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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

IBEW LOCAL 2222 ENDORSES MAYOR DEMARIA

Earlier this week, Mayor Carlo DeMaria was formally endorsed by IBEW Local 2222 for his re-election as Mayor of Everett. IBEW Local 2222 represents thousands of telecommunications and hi-tech workers across the Commonwealth and in Everett.

“Your decision to seek public office is a great indicator of your dedication to your community and your work ethic. We know that you will represent working families with integrity, dignity and diligence,” said Brendan Keogh, Chairman of IBEW Local 2222. “We have many active members that live and work in Everett and they have spoken very highly of you.”

Said Mayor DeMaria, “If the pandemic taught us anything, it is that Everett families need reliable internet service in their city. It is clear to me that more has to be done to achieve this goal and to have the support of IBEW Local 2222, I am eager to continue our partnership in fighting for hard-working Everett families. Thank you Brendan Keogh and all members of IBEW Local 2222 for the words of support. Welcome to Team Carlo.”



Mayor DeMaria thanked the 100-plus who came to hold signs for the campaign last week. A special thank you to the volunteers to helped conquer the hills on a hot summer day, he said.



Having the opportunity to sit down with Everett residents is an experience I will always cherish. From sharing laughs, to asking questions about the future of Everett, we all share one goal and that is how do we make Everett a better place to live for everyone.

EVERETT HAITIAN AMERICANS TO HOLD FUNDRAISER FOR COUNCILOR ADRIEN

Councilor Gerly Adrien, candidate for mayor, will be holding a fundraiser in Everett at Brother’s Kafe Kreyol on Aug. 27.

The titled, Haitians for Gerly Fundraiser, will be in the restaurant at 299 Main St. at 7 p.m. RSVP at secure.actblue.com/donate/gerlyh.

“I’m proud to be the daughter of Haitian immigrants,” said Adrien. “My parents came to Everett to give me and my siblings a greater chance to succeed. That’s why I’ve dedicated my life to help other people in my community succeed. Everett deserves a mayor who wants to help every resident. We can’t afford to wait any longer.”

Join Adrien on Friday, August 27, at 7 p.m., to celebrate Haitian culture and the cultural diversity of Everett at the Haitians for Gerly Fundraiser.

CAPONE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES GROUND WORK THROUGH SUMMER



Councilor Fred Capone’s campaign for mayor has continued full steam ahead through the past week – heat emergency or not – as the candidate knocked on doors, and the team, including Michele Capone, strategized at their campaign headquarters. Meanwhile, Councilor Capone did take timeout to greet his loyal campaign canine, Gracie.



Real Estate Transfers			
BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Bono, Michael J	Agostinelli RT	8 Avon St	\$686,000
Proxima Assets LLC	Crossley, Peter K	101 Bradford St	\$735,000
Shoop, Douglas W	Oconnell, Kevin C	217 Bradford St #B	\$465,000
174 Elm Street Realty LLC	Carpenter, Patrick	174 Elm St #174	\$346,000
Dexter Street RT	Gochis, Michael P	54 Everett St	\$850,000
Shrestha, Sharmila	Hurley, William	21 Freeman Ave	\$550,000
Pineda-Lemus, Julio	Restrepo, Oscar	28 Kenwood Rd	\$725,000
Majano, Rudis	Yu Family 2016 RET	9 Lewis St	\$864,000
Torres, Kiara	Scaffani, Julia A	49 May St	\$416,000
Yilmazkulas, Aysel	Jackson, Denise	22 Mohan St	\$383,000
King, Matthew H	Pagliaro, Josephine	62 Paris St	\$524,000
Chacon-Pleitez, Jose A	Cartagena, Carlos	19 Park Rd	\$900,000
Yuan, Tingting	Gubir, Ashebir B	44 Prescott St	\$575,000

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The dedicated bus lane on Broadway in Everett. The dedicated bus lane program, initiated in 2016, has been successful so far, with few complaints being made regarding it.

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DeMaria explained. “If we don’t build this housing, the demographic changes will push us all out and that is why we need more public transportation alternatives.”

The mayor has been advocating for transit oriented developments (TOD) over the past five years to better meet the transportation needs of current residents and reduce the impacts of new development on the community. For example, the dedicated bus lanes also are able to accommodate bicyclists, who use these streets to commute to work, and shuttle buses from area developments such as Encore.

DeMaria, in an interview in his office, recently laid out how the Northern Strand Community Trail will be a passive recreation trail free of cars from Everett to the beaches in Lynn and Nahant.

The trail runs through Everett, Malden, Revere, and Saugus and soon will be completed in Lynn. This path also can be used as an alternative route for commuters.

DeMaria is the first to point out that Everett is one of the only communities in the MBTA geographic range that does not have commuter rail service within its borders, which means that many residents have no choice but to use their cars to travel to work or shopping areas.

DeMaria has developed a unique solution to the lack of transportation choices for residents. Realizing the decades that it will take state officials to construct rail service in Everett — for example, consider that the state has yet to connect the Blue Line and Red Line on Cambridge Street in Boston, even though that plan was part of the mitigation process of the Big Dig from the late 1980’s -- DeMaria said he will seek to utilize the existing modes of transportation in the area, such as the Silver Line in Chelsea or the existing commuter rail (which has a stop in Chelsea), to make public transportation attractive and reliable not only to the new residents who will occupy these housing units, but for many existing families.

“Traffic in the Boston area only is going to get worse,” the mayor said. “We need to offer our new residents a dependable and affordable alternative to owning or driving a car.”

He believes that a bus-only route starting at Glendale Park in Everett to Haymarket would help solve some of the traffic congestion at very little cost with both enormous benefits and a quick time-table.

Reducing vehicular traffic on Everett’s streets has been a long-term objective for DeMaria. “I have been using new zoning policies to have the developers’ buildings not include parking lots, and making the tenants use public transportation by limiting the resident stickers that would be available,” DeMaria said.

Working with the City Council, DeMaria had two pieces of legislation passed — the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance and a change in the Parking Ordinance.

The TDM employs strategies to change travel behavior in order to reduce traffic congestion, increase safety and mobility, and conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The parking change will be for new projects greater than four units. The ordinance restricts on-street parking spaces only to the amount of a lot’s frontage on the street. A 12-unit building for example, might only be able to have two cars parked legally on the street.

Other cities are facing the same issues. The city of Revere, for example, has provided zoning relief for the construction of new, multi-unit apartment buildings in a TOD, but on the condition that tenants will not be able to obtain resident parking stickers.

“We want to preserve the lifestyle of being able to park on the streets for our long-time residents,” DeMaria said, “but to do that, a viable, multi-pronged public transportation system is the key.”

DeMaria pointed out that his goal always has been to maintain the livability of the city for residents who are here, while also planning for the future.

“Many families are finding it difficult to afford a home in Everett. Demand for the existing housing is constantly pushing out lifelong residents. A dependable public transportation system will allow more new units to come into the market without the need for adjacent parking lots and without adding traffic congestion to our city’s streets. This new surplus of living units also could increase the affordability of housing,” DeMaria added.

As part of DeMaria’s efforts to increase TOD projects, there are incentives for developers in the form of providing bike racks, Charlie (MBTA) cards, and their own shuttle or car-sharing services for their tenants. In addition, the mayor pointed out that parking lot surfaces are impenetrable and thus force a lot of runoff into the sewer systems, often with no place for the excess water to go, causing local flooding issues.

DeMaria also added that fewer cars on the city’s roadways will mean fewer lost hours for people sitting in traffic, which also helps the environment because of the reduction in tailpipe emissions.

DeMaria said he recognizes that the demand for housing only will increase in the coming years if nothing is done because of Everett’s close proximity to the medical and research hubs in Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston.

“Downtown Boston is closer to Everett than many of Boston’s own neighborhoods,” said City Planner Jay Monty.

“We can always make things better, it just takes time and energy,” added the mayor. “My team and I are dedicated to the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life for all the residents of Everett.”

SCHOOL BRIEFS

GOT PANDEMIC EBT (P-EBT)?

You can get more money for food with SNAP. SNAP is here for families at any time - during the pandemic and after. It is now easier to apply. SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is monthly money for food. You buy food with an EBT card, which is like a deb-

it card for food shopping. For more information, call the Department of Transitional Assistance at 877-382-2363 or Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

ACADEMIC SCREENING DAYS

The EPS is excited to offer Academic Screening Days for students in Kin-

dergarten and Grades 1 and 2 BEFORE the school year begins on August 31. We will offer the screenings at the Keverian, Lafayette, Madeline English, Parlin, Webster, and Whit-tier schools.

For complete details, please visit: <https://www.everettpublicschools.org/apps/pages/K-2Screening>.

Census 2020 barely falls short of 50,000 goal, resulting in the loss of millions over 10 years

By Seth Daniel

The Census 2020 figures were released late last week, and while the City did grow, it barely fell short of counting enough residents to hit the 50,000 mark – which would have made Everett an Entitlement Community and unlocks millions of dollars in federal and state funding.

Officially, Everett came in at 49,075, which made it one of only two communities in the state that were close to, but didn’t make, the 50,000 population goal – the other being New Bedford. Still, that did represent a growth of 8,288 persons since the 2010 Census, but it just wasn’t quite enough to unlock more benefits.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, who helped lead a Complete Count Census team in one of the hardest pandemic environments, said it was a hard pill to swallow to come so close, but not make the mark for an Entitlement Community. The official number, even if it were 50,000, is largely considered a gross undercounting of the real population – which some estimate to be as high as 65,000 based on school population and other indicators.

“We did have a top 12 highest increase in the state for our Census numbers,” he said. “It’s still just a bit disappointing not to hit the 50,000 mark. I’ve reached out to our local state delegation to ask them to reach out to our federal delegation and see if we can get help. Not only are we a hard to count community, but we were a hard to count community that was ravaged by COVID-19 while we were trying to count. And still, we almost got to the 50,000 mark. I don’t think it was us not doing what we needed to do with all our partners, but COVID-19 made it hard for us to get the numbers. It’s a hard pill to swallow, but I’m looking into what can be done.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria noted that the City ran a vigorous counting campaign for more than 18 months – even during COVID-19 and working with many diverse part-

ners to attempt to reach everyone. However, he said fear of the federal government probably prevented a lot of people from wanting to be counted, in the end.

“The City of Everett worked vigorously with our local nonprofits and community partners in an attempt to have every resident counted,” he said. “We ran an outreach campaign for nearly a year in an attempt to grow our census numbers. Unfortunately, due to what we believe was fear and apprehension of the Federal government having resident’s information the city of Everett came up short of the 50,000 mark which will now, in turn, result in the loss of significant funding. I am hopeful that our next opportunity to count our residents yields a more accurate result of the City.”

The 50,000 mark is key for small cities, because it is the dividing line between Entitlement Communities and non-Entitlement. Being an Entitlement Community means that one gets direct funding from the federal government and from federal funds directed through the state. It also means that federal formulas for funding release more money to the communities for schools, roads, infrastructure and community block grants. Not hitting 50,000 people, Cornelio said, means the loss of millions of dollars over the next 10 years.

“It’s not just a number, it’s a number tied to much bigger things in terms of funding,” he said. “By not getting 50,000, that means the loss of tens of millions of dollars over the next decade...I think the federal government could have done a better job helping us through it and expanding the time to finish it. Another couple weeks and we could have gotten it.”

He said Everett does have a good case for getting some sort of reprieve as they are one of only two small cities that came very close and are also deemed hard to count communities.

“It’s only two communities in Massachusetts and we’re one of them,” he said. “How much can

it affect the bottom line of the country to help these communities that deserve this funding?”

Sen. Sal DiDomenico said everyone locally had the resources and tried their hardest, but were up against a wall. He said he has reached out to the federal delegation to see if anything can be done.

“After so much hard work by many organizations, officials and residents we made tremendous strides to increase our Census count,” he said. “This number is critical for funding that is directed to Everett. This is why I secured additional resources in the State budget so we could reach hard to count communities like Everett. I want to thank everyone for the huge amount of work put into this effort. Coming up just shy of the critical 50,000 threshold is disappointing and I have reached out to our Federal delegation to help with that very small gap. This has very serious implications for federal and state dollars and we could be losing millions of dollars in direct aid.”

The next counting of the U.S. Census will not be until mid-2029.

Will Everett move Congressional seats in 2021?

With the numbers now out from the Census 2020 effort, the big work for state government will be to carve out new Congressional districts as a result of balancing the population increases and decreases – as each seat has to have only a certain number of people.

In Massachusetts District 7, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley is reported to have to great a number in population, but isn’t likely to lose any parts of Boston as the seat has historically been mostly Boston and Suffolk County environs like Chelsea. Now, sources are saying, it looks like it might be Everett that Pressley loses to balance out the population in her district. Other locales could be parts of Randolph or Milton – but

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FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Catarina Patterson

Catarina Patterson is an employee of the Human Services Department and has worked with the City of Everett for 7 years.

What do you do in the City?

I am a Clerk for Human Services and the Everett Adult Learning Center. I help with all senior services and the food pantry. At Human Services, we provide all different types of assistance such as rent/utility bills, food, etc. We also offer English as a second language classes to our immigrant community. In addition, I speak four languages and can interpret



when needed.”

What is your favorite part about working for the City?

“Everett has been my home away from home. I love that I am able to give back to a community that not only has welcomed me with open arms, but that has

given me so many opportunities.”

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

“I’ve learned to count my blessings each and every single day. I don’t take anything for granted because things can change in an instant. Tomorrow is not guaranteed.”

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

“I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and of course my dog and cat. But most of all, I love visiting my family in Portugal!”

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population was born in a foreign country.

In Chelsea, that City continues to be a majority-Hispanic community, with them registering 67 percent of the population as Latino, with 20.6 percent White alone. The numbers of two or more races in Chelsea skyrocketed, with 32.8 percent choosing such categories.

Malden also became a slight majority-minority city in the 2020 Census, mostly due to the growth in Asian and Black populations. Malden came in at 66,263 residents in the Census, and 22.5 percent of the City was Asian, while 18.5 percent was Black – again attributed to a large Haitian American population there. The Hispanic population was 8.5 percent in Malden, and the White alone population was 47 percent. The total people of color population was 49.5 percent, which jumped to 52.7 percent with those choosing two or more races.

Revere had a huge population growth, landing at 62,186 behind the growth in its Hispanic population, with that community just teetering on the edge of

being a majority-minority community. Hispanic residents in Revere made up 33.6 percent of the population, while Black and Asian residents combined for 10.4 percent of the population. The White alone population in Revere came in at 53.3 percent, a decrease from 2010.


The total U.S. population for 2020 was 331,449,281, and demographically nationwide the White alone population was on the decrease at 60.1 percent of the national population. The largest non-white group were Hispanics at 18.5 percent of the national population, with Black populations also on the decline at 13.4 percent nationally. Asians make up 5.9 percent of the total national population in 2020.

Of course, the Census is also full of many other interesting facts about the city, including:

- In Everett, the City was one of the lowest in the area in terms of owner-occupied homes, coming in at 38.6 percent – though the median value of homes was the highest in the area at \$405,800.
- The numbers of people


living in the same home as they were one year ago – a measure of transiency – came in at 86.3 percent and was comparable to all surrounding areas.

- The numbers of people who speak a language other than English at home was the second highest in the area, at 57.9 percent, only behind Chelsea where 69.8 percent speaks a different language.
- The numbers of those without health insurance was high in Everett, at 7.7 percent and equal to Chelsea.
- The numbers of those living in poverty in Everett was 12.6 percent, which was the lowest in the surrounding area.
- Women in Everett made up 50.6 percent of the population.
- Everett skews to the young in terms of age, having one of the youngest populations in the area aside from Chelsea. There were only 11.2 percent of the population that was 65 or older, while 28.3 percent was 18 or younger. The numbers of young people was second only to Chelsea in the area, which was at 34.7 percent of the population.




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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 Tuesday, September 7, 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: 366 Broadway
Map/Lot: E0-03-000112
Person Requesting: Ronald Romanowski
7 Alfred Terrace
Woburn, Ma 01801

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 one (1) new story to the existing two (2) story building for a total of three (3) stories. The new building will consist of twenty (20) units. Nine (9) parking spaces are provided for proposed 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 (6) B (2) (a) – Lot area 1.5 to 1 Maximum floor area ratio,
The FAR for this project is at 1.92
2. Off Street Parking: TDM, to be completed at Planning Board Review.
Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this refusal to appeal this decision
MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

August 18, 2021
August 25, 2021

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 33 Jackson Ave
Map/Lot: N0-03-000114
Person Requesting: Jean B. Thermitus
33 Jackson Ave.
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks to change the use of the existing two (2) family dwelling built prior to 1926 and convert it to a three (3) family dwelling within a Dwelling District. 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 Regulations (2) Lot Area (c):
“All other uses ----- 0.5 maximum floor area ratio
a. The change of use to a three (3) family requires the proposal to comply with the zoning ordinance for density. The requested proposal would result in a floor area ratio of .884. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
MARY GERACE – Chairman
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 126 Dartmouth Street
Map/Lot: M0-05-000142
Person Requesting: Mr. Marcel Fenelon
126 Dartmouth Street
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant proposes to demolish the existing single (1) family dwelling and construct a new two (2) family dwelling
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
• The proposed lot has only 6,125 square feet of land.
• The supplied plot plan appears to indicate only 2 parking spaces
Zoning Ordinance Sections
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements (2) Lot Area line b. Two Family --- 7,000 Square Feet
Section 17 Off-Street Parking A line 1 One- and Two-Family Dwellings- two (2) Spaces per unit.

MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
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Only vaccine mandates and masking can end this

With the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus now ripping through America, especially in the South where folks are neither vaccinated nor take precautions such as wearing masks, it is obvious that the only way out of this pandemic is for government and businesses to mandate vaccinations for their employees and to require mask-wearing indoors.

The Delta variant -- which constituted one percent of the COVID cases in the U.S. in May but now is over 90 percent of the cases -- is proving both more transmissible and deadlier than the original COVID, especially among young people who formerly had escaped the most virulent effects of the first wave of the virus.

The hospitalization and death rates in the South are reaching cataclysmic proportions -- and this is occurring in the summertime, when people are outside and school is just getting underway.

Every private business in America should require their workers to be vaccinated for the safety and well-being of both their employees and their customers.

This also makes good business sense. After all, who wants to fly on an airplane with unvaccinated flight attendants? Or go on a cruise with an unvaccinated crew? Or go to a hospital to be treated by nurses, doctors, and others who are unvaccinated? Or be served at a restaurant by unvaccinated staff leaning over you?

All levels of government -- local, state, and federal -- also should mandate vaccines, both for the benefit of all of their workers and members of the the public with whom these employees interact.

This also includes students in universities as well as public school students for those age groups for whom the vaccine has been approved. Vaccines of all kinds already are required for enrollment in school and the COVID-19 vax is just another vaccine.

In addition, every business and government office should require masking by employees and customers to protect them from the unvaccinated and to prevent breakthrough transmissions.

The bottom line is simply this: Unless Americans find the will to get tough, get smart, and just suck it up, life never will return to normal.

Afghanistan: Deja-vu all over again

For those of us of a certain age, the sad and tragic debacle that has been unfurling in Afghanistan this past week is deja vu all over again.

We have seen variations of this theme over the course of 60 years of our interventions into the civil wars of other nations. There was the ill-fated, American-backed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961; the fall of Saigon in 1975; the 1984 withdrawal of American forces from a multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon after suicide bombers killed 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and three soldiers, in their barracks in Beirut; the misadventure into Somalia in the early 1990s; the total debacle of the war in Iraq; and now, the ignominious conclusion of our 20-year involvement in Afghanistan.

Presidents of both parties have been at the helm of these various incursions into the internal affairs of other nations, only to preside over humiliating and costly defeats. Three generations of American political and military leaders have not learned the lessons from these unsuccessful endeavors and therefore have been condemned to repeat the mistakes of their predecessors.

We invaded Afghanistan in the aftermath of 9/11 expressly to root out the al-Qaeda terrorists in the safe haven that they had been given by the Taliban. We accomplished that goal quickly and decisively.

Somehow however, the mission morphed into one of nation-building Afghanistan into a Western-style democracy. When the facts come out about how and why this transformation happened, we have no doubt that they will show that the cabal of the military-industrial complex, with the added wrinkle of the influence of the plethora of so-called "private contractors," proved to be the chief architects of our policy in Afghanistan.

Even in the best of circumstances, people generally do not want soldiers from another country becoming involved in their civil matters. No amount of military might is going to persuade people from achieving their own national goals -- we cannot force other nations to accept our values.

Yes, we're saddened at contemplating the fate of women and our Afghan supporters under the Taliban. And we're disappointed that the Biden administration did not have better contingency plans to factor in the swift takeover of the country by the Taliban.

The lessons of the past should have taught us that our intervention in Afghanistan never was going to end well. But it did have to end, for better or worse.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Governor Baker's visit is another big win for City of Everett

By Deanna Deveney, Esq.

While Governor Charlie Baker's visit to Everett earlier this month was partially to tout the state's Commonwealth Builder Initiative, we view it as another victory in Mayor DeMaria's quest to provide affordable housing opportunities to all Everett residents.

As Baker and other state officials toured the St. Therese property, it was evident that they were impressed with the progress and scope of the project. The Mayor is proud to be able to transform this once-prominent community gathering place into a space that will continue to serve the needs of Everett.

As one of the first projects to be part of the Commonwealth Builder Initiative,

the city will once again become a model for neighboring communities, leading the way to make real change in the racial wealth gap and the ability to own a home in a gateway community like Everett.

Even before the pandemic, the lack of housing opportunities, particularly affordable ones, was a real challenge in Everett, but the pandemic only amplified the need for more housing and further highlighted the racial and wealth disparities in the city.

As The Neighborhood Developers Director of Real Estate Development Steve Laferriere stated at the press conference, the St. Therese project is 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."

Another innovative aspect to the St. Therese project is the addition of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, which will provide all-inclusive care to for the elderly, servicing not just those who live there, but all senior residents of Everett. As EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes said, bringing services to where people live is crucial to the future of health care delivery and to serving our most vulnerable population, which was again underscored by the global pandemic.

The St. Therese project broke ground in late 2020

and is slated to be completed in 2022, with applications opening as early as spring of 2022. For continued updates on the project, visit <https://the-neighborhooddevelopers.org/st-therese>.

With the additional funding proposed by the Baker-Polito administration and their focus on connecting more families with homeownership opportunities and the chance to build long-term wealth, we sincerely believe that the St. Therese project will be the first of many groundbreaking in affordable housing developments here in Everett.
Deanna Deveney, Esq. is the Director of Communications for the City of Everett.

GUEST OP-ED

Education is our best investment

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Education and good mentors transformed my life. I want to ensure that every child has an opportunity to enhance their future. My wife and I have participated in mock interview programs, been judges at science fairs, and have given annual academic and vocational scholarships to graduating seniors for over 20 years. Through our community involvement, we have gained insight from students. Among their concerns are uncertain-

ty about the future, what path to take, family pressures and financial insecurity. As a parent, I have had similar conversations with my own children.

As a community, we must make a bigger financial commitment to our students so that each is allowed to reach their full potential both in and out of the classroom setting. We must expand vocational opportunities and programs for those students interested in pursuing a career in the trades. City Government needs to partner with the School Department to develop a robust internship program in the private and public

sectors, with an emphasis on local businesses. We need to address the overcrowding issues in our schools. There needs to be meaningful collaboration and open, effective communication between City Government and our School Department that puts our students at the forefront of every conversation and decision. As Mayor, I will address these issues and many more.

For other areas of concern or ideas, please visit my webpage at www.fred-caponeforeverett.com.

Fred Capone is a City Councilor and a candidate for Mayor of Everett.

LETTERS to the Editor

Seniors to remain healthy and financially secure in their own homes.

I am committed to making sure that seniors have the financial and medical resources to enjoy their golden years.

•Seniors to feel secure and safe in staying in their homes

•Create the Homeowners and Tenants Protections Office at City Hall.

•Allow for longer grace periods for past-due taxes.

•Partner with the Everett Housing Authority and allow for greater City/resident control of the Everett Housing Authority.

•Invest in a home repair program where the city can provide aid to homeowners in need of home improvements.

•Give residents control to be part of the neighborhood planning efforts on what is being developed or built in their neighborhood.

•A housing case manager and advocate to explain tenant and landlord rights.

•Working to make Everett senior housing a priority.

•Decrease property taxes for Seniors.

•Provide accessibility in their homes.

•Provide Programs and Resources

•Offer health services,

social services, and wellness activities.

•Expand outreach to seniors, offer transportation so seniors can access services, expand the home-delivered meal program for home-bound seniors and increase the number of virtual programming offerings.

•Bringing together young people and older adults.

•Offer more TV programming on public ac-

cess channels.

•Assist with Social Security claim reviews and appeals.

•Provide Mental Health Resources by bringing in mental health clinicians into several senior centers, housing and other places to have open conversations, mental health education, screen participants for depression, provide on-site counseling

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GUEST OP-ED

Afghanistan – God help them

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Many Americans did not want our military invading Afghanistan. We did not want our military to stay in Afghanistan. Many of us hoped our troops would leave Afghanistan. However, the chaotic departure has been one of the most humiliating moments in our nation’s history.

We were all enraged toward those who had any part or interest in the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation. This nation was in agreement that Osama Bin Laden and anyone connected to planning the attacks located in any part of the world must be brought to justice. We wanted all leaders and partakers of any and all terror groups eliminated. The attack on the World Trade Center Towers, as well as the other hideous and evil plane attacks that happened that day are forever etched in our minds. The barbaric torture and beheadings of journalists and other evil crimes against humanity fueled America’s passion to do whatever necessary

to bring revenge against our attackers.

Sadly, the loss of 2448 troops in Afghanistan over 20 years was not the answer. Also 3448 U.S. contractors have been killed. Over 66,000 Afghan military and police have been killed. Over 20,000 of our troops have been wounded.

America spent a trillion dollars setting up military bases and supposedly training the Afghan army how to fight. Yes, we were angry after September 11, 2001, but did it justify killing thousands of our men and women? Did it justify the thousands who were wounded and the thousands more who were mentally wounded? The only people who profited from our 20 years in Afghanistan are the political investors in weapons of war. Large stockholders in any entity that makes weapons or other supplies shipped to Afghanistan are not in favor of the war being over, but they and their families will most likely be forever rich.

We did one poor job of training the Afghan soldiers. The Afghan army

ran in fear from the Taliban, many being executed upon their surrender. Twenty years of training went down the drain in several weeks and billions of dollars in weapons were handed over to them. The city of Kabul was taken over without hardly a shot fired from the Taliban.

No, we should never have gone to Afghanistan the way we did. The mission of taking out key leaders of the Taliban and other terrorist groups could have been carried out more covertly. Tragically, we made the Afghanistan army and people dependent on America. Our government has done the same thing to our own nation with welfare. So many Americans are so used to the American government taking care of us and sending out government money that many Americans can no longer take care of themselves. The only thing we taught the Afghan soldiers was that they didn’t have to worry about fighting because the United States was present and would take care of them.

Going there is water under the bridge. We are now forever faced with the tragic way we have left Afghanistan. We crippled them with our money and their dependency on our military. After 20 years our Government leaders finally tired of carrying a crippled nation. Knowing these people cannot swim, we threw them out of the boat to sink or swim while a massive number of great white sharks were watching in the near distance.

One thing the Taliban has taught us is that they are very patient. They knew the United States would finally become tired and financially broke and would leave. They have spent years organiz-

ing, planning and preparing for this moment and in a few week’s time they totally humiliated America.

Many of us never wanted to be there but we didn’t want to leave with the Taliban kicking our butts out the door. The horrific scenes of executions, tortures, rapes, and women treated inhumanely will be graphic and repulsive in the weeks ahead.

We could have left differently. There could have been a plan. We demonstrated that we spent 20 years and really did not train an Army. We did not

train or equip the people to care for themselves. We left without any support contingency in place for an obvious inept military and people. We displayed our ignorance and arrogant denial of the Taliban’s preparedness to move forward. As quickly as flipping a light switch America conveyed to Afghanistan that we no longer give a dang.

Will the shame and humiliation of Afghanistan teach our political leaders anything? Are we too arrogant to care? How many years will it take before

politicians need another Afghanistan to line their pockets?

May the real true God who we pray to help the people of Afghanistan. At the moment, He is all they have.

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

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and make referrals.

- Make transportation more accessible by more benches at bus stops and ensure that all curbs are accessible.
- Access to technology and the internet by providing workshops and classes to help with the internet, emails, texts messages or any updates.
- Provide support for employment and other support

I welcome all feedback and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at gerly@gerlyadrien.com, or call/text 617-835-8267.

MIRA urges the Biden administration to help alleviate suffering in both Afghanistan and Haiti by providing safety for those seeking refugee status and protection. Given our government and military’s involvement in Afghanistan over the last two decades, we have a duty of care to those civilians the U.S. employed over those 20 years, who may now face violence and reprisals from Taliban forces.

These civilians can be protected in the short term and given shelter, and the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program can be both expanded and expedited, given that more than 300,000 Afghans have had some affiliation with US forces, yet only 16,000 Afghan SIVs have been issued since the program began in 2014. The U.S. could also extend TPS protection to Afghans now residing in the U.S., and assist on-the-ground efforts to protect and resettle the many refugees who will doubtless begin seeking routes out of the country.

MIRA also calls on the Biden administration to provide immediate humanitarian relief to Haiti and to implement an immediate halt of all deportations to Haiti, including deportations at the border. The Biden administration and Department of Homeland Security should also expand and open up the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Haiti, allowing those who may arrive in the coming weeks and months to also receive TPS status.

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- ★ August 30.....First Day for Teachers
- ▲ August 31.....Half Day for K-12
- ▲ September 1.....First Full Day for K-12
- September 3.....No School
- September 6.....Labor Day: No School
- ▲ September 7.....First Day for PreK
- September 21.....Primary Election Day: No School
- October 11.....Columbus Day: No School
- November 2.....Election Day: No School
- November 11.....Veterans Day: No School
- ▲ November 12.....Half Day
- November 25 & 26.....Thanksgiving: No School
- ▲ December 23.....Half Day
- December 24-31.....Winter Vacation: No School

2022

- January 3.....Students & Staff Return
- January 17.....Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School
- February 21.....Presidents' Day: No School
- February 22-25.....February Vacation: No School
- February 28.....Students & Staff Return
- April 15.....Good Friday: No School
- April 18.....Patriots' Day: No School
- April 19-22.....April Vacation: No School
- April 25.....Students & Staff Return
- May 30.....Memorial Day: No School
- June 4.....Graduation Day (Tentative)
- ▼ June 15.....Last Day of School (without Snow Days)
- June 20.....Juneteenth: No School
- ▼ June 23.....Last Day of School (with 5 Snow Days)

Major Religious & Cultural Holidays

2021

Sep. 7-8.....Rosh Hashanah
Sep. 16Yom Kippur
Nov. 4.....Diwali
Nov. 25.....Thanksgiving
Nov. 29-Dec.6.....Hanukkah
Dec. 25.....Christmas
Dec. 26-Jan. 1.....Kwanzaa

2022

Jan. 1..... New Year's Day
Jan. 1.....Haitian Independence Day
Jan. 6.....Three Kings Day
Feb. 1.....Lunar New Year
March 2.....Ash Wednesday
March 17.....St. Patrick's Day
April 3.....Ramadan Begins
April 15.....Good Friday
April 16-22.....Passover
April 17.....Easter
April 22.....Earth Day
April 24.....Orthodox Easter
May 3.....Eid al-Fitr: End of Ramadan
May 8.....Mother's Day
May 18.....Haitian Flag Day
June 19.....Juneteenth
June 19.....Father's Day
July 4.....Independence Day
July 10.....Eid al-Adha

1st Quarter Ends: November 5★

2nd Quarter Ends: January 21★

3rd Quarter Ends: April 8★

4th Quarter Ends: June 15★

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The Tradition Continues

Crimson Tide Pop Warner begins practices

By Cary Shuman

Brian Dimond was a very good center and outside linebacker for Everett Pop Warner football teams in the 1980s. One of his coaches was none other than the great Chuckie Leo.

Dimond, 50, is beginning his 30th year of involvement in Everett Pop Warner and 16th year as president of the Crimson Tide Pop Warner youth football and cheerleading organization. Leo is starting his 43rd consecutive year in Everett youth football.

“Chuckie coached me on the ‘C’ team and we lost only one game that year,” recalled Dimond Monday at the Tide’s preseason practice session at Sacramone Park. “Chuckie was as enthusiastic about football and as funny then as he is now.”

Dimond, Leo, and the other leaders of Crimson Tide Pop Warner have welcomed more than 200 football players and cheerleaders to the program for the 2021 season. It’s an-high turnout following a challenging year in which the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellations last fall (Everett managed to play a Pop Warner spring season against regional

teams in 2021).

And while some Pop Warner programs, including Chelsea, are not returning this fall, Everett looms ready to pick up where it left off: as a contender for state and national championships in football and cheerleading.

“We’re humbled by the turnout and the numbers keep growing every night, so that’s a good thing,” said Dimond. “We’re one of the organizations that seems to have teams at every level of football, and we have four out of five levels of cheerleading.”

The Everett football teams will play an eight-game regional schedule as a member of the Eastern Mass. National Division. Billerica, Dracut, Chelmsford, Reading, and Lawrence will be among the opponents. The first game is Sunday, Sept. 12. “I think we’ll definitely make some noise at every level,” said Dimond.

The chief executive officer of Everett Pop Warner was asked why Everett has been able to sustain its success through the decades.

“Here I think we credit it to the high school,” said Dimond. “The high school keeps doing well, so the younger kids want to play on that field and wear the

gold helmet. That carries a lot of weight around here. And our cheerleading teams are also excellent. Their turnout keeps growing. Our cheerleading teams always make a great showing at Nationals.”

Leo back for another run

Chuckie Leo knows football. For starters, he understands that the Everett High-Xaverian High football game will reveal a lot about the Crimson Tide’s 2021 season, and whether Coach Rob DiLoreto’s contingent will be a major contender again for the Super Bowl. This past spring during an abbreviated season, DiLoreo led the Tide to a 4-0 record, including a big win over an undefeated Revere team by a convincing margin.

Leo’s son, Gennaro Leo, is a former Boston Globe Player of the Year and arguably made one of the greatest plays in the program’s history when John DiBiaso chose to “go for two” in a Super Bowl game against Bridgewater-Raynham. “Leo’s Leap” into the end zone over the pylon for the 8-7 victory continued Everett on its three decades of dominance in Massachusetts high school football under DiBiaso.

Chuckie’s daughter, Everett High cheerleading coach Taylor Leo, was also in attendance at Monday’s practice, as was her son and Mr. Leo’s grandson, Mance McKinney, a future Crimson Tider.

But Monday Chuckie Leo was focusing his sights on Everett Pop Warner football. He was watching intently as Coach Frank Cafarella led his 10-under team through a drill. Cafarella’s sons, Frank Jr. and Matt, are part of the coaching staff.

“We have a lot of young, talented players in our program from talented families,” said Leo.

Indeed, two of Everett High’s most outstanding players, senior Ish Zamor and sophomore Chris Zamor, are graduates of the Crimson Tide Pop Warner organization. Ish has committed to Boston College while Christian has reportedly received an offer from the Division 1 Eagles. The Zamors’ younger brother will be playing for the 10-under team this season.

With Chuckie Leo and Brian Dimond leading the charge once again, the tradition of Pop Warner football excellence in Everett will be continuing this fall, with no goal unattainable.



Everett High School cheerleading coach Taylor Leo and her son, Mance McKinney, pictured at Pop Warner practice Monday at Sacramone Park.



The “Vince Lombardi” of the Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner organization, with 43 consecutive years of service to the youth of Everett, Chuckie Leo, pictured at a preseason practice Monday at Sacramone Park.



The leaders of the Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner youth football and cheerleading organizations are pictured Monday at Sacramone Park. Front row, from left, are Concessions Coordinator Stephanie Fiore, Equipment Manager Patti Scalese, Registrar Diane Groux, Lifetime Member Joanne LaMonica, and President Brian Dimond. Back row are Coaching Coordinator Chuckie Leo and Secretary Lisa Sylvester.



The Everett Crimson Tide ‘F’ cheerleading team, with coaches Kaylee Fiore and Kaci Bellante.



The Everett Crimson Tide ‘A’ cheerleading team, with coaches Dakota Politano and Nicole Buonopane.



The Everett Crimson Tide ‘E’ cheerleading team, with coach Nicole Buonopane.



The Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner 10-Under football team, led by Coach Frank Cafarella.



The Everett Crimson Tide ‘C’ cheerleading team, with coaches Marquita Blatt, Yasmim Silveira, and Arianna Ortega.

Attendees may also join breakout rooms for in-depth discussion, and to share thoughts and feedback with the project teams. Members of the public can register for the meeting online. Once registered for this Zoom event, an email will be sent with a link to join the meeting when it goes live at 6 PM on August 26. The meeting will also be recorded and posted online for those who cannot attend.

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MassHire: Massachusetts virtual job fair aims to connect the unemployed to available jobs

Staff Report

In anticipation of federal pandemic-related unemployment benefits ending Sept. 4 the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and MassHire Career Centers are here to help,” said Secretary Acosta. “We invite the unemployed and underemployed to start with the virtual job fair, which is the state’s largest job fair to date.”

This five-day, free event is part of an increased effort to connect jobseekers to employers and more than 200,000 available jobs, and features general industry days, plus focused days in high-need areas like hospitality, healthcare/human services, technology, and education. Learn how to register, see a list of participating employers—855 and counting—, and view job fair partners at mass.gov/jobfair.

In a video that encourages jobseekers to attend the MassHire: Massachusetts Virtual Job Fair, Governor Charlie Baker

claimants show a balance or remaining weeks.

“For those affected, it is critical that you begin looking for work now, and our Re-Employment Center and MassHire Career Centers are here to help,” said Secretary Acosta. “We invite the unemployed and underemployed to start with the virtual job fair, which is the state’s largest job fair to date.”

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In a video that encourages jobseekers to attend the MassHire: Massachusetts Virtual Job Fair, Governor Charlie Baker

states, “Massachusetts is returning to work and our Administration wants to put you in the best possible position we can to help you succeed.”

The job fair will be hosted on Premier Virtual where jobseekers can video chat with employers, submit resumes, review job openings, and find company information. Training for how to register on this platform is available through MassHire.

MassHire also offers additional resources for jobseekers such as weekly webinars, Thursdays at 10 a.m. running through September 30, training opportunities, career workshops, and more. Information is available at mass.gov/jobseeker.

In addition, MassHire offers multiple programs for employers including weekly webinars, Thursdays at 2 p.m. running through September 30, Bizworks, Workshare, and more. Information is available at mass.gov/em-employer.

Everett Haitian Community Center calls on the community for help after earthquake in Haiti

Staff Report

The big southern part of Haiti was severely touched by another earthquake of Magnitude 7.2 last weekend, following a devastating earthquake in 2010 that the country has still not fully recovered from.

Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers at the Everett Haitian Community Center – which was founded in the wake of the 2010 earthquake displacement crisis, said this earthquake on Saturday could not happen at a worse time in Haiti during hurricane/storm season and social/political unrest.

The deaths and displaced populations are still growing and are well beyond 1,000 people killed.

“It is difficult to imagine what it must feel to be so far away from home when your people are facing disaster,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “As we continue to see news come out of Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake, I can only pray for the families that have lost a loved one and hope your loved ones are safe... do not hesitate to reach out.”

At this juncture, Everett residents with families in Haiti badly affected, need dire prayers and assistance. As they say in the Haitian proverb: “Anpil men, shay pa lou.” (Many hands, the burden is less heavy).

“As you can imagine, it seems as though Haiti cannot get a break,” said

DesRosiers. “It is calamities upon calamities. However, one must never lose hope.”

The EHCC has set emotional and spiritual counseling support for individuals and families by scheduled appointments.

“I want to collaborate and partner with EHCC and other organization to collect stuff like a drive for Haiti to help out as much as I can,” said first Haitian-American City Councilor Gerly Adrian.

“My thoughts and prayers are with Haiti and your community,” said Dr. Williams of CHA. “We stand ready to help those facing emotional anxiety.”

Said Councilor Michael McLaughlin, “My thoughts and prayers are with Haiti on this day. Please let me know if there is anything I can be supportive.”

The EHCC welcomes collaborative partnerships as it is undertaking recovery relief efforts to help Haitian Everett residents who have families affected, and kids and individuals in families, displaced in the Haitian city of Jeremie. EHCC has conferred with trusted officials on the ground, and has reached residents who also shared what it’s like for their families and what they need on a short-term basis right now, as they face both the earthquake, the displacement aftermath and at the same time a storm season.

In EHCC’s recovery effort, it aims to be inten-

tional and providing an on-the-ground resources needs assessment of individuals and families severely affected. At the same time, EHCC said it is avoiding duplication of resources that will come from other relief efforts already in existence. In that spirit, the following reliefs efforts are what EHCC is setting up:

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- Salt
- Spaghetti
- Canned milk
- Kids backpacks with basic school supplies (Notebooks, pens, pencils; etc).

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427A Broadway-Everett, MA 02149

Or, if necessary, donate funds via check or Zelle Bank of America (857-251-9866) or direct deposit for the center to purchase them.

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For information, contact EHCC: Info@TheEHCC.org

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likely wouldn’t be in the south area of the district as she lives in Hyde Park.

Sources said many believe losing Everett would make sense for Pressley, as the City was only included in the District last time around. Previously,

the former seat of Sen. Ed Markey held Everett, a seat now held by Congresswoman Katherine Clarke. That seat might be a natural fit for Everett, with that district balancing its numbers through losses in the Metro West part of

the district.

The official redistricting process, due to the Census 2020 coming out so late thanks to COVID-19 delays, now must be done by state government relatively quickly.

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- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

484 Broadway
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 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 52-54 Glendale Street
Map/Lot: B0-05-000097
Person Requesting: Mr. John Zervas
Zervas Family Realty Trust
9 Park Road
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant is seeking approval to create a new parking area in the front yard of the lot as described on the plan submitted by Mrs. Zervas. The applicant's proposed parking layout violates the following City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A:

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

Violations:

- The proposed parking is shown to be located in the required front yard setback which is required to be 20 feet per section 4 Dwelling Districts b) dimensional Requirement's line 4 front yard
- There appears to be a window in the basement in the area of the proposed new parking space.

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

Zoning:

1. 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"
2. Section 17 paragraph (M) requiring "No parking shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building"

MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

August 18, 2021
August 25, 2021

Encore Boston Harbor announces opening of WynnBET Sports Bar

Staff Report

Encore Boston Harbor announced that, pending regulatory approval, WynnBET Sports Bar will open on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Located on the resort’s casino floor, the space will feature more than 60 televisions, a 10-foot high and 123-foot-long immersive video wall, a collection of trophies, a full-service bar and cuisine from Shake Shack and Frank & Nick’s, the second concept by Frank DePasquale and

Nick Varano within the resort.

“Encore Boston Harbor is lucky to be located in one of the best sports cities in the world with some of the most loyal and avid fans,” said Jenny Holaday, Encore Boston Harbor President. “We wanted to offer our guests a place where they can watch their favorite teams in a state-of-the-art venue, surrounded by TVs, great food and near the excitement and action of the gaming floor.”

Guests will be in awe

as live games and sports classics play on more than 60 TVs throughout the venue, as well as on a 1,230-square-foot immersive video wall. A 15-seat full-service bar with table-top video poker sits in the middle of the venue, while dining and lounge seating surround the space including more than 40 VIP seats and reclining media chairs providing the ultimate experience. An extra-large spherical digital display will exhibit the top sports scores from around

the world and suspended sports equipment, a collection of trophies, classic sports accessories, and a collage of historical images of local sports heroes and events will decorate the space.

Veteran restaurateurs Frank DePasquale and Nick Varano of Fratelli, and owners of over a dozen Italian concepts in Boston’s North End, will bring Frank & Nick’s, an approachable and casual dining concept, to WynnBET Sports Bar. Guests will

enjoy a delicious variety of Italian fare via counter-service or grab and go. The menu features artisanal paninis including meatball, eggplant and chicken parmesan, all served on house-made bread, as well as brick oven pizzas, salads, homemade roast beef and a variety of coffees and desserts.

With more than 300 locations globally, Shake Shack offers fresh, simple, high-quality food as a modern-day burger stand. Whether grabbing some-

thing to-go or sitting down to enjoy a meal while watching a game, patrons will enjoy favorites such as the ShackBurger, crinkle-cut fries and hand-spun classic and specialty shakes.

The WynnBET Sports Bar is open daily from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m., Frank & Nick’s will be open daily from 11 a.m. until 3 a.m. and Shake Shack will be open from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. For more details visit encorebostonharbor.com.

Ride-For-Hire Working Group releases recommendations for electric vehicle adoption

Staff Report

State agencies and utilities have a guide to encourage electric vehicle adoption in the ride-hailing, taxi and livery industries, thanks to a set of recommendations developed by the Massachusetts Ride for Hire Electrification Working Group.

The group, composed of representatives from Greater Boston’s ride-hailing, taxi, and livery industries, utilities, municipalities, state agencies, environmental groups and private-sector companies, identified a set of 14 proposals to reduce barriers to electric vehicle use among ride for hire drivers. Five were prioritized for implementation within the next year.

The electrification of the ride for hire sector –

comprised of ride-hailing companies like Uber and Lyft as well as the taxi and livery industries – is part of a broader effort to support the use of less carbon-intensive forms of transportation in the Commonwealth.

“Electrifying the ride-hailing, taxi and livery industries is key to reaching the state’s carbon emissions reduction goals,” said Megan Aki, Clean Energy and Climate Systems Manager at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

“Over the past several years, Massachusetts has seen a rapid growth of ride-hailing vehicles on the road,” said Alison Felix, MAPC Principal Planner. “Although these numbers dipped during the pandemic, we can expect these vehicles to re-

turn over time.”

In 2019, TNCs provided 91.1 million rides – about 12 percent more than 2018 and 41 percent more than 2017. This steady increase took place statewide and in cities and towns of all sizes. A 2018 MAPC report estimated that ride-hailing had a net carbon footprint of nearly 100,000 metric tons.

Many Uber and Lyft drivers are from underserved and low-income communities and the majority of rides start or end in low-income communities. The Working Group took this context into account as proposals were developed, forming strategies that will help low-income drivers and communities gain access to electric vehicles and EV infrastructure.

“The Baker-Polito Ad-

ministration is committed to bold action to cut pollution from transportation and achieve the Commonwealth’s target of Net Zero emissions by 2050,” said Dan Gatti, Director of Clean Transportation Policy for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. “Electrifying vehicles for hire can play an important role in helping Massachusetts reduce emissions from the transportation sector, and we’re pleased to collaborate with our partners across industries and sectors through this working group.”

MAPC served as the primary convener and facilitator for the working group, which met five times between October 2020 and April 2021 to develop and reach a consensus on the recommen-

dations.

Proposals focused on vehicle incentives, charging infrastructure, dedicated funding sources, and education and driver incentives.

The five recommendations prioritized for implementation in the next year are:

- The Administration should establish an electric vehicle rebate for qualified high-mileage fleet operators and drivers under the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) program.
- The Administration should establish an electric vehicle rebate for low- to moderate-income drivers.
- Utilities should support residential charging in the next iteration of their EV Make-Ready

program, which offers incentives to offset the costs of installing electric vehicle charging stations.

- Utilities should file proposals for an electric vehicle charging rate structure. (Traditional rate structures feature demand charges, which can be very high for electric vehicle charging stations that are quick and power-intensive.)
- The Administration should collect and publish anonymized and aggregated origin/destination data from ride-for-hire providers to help inform where charging infrastructure should go.

Read the full list of recommendations and learn more at: www.mapc.org/resource-library/ride-4hireelectric.

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GARAGE DOOR GALLERY POP-UP EVENT

The Garage Door Gallery pop-up event took place on Bucknam Street at the unique home of artists Martha Chason-Sokol. The event took place on Sunday afternoon in what was once a drug store, and is now a living space that has been occupied by artists for several years. Chason-Sokol moved into the home in 2020, and said she has a vision for it being a centerpiece of the local arts community. On Sunday, the kick-off included a show by Karyn Alzayer of Integral Arts Everett, as well as a

Henna painting booth by Alzayer. Art Lab Everett is offering workshops beginning next weekend. They

can be found on the website www.mchasonsokol.com on the Art Lab Everett page.



Martha Chason-Sokol, artist and owner of the Art Lab Everett (left), with Karyn Alzayer, henna tattoo artist (right) at the Garage Door Gallery at the Art Lab Everett.



Guerline Anand, Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, Councilor Anthony DiPierro, School Committee-woman Samantha Lambert, Karyn Alzayer, Councilor Stephanie Martins, Martha Chason-Sokol, Councilor Fred Capone and Jerry Chason-Sokol.



Karyn Alzayer making a henna tattoo on Councilor Stephanie Martins' calf.



Karyn Alzayer making a henna tattoo on Everett resident Ramona Smith's arm.



Everett resident Angel Marie DiNunzio getting a henna tattoo from Karyn Alzayer.



Art work made by both Martha Chason-Sokol and Karyn Alzayer being displayed at the Garage Door Gallery at the Art Lab Everett.



Paola Morales, EHS student, knotting her fabric strip with her wish on the Wishing Wall



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