spaces are proposed in the rear yard.
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
A five (5) family is not an allowed use in this district.
The allowed Floor Area Ratio for the Dwelling District is .5, the proposed FAR for this project is .86. The proposed FAR is above the allowable by .36.
The parking plan provided indicates that the vehicle spaces are proposed at a reduced dimension. Three (3) spaces provided are 8'-0" and five (5) spaces are proposed to be 8'-7" which is less than the required 9' x 18". Five (5) of the proposed eight (8) parking spaces are shown on the plot plan to be (8'x16") which is less than the required 9' x 18" nor have the required 275 square feet per car.
The parking plan provided does not indicate an 18' aisle to allow vehicles to ingress and egress at the same time.
No parking shall be within eight (8) feet of a window that contains a habitable room.
The parking plan provided does not indicate an 18' aisle to allow vehicles to ingress and egress at the same time. The certified plot plan shows 12'-7" (twelve foot- seven inches), you will need relief in the form of a variance of 5"-5" (five foot- five inches).
Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals
Zoning Ordinance Sections
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses:
Section 4 Dwelling Districts A Uses 17. Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)
(b) Dimensional Requirements (other than one or two family in the dwelling district)
c. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio
(Ord. of 6-12-87; Ord. of 4-29-91; Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)
Section 17 Off Street Parking (J): "Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle."
Section 17 Off Street Parking (I): Each required car space shall be not less than 9 feet in width and 18 feet in length exclusive of drives and maneuvering space, and the total area of any parking facility for more than five (5) cars shall average two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet per car. No driveways or curb cuts shall exceed thirty (30) feet in width. (Ord. 01-046/2001)
Section 17 Off Street Parking (K): "Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located."
Section 17 Off Street Parking (M): "No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building."
Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 5. "All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to allow ingress and exiting at same time."
MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

July 7, 2021
July 14, 2021

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 45 High Street
Map/Lot: L0-02-000123
Person Requesting: Santiago Santos
145 Winthrop Parkway
Revere, MA 02151
To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant seeks a building permit to change the use of the existing two family to a three-family residential structure located in the Dwelling District on an 8011-sf lot. The proposal contains off street parking for Three (3) cars. No additional build outs have been proposed.
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
The FAR for this project is 0.55, (0.05 over the maximum density allowed)
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements.
(2) Lot Area: line c. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio
Section 4 Dwelling Districts paragraph 17 Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)
The applicant is providing for three off street parking spaces this will be three cars deficient.
Section 17 paragraph (A)2: Multifamily Dwellings two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit. City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A: section 3 (13) "Any lot, which is to be occupied for residential purpose shall have a frontage of at least twenty (20) feet wide on one or more streets and there shall be not more than one (1) structure of the type permitted for each such lot."
The applicant has a driveway with a width of 17.50 this will be deficient 2.50 feet for Fire Department access. NFPA 1 requires a 20-foot-wide access road to within 50 (fifty) feet of an exterior door.
Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals
MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

July 7, 2021
July 14, 2021

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

SIMAO NAMED TO EMERSON COLLEGE SPRING 2021 DEAN’S LIST

Gabriel Simao, a native of Everett has been named to Emerson College’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Simao is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2023. The requirement to make Emerson’s Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city’s Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,700 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals. The College has an active network of 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN’S LIST STUDENTS

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Spring 2021 Dean’s List students. In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met these requirements:

Nathalia Haubert, Psychology, daughter of Carin Haubert and Jairo Haubert Menel Lamadzema,

Accounting, daughter of Lajla Lamadzema and Alen Lamadzema

Endicott College offers doctorate, master’s, bachelor’s, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

LOCAL STUDENT MAKES DEAN’S LIST AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Caroline Karakey, Class of 2024, has been named to the Connecticut College dean’s list with high honors for the 2021 spring semester. Caroline is studying art.

Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a highly selective private liberal arts college of 1,800 students located on a 750-acre arboretum campus in New London, overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River. The College’s mission is to educate students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens of a global society. Through an innovative four-year program, Connections, students integrate every aspect of their experience—from classes to majors to internships to activities to jobs on campus and abroad—into a meaningful pathway that allows them to synthesize different perspectives, solve complex problems, and contribute to the public good. For more information, see www.conncoll.edu or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 2021 LOCAL GRADUATES

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, held its 81st annual Commencement exercises on May 22. Endicott’s undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students participated in the ceremony at Hempstead Stadium on the Endicott campus in Beverly, Mass. The com-

mencement speaker was Dana Bash, CNN’s Chief Political Correspondent and Co-Anchor of State of the Union with Jake Tapper and Dana Bash, who provided a virtual address. Bash received an honorary Doctor of Journalism, which was accepted on her behalf by Melissa Hempstead ’69, Chair of the Endicott College Board of Trustees.

Graduating was Omar Elhirach, with a Master of Business Admin, Business Administration.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES DEGREE FROM QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

The following student received a degree from Quinnipiac University during commencement ceremonies held in May:

Erin Bessler, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice About Quinnipiac University

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,715 students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review’s “The Best 386 Colleges.” For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND NAMES LOCAL STUDENTS TO DEAN’S LIST

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2021 Dean’s List. More than 7,000 students were named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List, representing nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

The following local students were named to the list:

Michael Bono of Everett

Kayla Fraser of Everett To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Founded in 1892, the University of Rhode Island is the principal public flagship research and graduate institution in Rhode Island. Competitive and highly regarded, its 14,300 undergraduate students and more than 2,700 graduate students represent 48 states and 76 countries across the globe. With 203 academic programs, URI offers its undergraduate, graduate, and professional students distinctive educational opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today’s world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. At URI, you will find some of today’s leading innovators, discoverers, and creative problem solvers. To learn more, visit: uri.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 DEAN’S LIST

The University of Maine recognized 3,670 students for achieving Dean’s List honors in the spring 2021 semester. Of the students who made the Dean’s List, 2,392 are from Maine, 1,195 are from 39 other states and 83 are from 35 countries other than the U.S.

Due to the unusual and challenging circumstances faced this semester amid the global pandemic, the university has modified its Dean’s List policy for the spring 2021 term. The requirement that students earn 12 calculable credits to be eligible for Dean’s List has been waived. Instead, students will be eligible if they earned a minimum of nine letter-graded (A–F on the transcript) credits for full-time students in addition to the criteria in the catalog. For part-time students to be eligible, they must have earned at least

six letter-graded credits across the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters, in addition to the criteria in the catalog for Part-time Dean’s List. Courses with P/F grades selected by the student will not count toward the total of nine (for full-time) or six (for part-time).

Everett: Deanna Massa.

RESIDENT NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST

Erin Bessler was named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2021 semester at Quinnipiac University.

To qualify for the dean’s list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

NGAN NAMED TO WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE’S SPRING 2021 DEAN’S LIST

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Amy Ngan of Everett, a member of the class of 23 majoring in Biomedical Engineering, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the spring 2021 semester.

A total of 2,148 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI’s spring 2021 Dean’s List. The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

“WPI’s academic pro-

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- 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, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 523-531 Second Street
Map/Lot: K0-01-000127
Person Requesting: DV Partners LLC
39 Taylor Drive, Unit 3004
Reading, MA 01867

To the said Board of Appeals, the 8,775 sq. ft. lot will be located within the Business zoning district. The applicant seeks to remove the existing structure at 523 Second Street and complete a new 5 story building. The new building will consist of nine (9) two (2) bedroom units. Sixteen (16) parking spaces will be proposed for the building.

Reason for Denial:

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

Violations:

1. Appendix A section (17) Off Street Parking: Requires two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
2. Appendix A Section (6) B (2) (a) – Lot area 1.5 to 1 Maximum floor area ratio,

The FAR for this project is at 1.67

3. Appendix A section (6), (B) Dimensional Requirements: 8 Corner Lot: None required except seven feet required when residential use. () rd. of 6-29-87)

The plans show the building is set back on the ground level however the 2nd floor overhang projects to the lot line.

4. Section 17 paragraph (K) requiring “Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located”

Parking space numbered one (1) and eleven (11) are within this side offset.
MARY GERACE – Chairman
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Board of Appeals

July 7, 2021
July 14, 2021

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Property Address: 156 Nichols Street
Map/Lot: M0-06-000021
Person Requesting: Sonia Maria Oliveira Rocha
156 Nichols Street
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant is seeking approval to create a new parking space in the front yard. The parking that would be created is within the 20 feet, required setback for the Dwelling District

Reason for Denial:

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

Violations:

Section 17 paragraph (K) requiring “Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located”.

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Everett parks and recreation: A point of pride for the City

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If you’ve driven around Everett recently, you’ve probably noticed that our local parks are all looking their absolute best lately, with plenty of green space, freshly mowed ball fields, new playgrounds and even splash pads ready to provide some refreshment and relaxation for all. Additionally, many of our beloved summer programs are back this year, and it’s shaping up to be a great summer here in Everett.

At Rivergreen Park, Mayor DeMaria’s Summer Basketball Program kicks off at the end of June, with games starting the week of July 5th and running through August 7th. Also at Rivergreen Park, you’ll find a new canoe and kayak launch, a neatly manicured park with a football field, a playground, splash pad and walking paths that connects to the Northern

Strand Community Trail. What was once a polluted former General Electric site is now one of the most beautiful places in the city! Over at Swan Street Park, which was fully renovated in 2018, you can cool off at the splash pad, or pack a lunch and enjoy the picnic tables and unique playground. There’s also a little league field and basketball courts. At night, they have illuminated walkways for added safety.

Sacromone Park is another local favorite and houses two synthetic turf little league fields, a splash park, playground, basketball court, picnic area, bocce court, restrooms, concessions and perimeter walkways, green space and state of the art athletic field lighting.

This summer, the Mayor’s Crimson Kid’s Summer Program is back, run by Recreation Leader

Mike DiPetro. The program operates out of The Samuel Gentile Recreation Center, starting the week of July 12th and running for 6 weeks. The cost is \$50 per child per week and \$25 each additional child and is open to all children ages 6-13. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities including field trips, plenty of park and playground time, exercise classes, arts and crafts, daily swimming at the pool, entertainment and more. The program is limited to 100 children per week on a first come, first serve basis and registration must be done in person at either Everett City Hall or the Everett Health Department.

The Summer Jobs, also run by DiPetro is back this year, bigger and better than ever, with 250 kids expected. It starts July 6th and runs for 8 weeks, with kids being placed all over



Swan Street Park was fully renovated in 2018.

the city including the Department of Public Works, City Hall, Everett Police Station, Everett Public Libraries and more.

One other program of note this summer is the free lunch program, run

by the YMCA. They’ll be handing out free lunches Monday through Friday at five of our city’s parks all summer long.

As things get back to “normal” and we once again gather with friends

and family, be sure to spend some time at our local parks, enjoying the waterfront and green space that our Mayor has worked so hard to make available to all.

OBITUARIES

Elena Pantano

Retired waitress

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church in Everett on July 12 for Elena M. (Mogavero) Pantano, 90, who died unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 6 at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Elena was born and raised in Medford and was a 1948 graduate of Medford High School. She was married to her husband, Albert W. Pantano, Jr. for 58 years. The couple resided in Revere for many years while they raised their children.

Elena worked for many years as a waitress at the Ritz Cafe on Revere Street in Revere, the Chateau Deville and the Fernwood. She and

her husband later moved to Everett, where she has been for about 15 years.

She was a devoted and faithful parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Everett. Elena spent her days at the Revere Moose #2712 where she was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Post. There, she had many friends and loved to play bocce. She also loved to take trips to the casinos.

Her family recalls all the many wonderful holidays she hosted throughout the years and her legendary cooking. She was a simple woman who you would immediately love and want to be your friend.

The devoted wife of 58 years to the late Albert W.



Pantano, Jr., she was the loving mother of Albert J. Pantano and his wife, Janet M. of The Villages, FL, formerly of Georgetown and Dennis Pantano of Everett; proud and cherished grandmother of Amanda M. McMahon and her husband, Lawrence of Conifer, CO, Amie J. Richards and her husband, Maxwell of Methuen and Andrea L. Pantano of Cambridge; adored great grandmother of Oliver George; dear sister of the late Camille Young– Fischer, Sebastian “Buster” Mogavero and Jennie Parisi. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and friends. Remembrances may be made to Spina Bifida Association of Greater New England, 219 E Main Street #100B, Milford, MA 01757 or by visiting www.sbagreat-erne.org.

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CHURCH News

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News and Notes

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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
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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**

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 online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

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.
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Glendale United Methodist Church
Pastor David Jackson
392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers)
Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street
617-387-2916
PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com
Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.**

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 www.for-

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

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

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Sports

Boxing returns, Shea Willcox, Tommy Shen preparing for July fights

By Cary Shuman

The Broadway Boxing Club, under the direction of Dennis Willcox and Joe Ricciardi, is prepping two of its top amateur boxers for their next bouts to be held July 31 in Dedham.

Nineteen-year-old fighters Shea Willcox and Tommy Shen have been training daily at the club which is located on the second floor of the old Everett High School building at 548 Broadway.

Both fighters are coming off impressive victories in their last bouts. Willcox won a tough, split decision in a three-round bout against a Manchester (N.H.) fighter. Shen earned a 5-0 decision over an opponent from Lawrence.

Willcox, son of Dennis and Kelly Willcox, will return to the ring on a pro-am card at Mosely's on the Charles in Dedham.

"Everything is going well," said Willcox. "I'm in training six days a week



Dennis Willcox (left) and Joe Ricciardi (right) are pictured at the Broadway Boxing Club with amateur boxing standouts, Tommy Shen and Shea Willcox, who will be fighting on a July 31 card at Mosely's on the Charles in Dedham.

and sparring two to three times a week. Having a boxing gym in Everett is great. It's the best gym I've been at so far. I'm working hard and I'll be ready for the fight."

Shea, who is 5-foot-9 and fights at 152 pounds, is pointing toward his first appearance in the New England Golden Gloves in January.

"I'm just going to stay

busy until the Golden Gloves," said Shea, who is the younger brother of Brown University quarterback Jake Willcox.

Shen is a sophomore at Pace University (New York City) where he is studying computer science. He is the son of John and Minwu Shen. His sister, Michelle Shen, is a graduate of Barnard



Several local boxers are now calling The Broadway Boxing Club of Everett their home for training and sparring sessions. The contingent is pictured above with club directors Dennis Willcox and Joe Ricciardi.

College and pursuing her Master's degree at Oxford.

Shen, who is 5-foot-5 and fights in the 126-pound division, believes his training team is helping him improve his boxing skills and has him focused on his next fight.

"I feel I've been getting great instruction at the club," said Shen. "I think my strengths as a

fighter are my fast feet, fast hands, speed – and I've got some pop to my punches, too."

With the COVID-19 restrictions on training being lifted and fans now being allowed to attend fights, Ricciardi said his fighters are motivated to resume regular sessions and compete in the ring.

"They know that they're going to get fights sched-

uled," said Ricciardi. "It's been 18 months without amateur fights because of COVID-19. With things opening up, our fighters are coming to the club every day, working hard, and getting better."

Dennis Willcox said tickets (\$20) to the July 31 boxing card are available at the Broadway Boxing Club. The amateur boxing card begins at 2 p.m.

EVERETT HIGH GREAT LAUREN O'CONNOR RETURNS TO GLENDALE PARK



Lauren O'Connor, (right) one of the greatest athletes in Everett High School history, is pictured at the Rob Rocco Memorial Softball Fundraiser June 25 at Glendale Park. O'Connor was the Crimson Tide's phenomenal third baseman in the early 2000s when Stacy Poste Schiavo's contingent won four consecutive GBL titles. Lauren continued her athletic career in softball and women's hockey at UMass/Boston and now works in a leadership position at Encore Boston Harbor. Pictured (left) are Lauren O'Connor, with her parents, Mike and Laura O'Connor, and her brother, Michael O'Connor.



EVERETT HIGH SOFTBALL PLAYERS COMPETE IN AGGANIS ALL-STAR GAME



Two Everett High School softball players, Madison Smith (left) and Haley Oteri, participated in the Harry Agganis All-Star Game June 20 at Fraser Field in Lynn. Smith was a defensive standout at third base while Oteri displayed her blazing speed on an infield hit as their South team defeated the North, 4-3, in the 23rd annual game. Madison will be attending Curry College while Haley will be attending Suffolk University.

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