

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Councilor and Mayoral candidate Fred Capone held an open house at his campaign headquarters on July 31, followed by a large stand-out in Everett Square with supporters. Meanwhile, campaign staffers and family paused from canvassing on July 20 to celebrate Capone's birthday with a blue and white cake. The campaign continues to knock on doors across the city, and hold visibility events ahead of the Sept. 21 Preliminary Election.

Everett Police Superior Officer's Association endorses Mayor Carlo DeMaria re-election

Staff Report

Early last week, Mayor Carlo DeMaria was formally endorsed by Everett Police Superior Officer's Association (NEPBA Local 95) for his re-election as Mayor of Everett. "When we look around the City where once was a neglected property or an empty lot there are now sustainable businesses and housing being built. Policing in a City like Everett can be challenging at times. Everett has been voted the most diverse City in the State and we can attest that it is. You have always provided us

the funding for the equipment and training that we need in order to provide effective policing to the residents of Everett. You and Chief Mazzie have both been very active in bringing people within the ranks of the Department that reflect the changing population of the City," said Lt. James Gabriel, President of NEPBA Local 95. "I am humbled and honored to have earned the endorsement of the Everett Superior Officer's Association," said Mayor DeMaria. "While most people run away from danger, they run towards

it. They are part of Everett's finest, building trust within the community and keeping our city safe." DeMaria has served as Everett's mayor for 14 years. Previously, he served as a former Everett Alderman. As an elected official, DeMaria brings a wealth of experience, including his time in public service and as a small business owner, to advocate for the residents of Everett. This year's Preliminary is on September 21. For more information or to get involved with the campaign, visit: <https://carlodemaria.com>.



Everett Police Superior Officer's Association and the Everett Patrolmen's Union showing support for Mayor DeMaria.

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Council looking for answers in AG's City-contractor asbestos lawsuit

By Seth Daniel

Several members of the City Council are demanding answers about the apparent lack of oversight by the City for an Everett-based contractor who is alleged by Attorney General Maura Healey to potentially have exposed the public to asbestos three years ago while doing underground pipe work in the Ward 1 area.

The allegations, which were filed late last month by AG Healey's Office in a civil lawsuit at Suffolk Superior Court against GTA Inc., of Everett, involve work done in 2018 in Everett and Braintree. It is alleged in the complaint by AG Healey that GTA violated the state's Clean Air Act when they removed and demolished asbestos-containing municipal water pipes without complying with required asbestos work practices as part of the water main replacement projects the City of Everett and the Town of Braintree hired them to complete. The suit also alleges that GTA left uncontained asbestos-contaminated debris on the ground and in open dumpsters along Cabot and Marlboro Streets in Everett, as well as one location in Braintree. Asbestos is a hazardous material that can cause cancer if one breathes it in under specific conditions.

GTA did not comment on the matter by press time. On Monday night, the Council held a Special Meeting to address the issue and begin looking at what happened, or did not happen with the work done in Everett.

Councilor Fred Capone, and the rest of the Council, did not name the contractor, but wanted to find out when the City knew of the issues with alleged mishandling of asbestos. He said, if true, the disregard for resident safety on the roads in his ward are troubling.

"If it does turn out these allegations are upheld, the counts and charges alleged in the lawsuit, the level of arrogance (by the contractor) alleged and the total disregard for resident safety, I would ask that this contractor be banned from future work in the City," said Capone, noting that GTA is one of the largest City public works contractors and has ongoing work right now in the city.

"One concern I have is this happened in 2018, and it happened in my ward, and I didn't hear about it until three years later when it became part

of a lawsuit," he said. "That's a serious concern. I would like to know when the City was first notified about this."

Capone said that if the allegations are upheld, he would like part of the agreement to be that residents in the affected areas be able to get tested for any medical issues at the expense of the contractor.

Councilor Michael Marchese said he was very concerned about the matter, and hoped to get more answers once it goes to committee.

"If this is an issue in 2017, why is this contractor working here still?" he asked. "As a Council we have a priority to make sure the people of Everett aren't exposed to anything dangerous. If this happened in 2017, there should have been some acknowledgement then and some suspension...I just hope its not going on even now...I hope for the sake of the workers and people of Everett, they haven't been exposed to this and that I haven't been exposed to it as well. Everyone should be concerned that this happened."

Councilor Gerly Adrien said it was a dangerous allegation because, if true, it potentially compromised the health of residents on those streets.

"We're talking about people's health," she said. "I'm extremely concerned...For the City Council, we had to hear about this from the media and not the administration. We have to ask what else is being hidden and what else we should know about. We have to put the health of our residents first...It's not about money or relationships or who we are friends with. I think the administration needs to go through a training on how to do contracts and other such things."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said in a statement, "In May of 2018, the Massachusetts DEP received a complaint regarding work being done by a private contractor on a municipal water contract in Everett. The City required this work to be done in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local environmental requirements. Upon review of the site, DEP ordered that work be stopped immediately and appropriate abatement steps be taken by the contractor. The City has fully cooperated with and supported the enforcement efforts of DEP and the Attorney General's Office as they have taken respective

enforcement actions related to this matter."

The lawsuit filed late last month by AG Healey alleged the Clean Air Act violations, the mishandling of asbestos, and also alleged a False Claims Act violation by the contractor in regards to the issues in Braintree. The case was originally referred to AG Healey by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

A second piece of the lawsuit comes against Revere-based EZ Disposal/Capitol Waste. The lawsuit claims they were hired to transport asbestos debris from the Everett worksite, failed to contain and store the asbestos-contaminated waste safely while transporting it to an EZ Disposal facility in Revere, and that they and the owners of the EZ Disposal facility, Ricmer Properties, Inc., and 413-419 Bremen Street, LLC, unsafely and illegally stored it at that facility in violation of the state's Clean Air Act.

"We allege that these defendants put the health of the public and their workers at risk by conducting illegal and unsafe asbestos work in the middle of city streets, including in environmental justice communities that already bear disproportionate environmental risks," said AG Healey upon announcing the lawsuit publicly. "We will hold accountable people and companies who violate the laws intended to protect the public from this dangerous material."

According to information from the AG's Office, asbestos is a mineral fiber that has been used in a wide variety of building materials, from roofing and flooring, to siding and wallboard, to caulking and insulation. If asbestos is improperly handled or maintained, fibers can be released into the air and inhaled, potentially resulting in life-threatening illnesses, including asbestosis, lung cancer, and mesothelioma. Asbestosis is a serious, progressive, and long-term disease for which there is no known effective treatment. Mesothelioma is a rare form of cancer that is found in the thin membranes of the lung, chest, abdomen, and heart, that may not show up until many years after exposure, and that has no known cure, although treatment methods are available to address the effects of the disease.

AG Healey's Office has made asbestos safety a priority, they said.

KRISTIN FULTON MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY



Family members and Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Stacy DeMaria gathered around the memorial to Kristin Fulton, which contains a quote from Walt Disney that says, “If you can dream it, you can do it.”

Courtesy Photos

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett hosted a memorial dedication ceremony for Kristin Fulton on Sunday, August 1. The event featured a memorial plaque dedicating the Tot-Lot in Glendale Park to Fulton.



Councilors Stephanie Martins, Michael McLaughlin and Rosa DiFlorio, with School Committeewoman Cynthia Sarnie.



A large crowd of family and residents showed up to support the memorial to Kristin Fulton.



Kristin Fulton's friends and family gathered at Glendale Park for a photo after the dedication.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria says hello to Fulton's parents, Mari- anne and Robert Ciarlone, via a Zoom connection.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria introduces Nicholas Calderone to say a few words about Fulton.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria an Stacy DeMaria comfort Vinnie Calderone after the unveiling of the memorial.

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to bring back the game. However, Encore still has yet to bring back any poker games, and has replaced many of the poker areas with new, successful slot machines. That, they said, is because they cannot entice furloughed dealers to come back, or new employees to be trained.

“Part of the issue we’re facing now is we have the jobs, but can’t get people to fill those jobs,” said Encore’s Jacqui Krum. “That’s part of the consideration – is these unfilled jobs...We will train absolutely anyone that wants to be a dealer at our cost... We didn’t say no to poker, just not at this time.”

MGC officials told the Commission that while they might receive about four or five complaints a month about the table games in a normal time, they have been getting upwards of 50 complaints a month about Encore not bringing back poker.

Right now, there are no poker tables on the floor at all in Encore, and the poker areas that once existed in Encore were transformed into high-performing slot stations during the pandemic. Those machines continue to do well and are popular with customers, Krum said, and they also don’t require any dealers or personnel such as table games do.

The problem exists not only with open positions for dealers at the resort, but also for food/beverage, housekeeping and other areas of the resort. Officials have indicated that their business at Encore is now at pre-pandemic levels, but

they cannot hire people at pre-pandemic levels. They have several positions, and those positions are offered first to furloughed workers – many of whom have moved on or choose not to work. Finding workers from the outside for the open positions is also a challenge, which follows the national labor shortage trend.

That is exactly the case for poker, Krum said, and they would like to hire new dealers and bring in former dealers to return the game to the customers, but cannot find the workers.

So, at the moment, they continue to operate the popular slot machines in the former poker loft area, and will only bring back the poker and other table games when they can find and train the staff to do so.

The MGC was very disappointed in the inability to provide poker to customers, and went into a legal analysis of the terms of Encore’s license – noting that the license is a Category 1 license beholden to offering slots and table games and is revocable.

“The question becomes what commitments did the applicant make in relations to offering poker,” said an MGC attorney.

Most of the Commissioners said they didn’t want to micromanage the casino operations, and there is precedent for the casino to adjust its offerings as customer demand and business conditions dictates. However, they did ask that Encore provide better communication in the future about taking away popular items like poker.

“I don’t think we’ll make a decision or make a vote, but I think it’s a chance to make the inquiries we want...and then as need be with future thoughts on recommendations,” said Chair Cathy Judd-Stein.

“Poker was replaced by high-revenue generating slot machines,” she continued. “I am thinking about that...because with each table game comes the idea of pretty high quality jobs. Table games produce more jobs and careers than slot machines. I don’t question your business decision. I’m struggling with this need for more communication.”

Commissioner Enrique Zuniga said he didn’t want to micromanage the casino, but they have to hold them accountable.

“I’m not interested in micromanaging the world-class organization you have,” he said. “On the other hand, commitments were made early on in the licensing and (a license) is a privilege and we have a job to do.”

MGC officials did detail that in many jurisdictions around the country, at least part of the poker tables were open, even if not at pre-pandemic levels.

“That does show that it’s not 100 percent across the US, but there is a lot of poker being played,” said Judd-Stein. “I wonder how much that workforce shortage is playing into this.”

•MINORS ON THE GAMING FLOOR

Encore reported in the second quarter that they intercepted 10 minors on

the gaming floor, with an additional four being small children that accidentally got away from their parents.

Three minors were engaging in gaming, with one found on a slot ma-

chine and two at table games. Nine of them were found with alcohol while underage. The average time on the floor for them was 40 minutes before they were found out.

One 20-year-old spent

nearly three hours on the floor before being turned away.

Krum said they are initiating a back-of-house training program to make sure everyone going on the floor has their ID checked.

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This weekend marks the return of the 16th annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, featuring master sand sculptors who have come from all over the globe to compete in one of the largest sand sculpting festivals in the world.

The festival will be held on Friday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. A grand fireworks display will be held Saturday evening at 9:00 p.m.

In 2019, the event drew an estimated one million attendees, drawn not only by the wonderful sculptures, but also by food trucks, food vendors, exhibitors, and much more, so it is advisable that attendees from out of town plan on taking the T to Revere Beach station.

This year’s festival also will be a celebration of the 125th anniversary of Revere Beach, America’s first public beach.

All in all, the 2021 Sand Sculpting Festival promises to be a memorable event for all members of the family.

NOT ALL PARENTS KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR THEIR KIDS

The executive order signed last week by Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida banning local school boards from requiring students to wear masks in schools in that state rates as one of the most reprehensible actions of any public official since the pandemic began.

Thanks to DeSantis's lack of leadership and nutty pronouncements throughout the course of the pandemic, Florida now rates as one of the biggest hotspots for the coronavirus in the world, accounting alone for almost 20% of the daily infections in the U.S. and recently breaking its own one-day record for infections.

Predictably, the state's healthcare system is being swamped by COVID-19 patients, who are dying at a rate that is 10 times greater than New York City's.

DeSantis's order fails to recognize two basic facts:

First, although the rate of serious illness among children who catch COVID remains low, more than 19,000 children have been hospitalized with coronavirus in 24 states and New York City as of July 22, according to a database from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children’s Hospital Association.

That is a large number and it surely will spike when children return to school indoors.

Second, DeSantis's order fails to acknowledge that while masks afford some protection to the mask-wearer, the primary benefit accrues to everyone else who is around the mask-wearer, whose aerosols are contained within the mask, rather than being spread around a room unimpeded where they linger to be inhaled by another person.

Maskless students needlessly risk infecting their teachers, classmates, and staff members, as well as the family members and everyone else who comes into contact with anyone who is at those schools.

In short, the reopening of schools without adherence to the COVID-19 precautions that we're all familiar with will become a superspreader event in every community in Florida, even among the vaccinated, thanks to the highly-contagious Delta variant.

However, it is the basic false premise of DeSantis's executive order -- that parents know what is best for their children's health -- that is the most harmful aspect of his reasoning.

Typical parents are not the best caregivers for their children's health for the simple reason that they are not medical experts, especially when it comes to COVID-19.

While we will concede that most parents love their children, it also is undeniable that parents who are not following the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the American Society of Pediatricians (which are recommending mask-wearing in schools) are sacrificing their children's health on the altar of their political views.

Gov. Ron DeSantis shamelessly is kow-towing to a vocal minority that has placed their perceived political aspirations over ending the pandemic -- and the end result will be thousands of more infections and deaths, including among the children of Florida.

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Everett Summer Jobs Program is a huge asset to the City

By Deanna Deveney, Esq.

For more than 25 years, the Everett Summer Jobs Program has been helping the city’s youth build their resumes and take their first crack at a “real life job.” Since Mayor DeMaria has taken over, the program has evolved into one of the largest and most successful of its kind in the area, and it is something that he is particularly passionate about.

Recreation Leader Mike DiPietro along with Human Resource Generalist Roberto Velasquez, oversee the program beginning with the application and interview process. Over the years they’ve perfected the process to make the kids more comfortable and confident, and have transitioned to a group interview format, which gives everyone a chance to speak, while taking a little pressure off them individually.

“For most kids, it’s their first real life work experience, so they can be a little nervous at first,” DiPietro said.

Prior to the interview, applicants are given a questionnaire to prepare in advance, and one of the

top priorities during the interview is to learn more about each applicant so that they can better place them in something that suits their skillset and interests.

“A lot of these kids still don’t know what they want to do,” DiPietro said, “so we try to help guide them and encourage them to try something new.”

Many times after they are asked about their hobbies and interests, the kids will discover a new passion or hidden talent, or expand upon an existing one and have a chance to showcase it. For example, some budding artists designed beautiful murals, an editing pro helped out in the TV department and a student with a knack for electricity built something for the high school.

Once the youth are hired, they are reminded that it is indeed a “real job” and that they need to be on time and follow the rules.

“We tell them, ‘we want to know we can rely on you,’ and that helps build their confidence,” Velazquez said.

On any given day, tasks can include anything from painting fire hydrants and



Participants in the Everett Summer Jobs Program.

cleaning up the parks, to working indoors in an administrative role or being a camp counselor for the younger children. Kids are typically placed where they will be most successful and where they have a strong interest.

This year has some exciting new opportunities on tap, including working in the gardens with the Everett Community Growers and working IT support for the elderly and disabled as part of a new program called Digital Navigators.

In addition to working and receiving a paycheck, there are a variety of educational opportunities and training sessions throughout the summer, including presentations by the Everett PD, and guidance on things like opening up your own checking account, registering to vote and applying for financial aid for college.

And of course, you’ll get to meet the Mayor too! Mayor DeMaria is very involved in the program and makes an effort to meet every kid and get to know them. On the last day there is an end of summer party with games, food and fun where the Mayor thanks everyone for their hard work.

Due to the pandemic, last year’s program looked much different than years past. For the first time ever, the program was entirely virtual, losing the important personal connection aspect. Despite the challenges however, the kids came together and learned some valuable new skills, including everyone’s new best friend, zoom!

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GUEST OP-ED

Where does all the money go?

By Councilor Fred Capone

Words like ‘Transparency’ and ‘Accountability’ are thrown around daily by public officials. However, transparency and accountability in government are often very difficult to find.

One common question I am asked is: “Where does all the money go?”

It is well-known that I take my responsibility for fiscal oversight very seriously as a city councilor. As one of four boys raised in a single parent household, I understand the need to allocate limited resources in a prudent and responsible manner. Throughout my tenure in

elected office, I have gone over every annual budget, line-by-line, and consistently ask questions regarding funding requests. This is to ensure that what is requested truly benefits all our residents and not just a select few individuals. When I served on the Ways and Means Committee, I reviewed every single bill paid by the city. It was a real eye-opening experience. Every resident should have that same opportunity. As your councilor, I have requested more transparency as to how our city spends money. If elected Mayor, I will make all city expenditures accessible to the

public, both on-line and in person. After all, it is your money. You deserve to know where your money is going and how it benefits you.

Additionally, our city website should be up to date and user-friendly. It is a tremendous source of information and can serve as an invaluable asset to our residents. However, if the information is not updated, accurate and easily accessible, it does not benefit our residents. Despite my repeated requests that the website information be updated, much of the information on the city’s website is still outdated and many

topics are difficult to navigate. As Mayor, I will ensure that the website remains current and it will be reconfigured to make it more user-friendly so that information can be easily obtained.

These are just a few changes I would like to implement if elected mayor. For other areas of concern or ideas, please visit my webpage at www.fredcaponeforeverett.com.

Fred Capone is the Councilor for Ward 1 of Everett as well as a candidate for Mayor in the upcoming election.

GUEST OP-ED

Life Learning, Commitment and Hard Work

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

We are always learning. Life is filled with education. We learn all the time.

Every day we receive new information about health, the planet, communication, medicines, the universe and more. Life is a process of learning and developing.

Education is more than grades one through twelve, college, and beyond. There are many aspects to every job we do that we never learned in school. We learn from parents if we will listen. We learn from coworkers. We learn from our failures. We learn how not to do something because we tried it once and it failed. The good thing about failing is that it doesn’t have to be final. Some things are final but not everything. Just because your first marriage failed doesn’t mean your second marriage will fail. Hope-

fully you learned from your first marriage and you won’t make the same mistakes the second time around.

You may have a business failure. This happens to a lot of people. This doesn’t mean your business efforts will fail in the future. Hopefully you learned from your first efforts and can avoid the same mistakes again in your next endeavor.

Possibly you tried a lifestyle that did not work out for you. Maybe you abused alcohol or even drugs or pursued a negative lifestyle that greatly diminished your life to the point where your life seemed hopeless. This doesn’t mean you have to stay this way. With a dedicated decision and often help from others you can turn your life around and do better.

We can learn from mistakes. They are educational and usually expensive. They set us back in life.

They aren’t fun and can be tormenting.

Remember, you can’t live in the past. Don’t totally forget what past failure did to you because you don’t want to repeat your mistakes. However, the past is over. Live your life forward.

As you go forward there are easier ways to learn. Study the lives of others. Research what they did and read. People all around us are either succeeding, failing or at least stable. Study others whose lives intrigue or impress you. Study their careers, work ethic, their values and how they make them work to achieve the life they are living. You can learn a lot by observing and studying others. You can also learn from the failures of others. What were some of their obvious mistakes?

Volunteering or taking an entry level job with someone you would like to emulate is a great way

to learn their success principles.

There are cases where nothing seems to make sense. Life is not always fair. We all have different interests, physical abilities, backgrounds and lifelong developed skills. Take all these into consideration and bring them together to work for you.

Success always has new twists, turns and innovative ways. However, they are not accomplished without some form of life learning, commitment and hard work.

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DiDomenico joins Biden Economic Advisor and Clark to promote American Families Plan

Staff Report

On July 7th, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined with Cecilia Rouse, President Joe Biden’s Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, at a local childcare center in his district to promote the American Families Plan. Senator DiDomenico and Chair Rouse, alongside Massachusetts Congresswomen Katherine Clark, Ayanna Pressley, and Lori Trahan, toured Nurtury Early Education in Cambridge, New England’s first early education and care agency, in an effort to spotlight the nation’s “care infrastructure” and its fragility— a fact which has been brought into sharper focus during the pandemic.

Like many early education providers across the nation, Nurtury was hit hard by the pandemic and has remained un-

der-staffed and unable to meet its licensed capacity despite high demand. This has largely been due to the fact that many childcare workers were unable to find care for their own children during the Covid-19 crisis. Consequently, a lack of available childcare services and providers prevented many parents from being able to get back to work.

“Education, and more specifically early education, has been a top priority of mine since I was first elected back in 2011,” said DiDomenico following the tour. “Therefore, it was sadly no surprise to hear that childcare centers like Nurtury are unable to fill classrooms, since they cannot find staff who either can afford to work in the childcare industry or can find care for their own kids. This pandemic has hit our childcare industry hard but has also revealed

how critical this industry is to our economy. I do hope that this crisis has showed all Americans just how important it is that we invest in early education and care at both the state and federal levels.”

Senator DiDomenico’s visit was in support of an infusion of public funds for early childcare and education services through President Biden’s \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan. The plan would create universal pre-K-dergarten for all children ages three and four and help to make the childcare industry more affordable for all families. The provision would also establish rules preventing childcare costs for low and middle-income families from exceeding more than seven percent of their income. Additionally, the plan would create a national comprehensive paid family and medical leave pro-

gram, as well as extend the Child Tax Credit increases that were included in the national COVID-recovery package signed into law by the president in March. After the tour, Senator DiDomenico, accompanied by Chair Rouse and all three Congresswomen in attendance, participated in a roundtable with members and staff of the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA). The discussion centered on the experiences of Black entrepreneurs and small business owners who shared stories of their struggles and challenges throughout the pandemic. The conversation illustrated the disproportionate impact that the pandemic has had on people of color and the universal challenges for families to access affordable, high-quality childcare.

“This roundtable was a fantastic learning opportunity, and for everyone at the federal, state and local levels to discuss the work that lies ahead to solve this childcare crisis. I am grateful to everyone who shared their expertise and experiences, and of course to our incredible Congresswomen for their dedication to passing the American Families Plan. Without question, this tour will help to inform the work that I do around early education and childcare in the Massachusetts Legislature, which I hope will serve as a complement to the passage of American Families Plan.”



DiDomenico participates in a roundtable with members and staff of the Black Economic Council of MA (BECMA).

FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Paul DeMato

Paul DeMato is an employee of the Department of Public Works and has worked with the City of Everett for 27 years.

What do you do in the City/?

“I am General Foreman at the DPW. I am in charge of the irrigation in the Ball Fields and the Playgrounds throughout the City. I also buy the flowers for the City and work



Paul DeMato.
with the Garden Center.

Over the years, I have pretty much done a little bit of everything, but this is what I’m focused on.

What is your favorite part about working for the City?

“Meeting different people is my favorite part of working in the City. I was born and raised here in Everett, so it’s nice to be part of the improvements.”

What is the biggest

lesson you’ve learned from your role?

“I’ve learned not to take things for granted, give people the benefit of the doubt and treat people the way you want to be treated.”

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

“I am a social guy. I like traveling, dining out, and going to social gatherings.

John Uga / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Star softball player and a scholar-athlete. Samantha is pursuing a career as a nurse. A younger sister, Alexa, will begin her Everett High School athletic career in September.

Realizing his dream on American Ninja Warrior

John Uga, who stands 5-feet-11, said he began watching American Ninja Warrior sin his senior

year in high school. He started to train, with the specific dream of being a competitor on the nationally televised show.

“Instead of conventional sports, I wanted to try

something new and this endeavor kind of took off for me,” said John. “I think all of my sports worked together to prepare me for the show. Mentally, you have to overcome the obstacles in front of you.”

John thanked his parents and sisters for their support and encouragement. “They’ve always been there watching my games and rooting for my teams.”

He also said his football coach, John DiBiaso and baseball coaches, Joe Lento Sr. and Joe Lento Jr., also helped his growth as an athlete and a person. “They pushed me to be the best athlete I could be,” said John, who attended UNH where he studied Civil Engineering.

Everett residents will not only see John Uga Jr. competing on national television, but his family will appear on the show as well.

“We’re all very excited,” said John’s grandmother, Nancy Murphy. “We’ll all be watching John on the show and rooting for him.”



Everett’s John Uga displays his strength and athleticism on the American Ninja Warrior television show.



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MAYOR CARLO DEMARIA HOSTS CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

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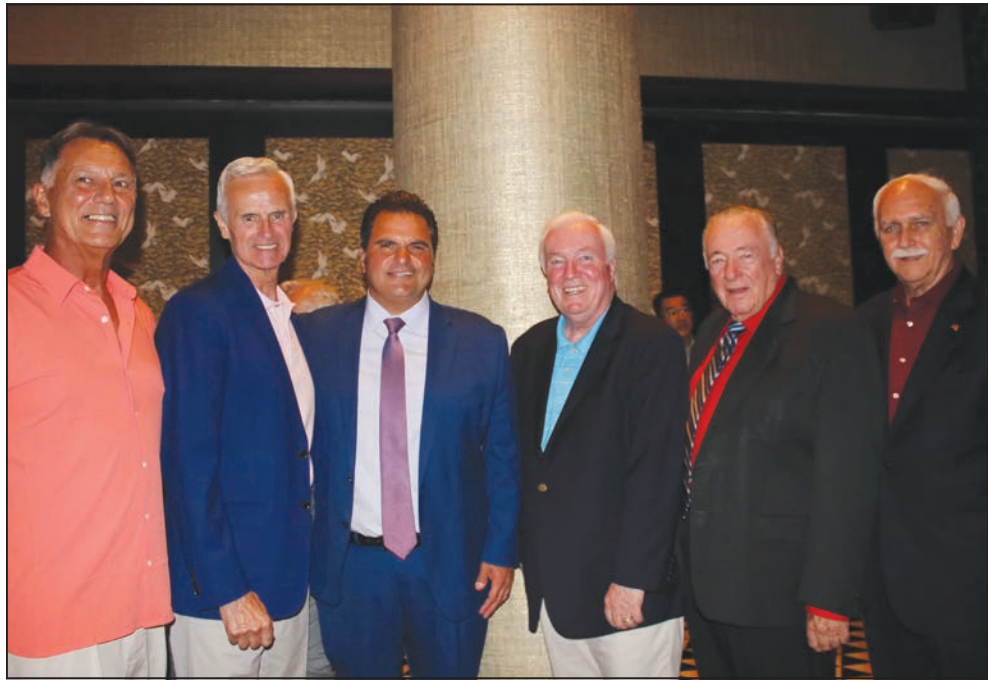
On Tuesday, July 27, more than 500 supporters attended Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s Summer Soirée at Mystique in Encore Boston Harbor. Former mayors, elected officials, labor leaders, union members, and members of the Everett community all came together to support the Mayor and his family as he seeks reelection. Vote for Carlo DeMaria on September 21st.



Over 500 people came to support Mayor Carlo DeMaria at his Summer Soirée at Mystique in Encore Boston Harbor.



Shown above and below, The DeMaria family.



Shown left to right, Former Everett Mayor David Ragguci, Former Malden Mayor Richard Howard, Former Medford Mayor Micheal McGlynn, Former Everett Mayor John Hanlon, and Former Methuen Mayor James Jajuga proudly endorse Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s re-election campaign.



Left to right, Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Jimmy Tri Le, candidate Anglemarie Dinunzio, candidate Rich Dellisola, candidate Alfred Lattanzi, Councilor Anthony DiPierro, School Committee Member Cynthia Sarnie, candidate Irene Cardillo, Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, candidate Holly Garcia, State Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Mayor DeMaria smiles as his supporters chant “four more years” in support of his re-election campaign while he gives his remarks for the night.



The crowd at Mystique in Encore Boston Harbor.



Proud supporters Mark Mayo and Tiffany Leahy stand with Mayor DeMaria and Stacy DeMaria for a picture.



Teacher union members Hope Savage, Maureen O’Donnell, Megan O’Donnell, Janet Colameta, Theresa Naimo, and Holly Garcia stand with Mayor DeMaria and his wife Stacy DeMaria



Mayor DeMaria greets one of his many supporters who attended the Summer Soirée.

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pecially in communities of color. The Administration highlighted its proposal to invest \$1 billion in housing initiatives like Commonwealth Builder as part of its \$2.9 billion plan to invest a portion of Massachusetts’ federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in urgent priorities to support communities of color and low-income workers. The governor hopes to apply \$500 million to the program from the overall \$1 billion allocation, he said.

“Our Administration is proud to support the work happening at the former St. Therese property in Everett because we know the difference these new homes will make in people’s lives,” said Governor Baker. “Our proposal to invest \$1 billion in housing priorities using a portion of Massachusetts’ federal funds would enable the Commonwealth Builder program to have an even greater impact as we seek to connect more families with homeownership opportunities and the chance to build long-term wealth. By making these investments, we can accelerate an equitable recovery, support those who were hardest-hit by the pandemic, and create real and lasting change in

communities across Massachusetts.”

“The City of Everett is proud to have partnered with The Neighborhood Developers to construct a development that will boast our affordable senior housing and townhomes for first time home buyers,” said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “The site of St. Therese holds a special place in our community’s heart, and we proudly made the decision to repurpose this site as a place that will continue to serve the community. I am grateful for the combined efforts of the Baker-Polito Administration, The Neighborhood Developers, MassHousing, Mass Development, and East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to help the City of Everett continue our efforts in providing a home for all of our residents.”

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said he was glad to see that the project is becoming a model for the state, and that other TND projects in other communities are now following this model in Everett.

The Neighborhood Developers (TND) is in the process of transforming the former church property into 77 new affordable rental homes with supportive ser-



State Rep. Joe McGonagle, MassHousing Director Chrystal Kornegay, Gov. Charlie Baker, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, EBHNC CEO Manny Lopes, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, MassDevelopment Director Dan Rivera, TND Director of Real Estate Development Steve Laferriere, and EBHNC CFO Greg Wilmott.

vices for seniors offered by East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBHNC), as well as six townhomes, which will be sold to working families at affordable prices. It anticipates accepting applications to live in the apartments and townhomes by early 2022. TND is building the affordable senior rental homes with affordable housing resources from the Commonwealth and with MassDevelopment financing. EBHNC will provide on-site services to senior residents. The for-sale townhomes are being developed under MassHousing’s Commonwealth Builder Program, which advances new homeownership and wealth-building opportunities for first-time homebuyers in communities of color.

Of the \$1 billion proposed for housing initiatives, Baker is asking that \$500 million in federal funds would be dedicated to expanding homeownership opportunities in communities hardest-hit by COVID-19 pandemic by supporting first-time homebuyers and scaling up the Commonwealth Builder Program. The Administration has also proposed investing \$500 million in federal funding to create more affordable rental homes, including service-rich rental units for seniors and veterans.

“I approached TND many years ago about coming into Everett because I knew they would be a great fit for our community,” said DiDomenico. “There is a real need in Everett for affordable



Gov. Charlie Baker talks with Mayor Carlo DeMaria on the project site.

housing, both rental and homeownership. This is a great example of Mayor DeMaria and our state partners coming together with innovative nonprofit organizations like TND and EBHNC to meet the interrelated needs of housing and health care in our community. I look forward to seeing residents enjoying this new space next year.”

Said Steve Laferriere, TND Developers Director of Real Estate Development, “TND is grateful for being one of the first participants in The Commonwealth Builder program, which is designed to begin to remedy a history of exclusion and disinvestment by expanding homeownership opportunities in gateway communities like Everett. With the six townhomes at St. Therese,

we are taking a small step towards dismantling the racial wealth gap by offering families the opportunity to become homeowners. At the same time, we are also ensuring seniors can afford to age in place here. We are grateful to the Baker-Polito administration because none of this would be possible without their support and leadership.”

EBHNC CEO Manny Lopes said bringing services to where people rent and own homes is a new horizon in health care delivery.

“The pandemic has further proven that overall health and well-being is inextricably tied to housing and other non-medical factors,” he said. “Thanks to support from Governor Baker, The City of Everett, The Neighborhood Devel-

opers, and OppCo we’re thrilled to be one step closer to bringing a comprehensive set of services to this new, innovative complex in Everett. With affordable housing and high-quality healthcare under the same roof, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, alongside our partners, looks forward to maximizing impact on older adults in the community for decades to come.”

The Baker-Polito Administration initially proposed its plan to invest a portion of Massachusetts’ federal funds in June at an event in Haverhill highlighting a Commonwealth Builder project. The Administration initially launched the Commonwealth Builder program with a \$60 million investment in 2019.

Encore Charity / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

cording to Jacqui Krum of Encore. The idea is that at the cash redemption machines on the casino floor, many customers get small amounts of change within their winnings that they don’t want. Now, Encore has adopted a program on the machine where customers can opt to donate the change in their winnings to four local charities – and so far that has added up to thousands of dollars in a short period of time.

“We have \$13,000 in donations to since starting the program on June 27,” Krum told the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) at its July 29 meeting. “Some customers donate as little as two or three cents and the average donation is just 19 cents. There have been 66,566 donations since we started.”

The four charities include Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA), Bread of Life food pantry, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center.

Bread of Life said Encore has been a great charity partner since they opened, and they are very excited about the new program as well.

“We at Bread of Life are so thankful for the tremendous support from Encore Boston Harbor,” said Spokesperson Patty Kelly. “Since their opening day, Encore has been a great advocate for Bread of Life and our mission. From employees donating their time volunteering to donating much needed

funding and food items, and serving on our recently launched Young Professional Advisory Board, Encore gives back to our Bread of Life community in many ways. We are honored that Encore continues to support Bread of Life and we are grateful to be included as a recipient of Encore’s innovative Change for Charity cash-out program.”

Patrick Herron, executive director of MyRWA, also said his organization has been the beneficiary of multiple gifts from Encore Boston Harbor over the past few years. They were on of the beneficiaries of their three-day practice opening in 2019, when they donated all proceeds to a few non-profits, including more than \$100,000 to MyRWA. He said they have regularly contributed \$25,000-\$50,000 in annual support for improvements to the local environment and parks too.

He said while we have been alerted that they are a beneficiary of the change program - the program is new enough that they have not yet received any funds from the program. “The program is in the early days, so it is too early to know at what scale this will impact MyRWA, but we are certainly excited,” he said. “MyRWA applauds the efforts of Encore-Boston Harbor to direct the funds from this change program to these community efforts. The success of their gaming operations will translate into a greater contribution to a healthy and vibrant watershed.”



City Councilors Rosa DiFlorio, Gerly Adrien, Michael McLaughlin, Anthony DiPierro, and Stephanie Martins with Gov. Charlie Baker.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

END OF SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

The rain washed away the Independence Day celebration but as promised, the City will host an End of Summer Extravaganza on Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. in Glendale Park. There will be live entertainment, food and fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Free admission, and rain date of Sept. 4.

ZONING, PLANNING ELIMINATE REMOTE OPTIONS

The City has announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board will no longer broadcast their meetings on Zoom or YouTube any longer, and will move back to an in-person only meeting format.

The ZBA and Planning had been two of the first and most successful boards to implement a remote option during COVID-19, and saw a jump in attendance and participation in their meetings as a result. Both boards moved back to City Hall meetings in July, and intend to go forward that way. City officials said there were perhaps some legal issues with having meetings continue with a remote option.

FORESTEIRE CASE CONTINUED AGAIN

The criminal case against former Supt. Fred Foresteire continues to stall out in District Court, with another continuance earlier this summer for a status hearing. In the most recent action, a status hearing on June 24 got continued to September 22, and there are no other public updates, according to the District Attorney's Office. He was originally charged criminally in February 2019.

DISTRICT 12 CHAMPS



The Everett 11-year-old baseball team recorded an undefeated season in the District 12 Jimmy Fund league. Congrats to the team and coaches.

ZION CHURCH COMMUNITY IN UNITY BLOCK PARTY

Zion Church Ministries, 757 Broadway, invites all to join them on Saturday, September 18, from noon to 3 p.m. for their Annual Community-in-Unity Block Party. Enjoy free food, entertainment, a Gaming Truck, activities for children, free health screening, giveaways, and more. It's time to have some fun, so mark the calendar and come celebrate at the Community-in-Unity Block Party.

SENIOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Senior Summer Concert series at the Connolly Center continues with week with Racy Cavicchio and his Orchestra. Dance to classic Big Band

tunes and listen to a great veteran of the music industry play. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

Future concerts include:
•Thursday, Aug. 12: Back Track, 6:30 p.m. Celebrate the popular girl groups of the 1960s, from the Shirelles to the Supremes to the Dixie Cups.

ANN-LAURIE PIERRE FUNDRAISER

Ann-Laurie Pierre, a senior at Everett High (EHS), has been faced with difficult circumstances and has been especially hit hard by the pandemic. Her father died of COVID-19; and her mother is battling cancer, unable to work.

Please consider donating to Ann-Laurie's GoFundMe page and join the community for her fundraiser event to help her to be able to attend Howard University. The event is on Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m., in the Village Bar & Grill, 38 Norman St.

BUS SURVEY AVAILABLE

REMINDER: Share Your Input with the Bus Network Redesign Travel Survey.

The MBTA would like to remind everyone about a new survey that will help them better understand what customers need from the bus network. The MBTA hopes to create a better and more equitable bus network—to do that, they need public input:

•Does the MBTA take you where you need or want to go?

•When you need to get somewhere, is riding the MBTA a good option for you?

Provide your input into the future of the MBTA bus network by taking the survey at mbta.com/bnrd-survey. One can also call (857) 366-1871 to take the survey over the phone.

The survey has been extended until August 8.

LUMA ANNOUNCES MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

LUMA Director Lucy Pineda this week announced they will hold the 14th annual Everett Multicultural Festival all day long on Aug. 29 at the Lafayette Playground.

The event is free of charge and has moved from Sacramone Park to the Lafayette after not having a festival last year. There will be lots of music, including Grupo Los Nitidos, Carlos Latin Band and others – as well as food from around the globe and traditional dancers.

WARD 5 AND 6 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that he will be hosting an in-person community meeting for the City of Everett's Ward 5 community at Swan Street Park on Tuesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. to learn more about the current issues facing the specific neighborhood.

“My Administration

and I have enjoyed meeting with the community over the past few months,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Throughout our community meetings, I have learned about the issues and concerns facing the neighborhoods of Everett. Residents asked questions and shared concerns, and we are working to find solutions. I look forward to having our in-person community meeting with the residents of Ward 5.”

Due to inclement weather, the original date for the community meeting for this ward had to be cancelled.

•Mayor DeMaria said he will hold the Ward 6 Community meeting on Aug. 4, 7 p.m., in Meadows Park. The meeting will address specific issues in the neighborhood. This ward meeting had been rescheduled from the original date of Wednesday, July 14.

EVERETT SENIORS ON THE ROAD AGAIN!!

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging have planned a long awaited trip to Maine for our annual Lobster Bake for Wednesday September 22, 2021. Our luxury Silver Fox coach will pick us up at The Everett Stadium Parking lot at 8:30am. Our first stop is the famed Stonewall Kitchen, where you will have time to browse through the many jellies, jams and other onsite made goodies. Our next stop is the fabulous Foster's for a traditional Down East lobster bake. Our meal includes, New England clam chowder, Steamed mussels and Maine Clams, Fresh lobster (or chicken) baked potato and dessert. After our feast, we will stop at When Pigs fly artisan breads, and then to Yummies Candy emporium, featuring over 10,000lbs of bulk candy, packed sweets and vintage products. Reservations must be made in person with our trip coordinators Hazel McNeil and Carol Dello Russo, at The Connolly Center August 9 through August 13. Please make checks payable to The City of Everett.

For additional information please call 617.394.2323 or 617.394.2260

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. The COA has chosen the theme of “Willie Wonka and The Chocolate Factory.” You will enjoy traditional BBQ fare with entertainment by Doo Wop DeVille. Tickets are available at The Connolly Center, July 19 through July 23 from 9 a.m. until noon. If you need transportation for this event, or have any questions, please call us at 617.394.2323 or 617.394.2260.

MEDITATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

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, August 6, 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.

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

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- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



ZONING 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, August 16, 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: 319 Broadway
Map/Lot: K0-08-000107
Person Requesting: MGR Enterprise, LLC
142 School Street, Unit #314
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant is seeking approval to: Construct a 20-unit Residential building with 8 parking spaces. Reason for Denial:

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

Violations:

The proposed building has an FAR of 2.89

The proposed new building appears to have a building floor count of 5 with a height of less than 65 feet.

The proposed rear yard of 20

Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals

Zoning Ordinance Sections

Section 6 Business Districts B. Dimensional Requirements.

Line 2. Lot Area: a. Residential----1.5 to 1 maximum floor area ratio.

Line 3. Height: a. Four (4) stories, not to exceed sixty-five (65) feet maximum, but not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles and gas holders, which shall not exceed thirty-three (33) percent of the floor area of the first floor, and provided that such church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles and gas holders shall not be more than fifty (50) percent higher than the average height of the roof of the main structure. (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-11-88)

b. Domes, ornamental towers, observation towers, water towers, hose towers, penthouses, head houses, water tanks and scenery lofts may be built within the sixty-five (65) height and shall not be considered a story provided they do not exceed thirty-three (33) percent of the floor area of the first floor.

Line 6. Rear Yard: Twenty-five (25) feet minimum unless the lot extends from one (1) street to another street, in which case no rear yard is required, except for any residential use which shall require a ten-foot minimum. (Ord. of 6-29-87)

MARY GERACE – Chairman

Roberta Suppa - Clerk

Board of Appeals

July 28, 2021
August 4, 2021

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 56 Winthrop Street
Map/Lot: E0-01-000108
Person Requesting: Antonietta Dembro Trust
Concetta Delsonno Trustee
50 Forest Ave.
Saugus, MA 01906

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant proposes to convert the existing single-family dwelling to a two (2) family dwelling located in the Dwelling District on a compliant 6563 sf lot. Plot plan dated April, 18, 2019, submitted by Otte & Dwyer, Inc. locates four (4) compliant off-street parking spaces. The structure is nonconforming as to side and front yard setbacks.

Reason for Denial:

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

Violations:

Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements

(2) b. - requires a lot size of 7000 sf for a two-family structure.

The existing lot is compliant with local zoning regulations for a single family and the proposed conversion would make the lot noncompliant.

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

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EVERETT PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing Notice

Public Hearing on an application

by Ferry Street Realty Trust

Property located at: 108 Ferry Street

Site Plan Review & Inclusionary Zoning

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A and with Sections 19 and 32 of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in the Speaker George Keverian Room (Room 37, Everett City Hall) to consider the above-listed application for Site Plan Review and Special Permit for Inclusionary Zoning. This proposal is for the redevelopment of a parcel, currently home to a mixed-use building containing a restaurant on the first floor and a residential unit on the second floor. The proposed project includes the razing on the existing structure to construct a four-story mixed-use building containing a ground floor restaurant and 16 residential units on the upper three floors, of which 3 are proposed to be designated as affordable. 108 Ferry Street is a parcel of land referenced by Assessor's Department as L0-03-000243.

A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours by contacting The Planning and Development Office at 617-394-2334.

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

Frederick Cafasso, Chairman

July 28, 2021
August 4, 2021

SCHOOL BRIEFS

SUMMER STRENGTH

Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani would like to extend a loud and heartfelt Thank You to the countless teachers, staff members, paraprofessionals, custodians, coaches, community partners, and administrators who are making this year’s free and expansive summer programming a reality for students. The highlights include expanded academic sessions at the K-8 level, one-week summer camps in sports, music, art, games, as well as and exciting partnerships with organizations like the 3-Point Foundation, Zumix, and the Boston Design Academy for high school students. This summer has been unlike any other, said Tahiliani, a testament to the commitment and talents of EPS personnel and the determination of Central Administration to provide expanded and enhanced services to our students.

A FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE

Everett High School is pleased to announce a free readiness opportunity for incoming 9th graders. The comprehensive Livius Prep program began on August 2 and features pre-

and post-assessments and 10 one-hour sessions, five each in ELA and math. EPS encourages students to take advantage of this great academic enrichment opportunity. Visit the Everett Public Schools website to register quickly and easily.

MIXED MESSAGING (THAT’S THE IDEA ...)

Everett High School students, such as Matth Telson, recorded their creative writing as part of a summer enrichment program the English Learner Department, which is offering a partnership with ZUMIX. ZUMIX is an organization that offers music and creative technology programs that equips youth with the tools necessary to reach their full potential, while creating a safe space for youth to explore who they are and who they want to be.

WHO WANTS ICE CREAM?

Students in the academic enrichment programs at Everett High, the Keverian, Lafayette, Parlin, and Whittier schools were treated to a visit from ice cream trucks last week, courtesy of the EPS. As you might expect, the students were thoroughly enjoying their ice cream

treats from Kevin Noonan Concessions. This is just another highlight from a summer filled with them, as the EPS launched a series of free and expanded programming last month that continues in August.

ALL ABOUT FAMILY

EPS Family Liaisons Iris Monge, David L. Capera Sanchez, and Rixy Reyes-Oseguera led classes for parents and guardians and students last month at the Parlin School. The Family Literacy Project, which is open to the entire EPS community, promotes reading at home as a family by providing easy access to books and strategies that encourage literacy. The classes are offered for parents and early-education students. The Liaisons lead the classes in Spanish, but materials are provided in English as well. Activities include word hunting, scrapbooking, and creating a family album. Families can keep the books used in class to help establish reading patterns at home.

LET’S POSE FOR A MOMENT

Yoga is one of the many free enrichment programs the EPS offered this summer at schools throughout

the district. Students took part in a one-week camp at the Keverian School led by energetic and engaging instructor Jenni Dunn. Jenni’s sister, Riley, is an Everett High teacher and head coach of the Crimson Tide girls basketball team. Thanks to Jenni and to the dozens of individuals who are leading enrichment camps this summer.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL DATES

- Aug. 31, First Day of School/Half day for grades K-12, 7:45 a.m. to noon.
- Sept. 1, First Full Day of School, grades K-12, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2, Full Day of School, grades K-12, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3, No School.
- Sept. 6, Labor Day, No school.
- Sept. 7, Full Day of School, grades K-12, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

EVERETT SCHOOL PARENT INFO CENTER

The Everett Public Schools Parent Information Center (PIC) at the Keverian School will continue to be open this summer to register children in all grades for the 2021-22 school year.

COMMUNITY-BUILDING



Everett Public Schools Superintendent Priya Tahiliani (right) and the district’s new Community Engagement Manager, Jeanette Velez, are pictured on Tuesday, July 27, morning outside the Parlin School. Velez is off and running in her new role, meeting with Family Liaisons, administrators, and school leaders in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year. The Superintendent and Velez were at the Parlin to say hello to Family Liaison Iris Monge and the parents, guardians, and young students in Ms. Monge’s English Language class.

The hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The hours on Wednesday are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The hours on Friday are 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Appointments are sug-

gested and can be made online at the Everett Public Schools website. As a change this year, each student enrolled will be given a new children’s book in their native language.

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Life mobile food pantry distributes food to needy families every Thursday from 3-5 p.m. at the Lafayette School in Everett.

COUNCIL ON AGING/CONNOLLY CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging, together, have been working diligently to be able to offer programing to our senior residents to slowly open up The Connolly Center while maintaining current safety practices and protocol. We are happy to announce our “Coffee Clutch” program. The Connolly Center will be open Mondays and Fridays only. There will be two sessions offered to Everett Seniors, and one session offered on Friday.

Each session will allow a maximum of 24 seniors. There will be 6 tables of 4 people each for a 90 minute session. Seniors will have the opportunity to see old friends, enjoy a snack and coffee and scheduled entertainment. Safety protocols, such as mask wearing, temperature checks and social distancing are mandatory. Our staff is required to sanitize before and after each session. The “Coffee Clutch” Schedule is as follows: Monday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday from 10:45 a.m. to noon Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Reservations are a must. To make a reservation please call Margaret @ (617) 394-2323.

COVID TESTING SITE MOVED

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.

AFT MASS. SEEKS MASK WEARING IN K-6 SCHOOLS THIS FALL

In response to new guidance from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) that contravenes CDC recommendations by suggesting that only unvaccinated students, educators, and staff members in Massachusetts schools should wear masks indoors this fall, the 23,000-member AFT Massachusetts released the following statement from AFT Massachusetts President Beth Kontos: “The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education needs to listen to health experts, including the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics, and require - not just recommend - universal mask wearing in K-6 schools this fall. If DESE continues to reject public health guidance and fails to act, local school committees need to step up and require universal mask wearing to keep us all safe and to maximize the likelihood of schools staying open this school year. “We all want a safe and productive return to school in September, and with the surge of the incredibly contagious Delta variant and vaccine disinformation threatening the progress we’ve made against COVID, we need to use all the public health tools we have to stop the spread

and keep schools open for in-person learning. Until we can get all school-aged kids vaccinated, basic public health precautions like masking are the bare minimum needed to keep our students and their vulnerable family members safe.”

STATE TOMATO CONTEST TO BE HELD AUG. 24

The 36th Massachusetts Tomato Contest will be held in the KITCHEN at the Boston Public Market in downtown Boston on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Tomatoes will be judged by a panel of experts on flavor, firmness/slicing quality, exterior color and shape. Always a lively and fun event, the day is designed to increase awareness of locally grown produce. Farmers can bring tomatoes to the market between 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. on Aug. 24 or drop their entries off with a registration form to one of the regional drop-off locations on Monday, Aug. 23. Drop off locations include sites in Great Barrington, South Deerfield, Worcester, Dighton and West

Newbury. These tomatoes will be brought in to Boston on Tuesday. Be sure to include a registration form with all entries. The 36th Tomato Contest is sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, New England Vegetable and Berry Growers Association and Mass Farmers Markets in cooperation with the Boston Public Market. For more information, contact David Webber, David.Webber@mass.gov.

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EVERETT PLANNING BOARD
Public Hearing Notice
Public Hearing on an application
by MGR Enterprise, LLC
Property located at: 319 Broadway
Inclusionary Zoning

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A and with Section 32 of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in the Speaker George Keverian Room (Room 37, Everett City Hall) to consider the above-listed application for Special Permit for Inclusionary Zoning. The Applicant has already received Site Plan Review approval from the Planning Board for the redevelopment of a parcel, consisting of the razing of an existing single family home into a five-story residential building with twenty (20) units. This proposal is for an Inclusionary Zoning Special Permit to designate three (3) of these units as affordable. 319 Broadway is a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as K0-08-000107. A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours by contacting The Planning and Development Office at 617-394-2334. All persons interested in or wishing to be heard on the applications may attend and participate in the hearing designated above in accordance with the information for public participation that will be included on the Agenda of the meeting that will be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law under Planning Board at: <http://www.cityofeverett.com/AgendaCenter>. Questions and comments can be directed in advance of the public hearing to Matt Lattanzi of the Department of Planning & Development at Matt.Lattanzi@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-394-2230. Frederick Cafasso, Chairman

July 28, 2021

August 4, 2021

Garage Door Gallery looks to “open” pop up on Aug. 15

By Seth Daniel

Getting art to the public is as simple as opening the garage door for new artist resident Marth Chason-Sokol, who lives in the unique old pharmacy on Bucknam Street that she has renovated with her husband and hopes to make a centerpiece for the arts community in Everett.

To start that off, she has been working with Karyn Alzayer of Integral Arts Everett and will host a show for her in the pop-up Garage Door Gallery on Aug. 15 at 3 p.m.

The unique home, called the Coca-Cola Loft by the former owner – a filmmaker who has moved to Colorado, had been used as a studio home space, and now has been further renovated for Chason-Sokol to use for her studio, perhaps some community arts workshops in the near future, and now as a pop-up gallery for everyone to enjoy.

“I bought a couple of new wall dividers and my goal this time is to pop open the garage door and Karyn will be the featured artist,” said Chason-Sokol. “She’ll bring her wishing wall and will hang up her art and will be doing Henna for a charge...I see

this as a kicking off place for building community. I wanted to move into an artist community...I feel very strongly art has a real healing component. It’s how I have dealt with trauma in my life. I feel I’m here to offer that to others in Everett who might be interested.”

Chason-Sokol and her husband moved to the new home in Everett in June 2020 from Brookline, a process that was complicated by the outbreak of COVID-19, but one that has now settled down. While they slept on an air mattress, she said her brother renovated the kitchen, put up new walls and added a bathroom in the basement.

“We moved to Everett because financially we really had to downsize and then COVID-19 made it even worse,” she said. “I really wanted to move to Lowell or Somerville where there is an arts community already. The spaces in Lowell were expensive and needed a lot of work. We also tried to move to Somerville and there was no way. It was as expensive as where we were living...I met a real estate professional who is also an artist and she knew this place was open and

only she knew about it. The former owner moved to Colorado and wanted to sell it, but only wanted to sell it to an artist...The garage door and the light that comes through the garage door is just amazing...It’s the perfect place for an artist.”

Chason-Sokol has done quite a bit of painting, using India ink and even hot bee’s wax for her pieces. She said she is currently

showing pieces in four shows, and has a solo show coming up in Connecticut later this year. She is also a new member of the Everett Cultural Council (ECC) and hopes to boost the arts scene here with Alzayer through the ECC.

Of interest to her lately is wrapping things with tape, and making them into sculpture – a process she defined as Bricolage.

“Because our renovations took so long, I started wrapping things into sculptures and one of them is now seven feet long,” she said. “They’re made by wrapping tape around stuff that is just lying around...There was electrical equipment on the floor and I picked that up. I’ve been doing this since last summer and I now have a ton of pieces.”

She said she gives a

lot of credit to Alzayer and Councilor Stephanie Martins, along with City officials who have helped with the renovation aspects. She said she hopes people will stop by on Aug. 15 to see the space and participate in what is hopefully the first of many garage door pop ups.

The space is located at 132 Bucknam St.

MVRCS celebrates six IB diploma recipients

Staff Report

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School is proud to salute its latest International Baccalaureate Diploma recipients as six students join the ranks of 113 others who have completed the impressive accomplishment. The list of recipients includes recent graduates Malden’s John Le (destined for UMass-Amherst), Everett’s Connor McKinnon (UMass-Lowell), Wakefield’s Dheeraj Nistala (Boston University), Malden’s Ashley Verrill (Emerson College) and Nick Wierzbowski (UMass-Amherst) and Tejaswi Yarram (Purdue University) hailing from Stoneham. Mystic Valley is one of just 868 IB Diploma Programs across America, offering students an opportunity to earn college credit and has demonstrated success and benefits in the college admission

process. The IB core, required of all IB Diploma recipients includes an extended essay, a 4,000-word maximum independent journal research style paper, a community service component as well as completion of the Theory of Knowledge course, a philosophy cross-curricular offering covering ways of knowing. In addition, students must take and complete five IB classes spanning in the subjects of literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies (history), sciences, mathematics and the arts. The IB Diploma is a two-year endeavor as students begin their path during junior year. The program has its roots in Geneva as it began in 1968, specifically designed to be internationally recognized. The IB is regarded in nearly every country as the pre-eminent college preparatory



(L-R): Recent graduates and IB Diploma recipients Nick Wierzbowski, John Le, Connor McKinnon and Tejaswi Yarram pose in front of MVRCS. Missing from photo are Dheeraj Nistala and Ashley Verrill.

program. In addition to IB diploma recipients and candidates, well over 90% of Mystic Valley’s Class

of 2021 took at least one IB class, a statistic that has steadily grown over the past five years.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

TRAN GRADUATES FROM COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL

Markus Tran of Everett graduated from Commonwealth School on June 11, 2021.

Commonwealth School, located in Boston’s Back Bay, is an independent co-ed day school enrolling approximately

140 students in grades 9 to 12. Founded by educator and philanthropist Charles Merrill, the school is noted for its intellectual energy, connections to the city, and robust art, music, and athletic programs, all supported by a close-knit school community. Its alumni include actor Hamish Linklater, diplomat and author Peter Galbraith, musician Evan

Dando, actress and filmmaker Kasi Lemmons, and geneticist David Altshuler.

JEAN-FRANCOIS NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST AT BATES COLLEGE

Sam Jean-Francois of Everett was named to the dean’s list at Bates College for the winter semes-

ter ending in May 2021. This is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.88 or higher.

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



Artist Martha Chason-Sokol moved to a very unique property on Bucknam Street last year with her husband, and now the accomplished artist is looking to have the first event at what she calls the Garage Door Gallery on Aug. 15.

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

**Mystic Side
Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA**

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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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.
**We are on the Internet
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Glendale United Methodist Church
Pastor David Jackson
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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

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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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