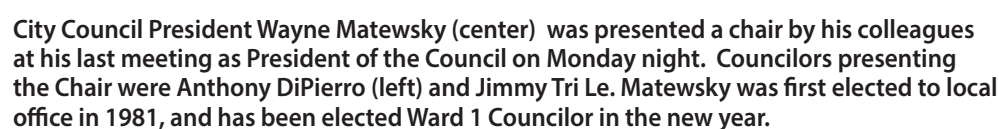
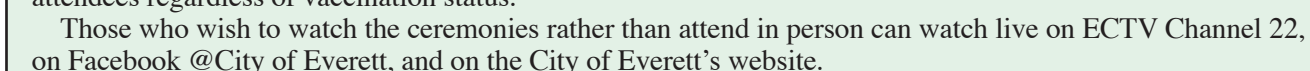
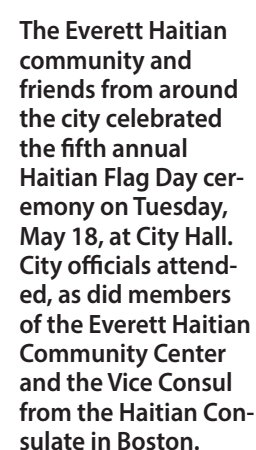


Longevity pay for mayor discussed by City Council



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YES, LET’S RING OUT THE OLD AND RING IN THE NEW

We often quote a verse from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out Wild Bells” when we write our annual New Year’s editorial.

But after reading the poem in its entirety, we are printing the whole thing, because it sums up -- better than we ever could express -- our feelings about 2021 and our hopes for 2022.

Although it was published in 1850, its verses are timeless. Indeed, one could apply every stanza to something going on in the world today.

So we hope you take the time to read it and enjoy it, as we did the other day:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year. Here’s hoping that 2022 brings health and happiness to all of us.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Everett: A City of lights

spread this uplifting light throughout our neighborhoods. As someone who has been decorating my house for over 3 decades, it is a labor of love when parents walk or drive by with small children to look and point. It helps fill us all with the peace and joy of the season. We as a community have always had a decent number of houses decorated

for the holidays but these past two years in spite of COVID, many of our residents have done the same and with some very intricate displays. It’s common knowledge that Saugus has been the place to go locally to see holiday lights but there are many homes in Everett that can hold a candle (no pun intended) with those long running displays. I encourage ev-

eryone to get out and see the work your neighbors have done and share the feeling of goodwill that enhances the spirit of the holidays before it’s time to take the lights down. My family and I wish everyone a heart-felt Season Greetings and a Happy New Year! Stay safe.

Peter Napolitano is the Assistant City Clerk for the City of Everett.

GUEST OP-ED

Our most difficult decision for 2022

moving swiftly through the hourglass one grain or second at a time.

I’m thankful for time. I’m grateful for time with my wife and each family member. I’m grateful for this moment to sit here and type a few words out on my keyboard. I suppose one of my problems is how do I fit all I want to do into my time? I guess I enjoy doing too much. If I only enjoyed doing one or two things then my time spent might be a little easier. Each day and moment I would simply devote my full attention to one particular aspect of life. Actually, that might not be a bad idea. Could I devote 24 hours a day to my family? I could, but they really don’t want me in their hair 24/7. I could devote 24 hours a day to prayer and reading the Bible or reading other good books. But then, I don’t want to be an

isolated religious person who never enjoys this incredible world or people. I could devote 24 hours a day to my educational work and do a lot of the work that others do. However, institutions are stronger and better when the work is spread around to others. I could spend more time simply writing books or pursuing other hobbies I enjoy.

Somehow, we have to determine what is best. I heard about this farmer who hired a man to sort potatoes. The man’s job was to put the bad potatoes in one pile, the good potatoes in another pile and the best potatoes in another pile. The man agreed to the job. At the end of the day the farmer came to see how his new employee was doing and he had not done anything. He was simply standing looking back and forth at

two potatoes. The farmer bewildered asked? “Why haven’t you done what I asked you to do?” The hired man responded, “I just can’t decide between the good and the best potatoes.”

Our dilemma in 2022 may not be in deciding between good and bad but between good and best. There are a lot of good things we can do with our time in 2022. Using our time to do the best things may be our most difficult decision.

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

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Holiday fire prevention tips issued following blaze

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey issued a reminder to use extension cords, power strips, and electrical devices safely after two people were injured in an early morning fire that badly damaged a Nahant residence. Working smoke alarms were present in the home and activated.

“This would have been a worse tragedy if not for the quick action by Nahant Firefighters and Nahant Police to locate and remove two residents,” said Nahant Fire Chief Antrim. “Power strips and extension cords offer convenience, but they aren’t

intended for constant use. Powering many devices at once can overload and overheat them, causing an electrical fire. Always use a cord that’s rated for the wattage of whatever you’re powering, and if you’re using an extension cord outdoors be sure it’s marked for outdoor use.”

“Plugging one extension cord or power strip into another isn’t safe,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “Unplug devices that aren’t in use, and always plug heating and cooling appliances directly into a wall socket. Check the cords and discard them if the insulation

is cracked, worn, or damaged. It’s much easier to replace an extension cord than all the things that can burn in a fire.”

The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Nahant Fire Department and the State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal’s office. Investigators determined that it began in the front left corner of the living room, where numerous power strips, extension cords, and electrical devices were observed.

While this fire did not involve a Christmas tree,

the flammability of trees in many homes during the holiday season presents an additional hazard at this time of year. Watering the tree daily and disposing of it early can reduce that hazard. Similarly, candles cause more fires in the winter holiday season than at any other time of year: always keep a one-foot “circle of safety” free of anything that can burn around candles, and always extinguish them before leaving a room.

For more holiday fire safety tips, visit the Department of Fire Services web page.

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GIVE A CHILD A HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Home for Little Wanderers is offering a required education program for people interested in becoming adoptive or foster parents in the new year. People interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents can apply to attend the free, 30-hour Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) education program from 5:30-8:30 PM every Monday and Thursdays starting on January 10, 2022 and ending on February 10, 2022.

In Massachusetts, there are over 2,800 children in

foster care with a goal of adoption and over 1,200 of these children have no identified adoption resource such as a relative or foster parent.

“There is no better time to welcome a child in need of love and support into your home than the start of a new year,” said Lesli Suggs, LICSW, President and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers. “Children need to know that they have a permanent adult in their life to take care of them and to help them grow into well-rounded adults. Children who grow up without a permanent family and “age out” of the child welfare system are

more likely to experience homelessness, substance abuse, and be involved in the criminal justice system. The love and support of a family can make all the difference.”

According to the Chapin Hall University of Chicago Voices of Youth Count report, 56 percent of Suffolk County’s homeless and unstably housed young people have been in the foster care and/or juvenile and criminal justice systems.

The Home’s adoption and foster programs provide all the necessary training, licensing, matching, and supportive services for families to adopt or foster. The Home

encourages adoptive and foster parents from all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, socio-economic backgrounds and religions. Adoptive or foster parents can be couples or single individuals. Children come from a variety of backgrounds and many have experienced multiple types of maltreatment such as neglect or abuse.

To learn more about becoming an adoptive or foster parent, visit www.thehome.org/adoption or contact The Home at (617)-288-7450, adoptioninfo@thehome.org, or fostercareinfo@thehome.org.

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city government.

Among the DeMaria administration’s major accomplishments in 2021 were:

-- DeMaria made sure that Everett received the full \$41.59 million in COVID relief aid to which the city was entitled, a substantial increase from the original federal formula under which Everett was slated to receive only \$13 million.

-- Outdoor dining continued on city streets and sidewalks, helping many local restaurants stay in business

-- State resiliency funds totaling \$716,000 were received to help with the drainage projects along the North and South Creeks that eventually will curb the continuous flooding issues in the low-lying sections of Everett

-- Everett was named as the top spot to live north of Boston by the Boston Globe

-- The facial covering mandate was lifted in May by Mayor Carlo DeMaria

-- U.S. Census data showed that Everett’s population had increased, thereby requiring the establishment of six new precincts, bringing the total number of precincts from 12 to 18.

-- The Everett High School Band took part in the 80th anniversary commemoration ceremony of Pearl Harbor.

-- The School Committee voted unanimously to get into the pipeline for state funds for building a new high school.

-- Governor Charles Baker and other state officials were in Everett to highlight Everett’s affordable housing initiatives

-- DeMaria unveiled plans to link all open spaces along the waterfront from the Charlestown line to the Malden line, giving residents usable access to the Everett waterfront.

-- Cathy Draine was appointed Everett’s first Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion by Mayor Carlo DeMaria

-- School Commit-

tee members approved a new program to help former Everett High Students who lack qualifying credits to earn the credits and to receive their high school diploma.

With the announcement in September of the 95-acre Exxon Mobil site on lower Broadway coming to the market, combined with the 40 acre Exelon site, that was approved by state officials to be taken by eminent domain, Mayor Carlo DeMaria has set the wheels in motion to have these sites rezoned and to start the process of turning these former brownfields into housing, open space, commuter stops, and buildings for a life science industry.

Although Everett can expect to continue to grapple with the fallout from the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, we also will find a city that is moving forward as it prepares to meet the challenges of the third decade of the 21st century.

FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Charlene Guzman

Charlene Guzman is an employee of the Department of Public Works and has worked for the City of Everett for 16 years.

What do you do in the City?

I am an administrative assistant in the Department of Public Works as well as the Purchasing department.

What is your favorite part about working for the City?



Building long lasting relationships with co-workers as well as within the community I serve.

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

Communication is key, being able to listen to and help the constituents of the City. I’ve learned that people need to be heard and appreciated.

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

I love spending time with my family. I also love reading.

Middlesex among County Sheriffs to get nearly \$215,000 in federal grant funding

The Baker-Polito Administration awarded nearly \$215,000 in federal funding to eight Massachusetts sheriff’s offices in support of their substance abuse treatment programs. The federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant program is aimed at breaking the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs.

“The RSAT grant awards help individuals suffering from substance misuse issues recover and reintegrate successfully into society,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Our Administration remains committed to addressing the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts by connecting those in need with critical resources to help them in recovery.”

“These awards will provide frontline workers in our sheriff’s offices with the needed resources to serve those battling addiction,” said Lt. Governor

Karyn Polito. “Their work provides services, builds support networks of those with lived experience and facilitates resources beyond their incarceration.”

The RSAT grant program allows departments to re-examine the way they provide substance abuse treatment to individuals in their custody with the goal of breaking the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for use and trafficking of illegal drugs. For more than 20 years, the U.S. Department of Justice’ Bureau of Justice Assistance has entrusted RSAT funding distribution and administration to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security’s (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research (OGR).

“Communities benefit from OGR’s commitment to steward grant opportunities and use awards to create meaningful progress in public safety,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence M.

Reidy. “The RSAT funding allows programming and public safety professionals to work together to address addiction, which remains a persistent cause of recidivism. Each participant, regardless of their starting point, can use RSAT programming to embrace sobriety and achieve their goals.”

RSAT grant programs enhance the capability of correctional institutions to provide services for incarcerated individuals. Each initiative prepares offenders for reintegration into the communities from which they are from by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs. Beyond incarceration, the programs also assist participants and their communities during the reentry process.

The RSAT grants include:

Award Amount	
Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office	\$25,000.00



The Class of 2021 rolled out the Red Carpet on Friday, June 4, for the culmination of Senior Week ahead of the June 9 in-person Commencement Exercises. One of the more inventive gifts was a T-shirt proclaiming victory over the pandemic for the Class of 2021. Here, Alexa Stevens, Joana Bonilla, Kaleigh Snook and Haley Oteri display their memorable shirt.

CITY OF EVERETT RAISES THE FRENCH FLAG



Mayor Carlo DeMaria hosted a French flag raising ceremony in collaboration with the French Consulate of Boston, the Haitian Consulate of Boston, the Everett Haitian Community Center, and other Francophonie constituents of the City of Everett to celebrate the Month of the Francophonie on Wednesday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. Pictured are City Councilor Fred Capone, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, Haitian General Consul Hans Charles, French General Consul Arnaud Mentre, Rev. Myrlande DesRosiers, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, City Councilor Gerly Adrien, City Councilor John Hanlon, Adeleine Celestin of the Everett School Department.

LOCAL EFFORTS IMPROVE AREA RIVERS



During the weekly clean-up with Everett residents and the Friends of the Malden River in RiverGreen Park just prior to Earth Day, one volunteer spotted this recently-hatched turtle near the shoreline of the River. The young turtle being spotted there is a tremendous sign for the health of the River, as it means that efforts to clear the banks of invasive phragmites has returned the area to host a breeding ground and nests for native turtles. With the phragmites and the toxic conditions left behind by GE Corporation years ago, the area was not hospitable to wildlife and especially breeding turtles. Now, with the RiverGreen cleaned up and the Malden River being restored, the area has made a complete turnaround – bringing back wildlife alongside residents looking for some respite. The effort along the waterfront has been a constant emphasis for Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett for some time – with help at RiverGreen by Encore Boston Harbor.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ST. JOHN’S PREP ACADEMIC HONORS


St. John’s Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2021–2022

school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster’s List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal’s List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Hon-

or Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the First Quarter 2021–2022.


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Nicholas Vogel ‘26



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Public Hearing Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

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Everett, MA

Whereas an application has been presented by:

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December 29, 2021

REVERE/EVERETT HOCKEY 9-2 OVER EAST BOSTON

Revere/Everett topped East Boston, 9-2 in non-league hockey action Thursday, December 23.

PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA



INTO THE BOARDS: Matt LaCroix (19) takes East Boston's (24) into the boards and off the puck.



GET THE PUCK: Everett's Dylan MacCallum (2) and East Boston's (9) tangle as they fight for puck control.



BREAKOUT: East Boston's (6) breaks away from Everett's Jonathan Brandano (15) and Dylan MacCallum (2) while John Summer (10) has an ice-level view of the play.



STORMING THE NET: David Saia (22) is foiled in this scoring bid close in front of East Boston goaltender (35).



HEAVY TRAFFIC: Everett's Jake Sampson, (9), Lukas Deguire, (23, hidden) and Alexio Trichilo (18) chase a loose puck as East Boston's (8) and (24) defend.



NARROW PASSAGE: Austin Annunziata (17) makes his way along the boards as he is checked by East Boston's (8).



PATHFINDER: David Saia (22) finds his path through center ice.



CRASH COURSE: Everett's Jake Sampson (9) and East Boston's (3) collide in pursuit of the puck.

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Slade's Bar and Grill Holiday Classic at Cathedral High School this past Monday.

Junior forward Roger Vasquez led the way for the Crimson Tide, scoring 17 points and pulling down seven rebounds.

John Monexant, the always-steady Everett back-court man, reached double figures with 16 points, including hitting 5-of-6 clutch free throws down

the stretch.

Coach Stanley Chamblain and his crew were set to take on Brookline yesterday (Tuesday) in the second day of the tourney, which features eight schools competing in two days of basketball.

The Crimson Tide will host Greater Boston League rival Chelsea next Tuesday evening. The opening tip is set for 7:00.

EHS GIRLS SEEK FIRST VICTORY

The Everett High girls basketball team will seek its first victory of the season when coach Riley Dunn and her crew travel to former Greater Boston League rival Arlington this evening (Wednesday).

The Lady Crimson Tide then will make the short trek across the Parkway next Tuesday to take on GBL foe Chelsea.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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The City Council approved the appointments of Raymond Gallagher and John Uga to the Everett Police Force. Also the Councilors approved the promotions of Lieutenant Christopher Hannon to Captain and Sergeant Paul Molea to Lieutenant. Also shown in the photograph is Police Chief Steven Mazzie (far left).

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place at the City Council meeting on December 13, 2021, very serious accusations were made regarding the professional conduct of this Administration. Those accusations included allegations that this Administration has ‘manipulated and abused’ the language of the current ordinance contained in Chapter 7, Article VI, Section 7-167 of the City’s Revised Ordinances. The sponsor of this resolution even went as far as to make an unsubstantiated allegation for which he publicly stated he had ‘no proof’ of an intent to defraud by this Administration. It is disappointing that a member of this Council would deliberately choose during a public debate to intentionally make defamatory comments about the character and integrity of members of this Administration while admitting that there was no proof or evidence to substantiate the slanderous statements.

“It is important for the residents of Everett to know that this Administration has never misrepresented or concealed the way in which it has calculated the longevity payment based upon its interpretation of the language that established such payment for the office of Mayor. Additionally, the FY18 budget clearly reported the prior two \$30,000 payments that were paid after the ordinance was adopted during FYI 7. Further, the Councilor in question stated twice during the meeting that the mayor’s salary was \$109,000 when the ordinance was passed. The Councilor further stated that because the mayor’s salary was \$109,000 at the time, the Administration’s interpretation made sense. This Administration also clearly outlined for the members of this Council the Mayor’s current compensation, including the amount of the longevity payment, at the June 5, 2021 budget hearing on the FY22 budget proposal. This information has been made readily available to the Council since a longevity payment for the Office of Mayor was adopted.

“The way in which this Administration has calculated the Mayor’s longevity payment has been reviewed by the Office of the City Solicitor and by outside counsel as well. The request to have the language reviewed by outside counsel was made by this Administration well before a member of this Council unfortunately decided to call into question the professional integrity of the members of the City Solicitor’s office by sug-

gesting that they were not able to render impartial opinions. These reviews show that longevity payments are processed by the office of the CFO and appropriated by the City Council. The payments, including the Mayor’s, have been administered in the same way for many years, and the Council has appropriated the funds without question each year. Longevity bonuses are traditionally given annually. This is true in Everett, where all longevity bonuses are annual payments. Had the Council intended this longevity payment to deviate from the general rule that such payments are made annually, it would have done so explicitly. This is underscored by the fact that the Ordinance explicitly uses the term ‘one-time payment’ in reference to a ‘look-back’ bonus for the mayor sitting at the time the Ordinance was adopted.

“The Administration also disagrees with the assertion that the legislative intent behind the language of the longevity ordinance is clear. In fact, the public discussions on this language at a committee meeting and multiple subsequent Council meetings reflect that the Council did not have any clear contrary legislative intent. During these discussions, members have admitted to making the effort currently and ‘trying to understand it,’ when referencing the ordinance. Other members have admitted to ‘trying to understand the math.’ Furthermore, statements have been made by a member of the Council present at the time the ordinance language was passed of not being ‘too sure how it came about’ when referencing longevity. Such statements clearly contradict the assertion that there was a clear legislative intent behind the ordinance and in the absence of such clarity, the Administration’s interpretation of the ordinance is reasonable for the reasons previously noted.

“What the recent discussions and debates about this ordinance do reflect clearly is that there is a consensus to re-examine the language of the ordinance. This Administration respects that the City Council declined to revisit this issue hastily in the waning days of the current session and deferred the matter to be taken up by the next City Council. In order to afford the next Council with the opportunity to review this issue and to decide what action should be taken, Mayor DeMaria will not

be accepting a longevity payment in January as has been past practice and instead will wait to see how the Council wishes to proceed regarding the existing ordinance language.

“Finally, as a matter of personal privilege, I must state for the record that I have never been asked or instructed by Mayor DeMaria or any other member of this Administration to engage in or commit any act or business transaction that is in any way unlawful, unethical, deceitful, deceptive, coercive, or fraudulent. I also have never undertaken any such actions on my own initiative. The fiduciary responsibility that I have to the residents of Everett as Chief Financial Officer for this City has never been violated because to do so would violate every professional and personal ethic upon which I have built my career. Any suggestions or claims that I or other members of this Administration have willfully engaged in an effort to defraud the residents of Everett regarding longevity payments are entirely unsubstantiated and without merit or truth.

“It is my hope that this Administration and the incoming City Council will be able to work together to address matters that impact the City and the residents of Everett in meaningful and substantive ways. While we may not agree on every ordinance, resolution, policy or issue, this Administration will continue to engage with the City Council in a respectful manner and hopes for the same professional courtesy in return.”

After the public reading, Capone said that since the letter had been read that he “had to respond to the letter,” saying. “The letter was inaccurate” and that the only item worth noting in Demas’s letter was, “The Mayor will be postponing the longevity pay in January until a new council” reviews the ordinance.

The matter then was unanimously referred back to the Mayor’s office.

SAYING FAREWELL

The City Council acknowledged the departure of four members — Ward 1 Councilor Fred Capone, Ward 5 Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, Ward 6 City Councilor Michael McLaughlin, and Councilor at Large Gerly Adrien.

Both Capone and DiFlorio were at the meeting and received their plaques as well as kind words from their colleagues. Councilor at Large John Hanlon called DiFlorio “a true friend and jewel for the city of Everett.”

Marchese said about Capone, “He did his due diligence and never spoke wrong. There will be a big void up here.”

Council President Wayne Matewsky noted that there will be “a big turnover with four new people on the Council.”

NEW LIBRARIAN

With little discussion, Councilors approved the appointment of Kevin Sheehan as Library Director for a term of one year expiring December 31, 2022.

DANIEL O’LEARY RETIRING

After 35 years of service, Daniel O’Leary, chief executive officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES), is retiring at the end of December. Dan’s leadership championed the importance of elder care within MVES’ communities and staff. More than 200 people recently came to wish Dan well on his retirement at Anthony’s of Malden and welcome Lisa Gurgone, who will become MVES’ new CEO in January. Pictured, Lisa Gurgone will be joining MVES as CEO in January as Daniel O’Leary steps down as CEO after 35 years.

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OBITUARIES

Marianna Buccieri

July 29, 1931 - December 23, 2021

Marianna (Cardello) Buccieri of Revere, born in Mineo, Sicily on July 29, 1931 to the late Giovanni and Giuseppa Cardello, died December 23, 2021.

Marianna’s family immigrated through Ellis Island, New York in 1951 and made their way to East Boston. After her marriage to Salvatore Buccieri, the couple moved to Revere where they resided for over 50 years until a recent move to be closer to their daughter.

Marianna was a seamstress who began her career making sample dresses and suits in Boston and in later years, she was the head seamstress for the Hilton Hotels. She is fondly remembered by family and friends for her wonderful cooking which she generously shared with everyone who entered her home. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

The beloved wife of 66 years to Salvatore Buccieri, she was the devoted mother of Maria Salvatore and her husband, John of Westwood, cherished grandmother of Jake, Georgia and Zachary, dear



sister of the late Giovanni and Mario, adored aunt of Gino Cardello and the late Josephine Simili, Lina Sarnacchiaro and Giuseppe Cardello and is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great, great nieces and nephews.

A visitation at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons- Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Tuesday, December 28 was followed by a 12 noon Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Revere. Entombment was at Woodlawn Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan St, Ste. B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Massachusetts unemployment, job estimates for November

The state’s November total unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.4 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 16,800 jobs in November. This follows last month’s revised gain of 26,400 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Leisure and Hospitality, Professional, Scientific, and Business Services, and Educational and Health Services. Since the employment trough in April 2020, Massachusetts has gained 519,500 jobs.

From November 2020 to November 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 196,000 jobs. The largest over the year gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Education and Health Services.

The November unemployment rate was 1.2 percentage points above the national rate of 4.2 percent reported by the Bureau of

Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 14,100 from 3,726,300 in October, as 8,200 more residents were employed, and 5,900 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 3.0 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was up three-tenths of a percentage point at 66.3 percent. Compared to November 2020, the labor force participation rate is up 0.4 percentage points.

November 2021 Employment Overview

Leisure and Hospitality gained 5,400 (+1.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 53,900 (+20.4%) jobs were added.

Professional and Business Services gained 3,400 (+0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 44,200 (+7.7%) jobs were added.

Education and Health Services gained 2,200

(+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 26,300 (+3.5%) jobs were added.

Construction gained 1,900 (+1.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,700 (+6.7%) jobs were added.

Other Services gained 1,100 (+0.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 6,600 (+5.8%) jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 700 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,000 (+3.9%) jobs were added.

Financial Activities gained 300 (+0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 1,400 (+0.6%) jobs were added.

Government gained 2,000 (+0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 18,300 (+4.3%) jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 100 jobs (0.0%) over the month. Over the year, 18,700 (+3.4%) jobs were added.

Information lost 200 (-0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 6,800 (+7.8%) jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview

The November estimates show 3,537,500 Massachusetts residents were employed and 202,900 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,740,400. The unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.4 percent. Over the month, the November labor force was up by 14,100 from 3,726,300 in October, with 8,100 more residents employed and 5,900 more residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was up by 0.3 percentage point at 66.3 percent. The labor force was up 18,900 from the November 2020 estimate of 3,721,600, as 129,200 more residents were employed and 110,400 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

Baker-Polito administration announces historic selection of offshore wind projects to bring clean, affordable power to the Commonwealth

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the selection of two offshore wind projects, Mayflower Wind and Vineyard Wind, to move forward to contract negotiations to provide a combined total of 1,600 megawatts (MW) of clean and affordable energy to Massachusetts ratepayers. The selected projects, in combination with two previous projects procured since Governor Charlie Baker signed comprehensive energy legislation in 2016, bring the total amount of offshore wind procured by the Administration to approximately 3,200 MW, enough clean energy to power 1.6 million homes. The announcement, made by Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides at the Wind Technology Testing Center in Charlestown, also advances critical economic development priorities for the Commonwealth while securing significant clean, affordable, and resilient energy for Massachusetts residents and businesses.

“Massachusetts has been a national leader in the offshore wind industry and today’s announcement is another major milestone with the selection of two projects that double the amount of offshore wind power secured by the Commonwealth,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The bipartisan energy legislation our Administration worked with the Legislature to pass in 2016 has unlocked record low pricing and significant economic investment through three separate procurements, and the projects selected today further illustrate the potential offshore wind presents for our climate goals, our local workforce and our port communities.”

“This historic procurement builds on our administration’s continued investments in climate and clean energy policies that have helped reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions in the Commonwealth,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “These procurements have increased the emphasis on environmental justice and

workforce diversity, maintained cost-effectiveness and increased the size and scale of the solicitation, securing significant benefits for Massachusetts ratepayers.”

The selected projects include a 400 MW proposal from Mayflower Wind and a 1,200 MW proposal from Vineyard Wind. The Mayflower Wind and Vineyard Wind bids were selected for contract negotiations based on criteria established under a Request for Proposal (RFP) released by the Administration in May 2021. In this procurement, the Administration bids included enhanced criteria for economic evaluation of the benefits for ratepayers, the project’s ability to foster employment and economic development in the Commonwealth, the project’s environmental impacts and impacts on Environmental Justice (EJ) communities, the extent to which a project demonstrates that it avoids or mitigates impacts to regional commercial fisheries, and the bidder’s proposed plans to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as part of the project. As a result of a stringent review, a portfolio of proposals from both bidders was determined to provide the greatest overall value to Massachusetts customers by delivering a combined total of approximately 1,600 MW of offshore wind capacity per year while providing substantial ratepayer benefits.

During the bidding process, both Mayflower Wind and Vineyard Wind proposed wind energy at a competitive price and with substantial economic development opportunities for the Commonwealth. By selecting a portfolio of projects from both bidders, the Commonwealth will secure impressive investments in job creation and economic development. Bidders also responded to new provisions in the solicitation, included by the Administration for the first time, that required plans to support diversity, equity and inclusion, including Workforce Diversity and Supplier Diversity Program plans. Bidders were

also required to describe proposed strategies to actively promote access to employment and contracting opportunities for minority, women, veterans, LGBT and persons with disabilities. Bidders also included assessments of impacts, both positive and negative, on EJ populations in the Commonwealth, and plans for investments and engagement with affected communities. The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) will work with the winning bidders to track and report on progress towards their commitments regarding economic development, environmental justice, and diversity, equity and inclusion.

“In structuring the Commonwealth’s third offshore wind procurement, the Baker-Polito Administration focused on delivering enhanced economic benefits for Massachusetts residents, affordable pricing for ratepayers, and the development of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce, and the projects selected through this competitive process deliver on those critical priorities,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “Offshore wind is the centerpiece of Massachusetts’ climate goals and our effort to achieve Net Zero emissions in 2050, and this successful procurement will build on our national clean energy leadership and the continued development of a robust offshore wind supply chain in the Commonwealth.”

“Commonwealth Wind is more than just one project, it is part of an effort to build a clean energy infrastructure including the transformation of ports around our state as well as jobs and training that will support this clean energy industry decades to come,” said President and CEO of Avangrid Renewables Offshore, Bill White. “We are proud that Commonwealth Wind will help realize the vision of Governor Baker and the leaders of the Massachusetts Legislature in pioneering this new American indus-

try.” “We talk often of the jobs created directly by offshore wind but just as important to the success of this industry are the jobs that can and must be created in both the US supply chain and in the overall service of the industry,” said Lars T. Pedersen, CEO of Vineyard Wind. “Commonwealth Wind builds on both of these goals by expanding the base of the industry to both the South Coast and the North Shore including bringing the first tier 1 manufacturer to the state, in addition to investing millions of dollars to increase diversity and inclusion, not to mention innovation. We’re very proud of this project and truly honored to be selected by the Baker-Polito Administration.”

“This new agreement for an additional 400MW includes over \$42 million in economic development initiatives across the South Coast region,” said Michael Brown, Chief Executive Officer of Mayflower Wind Energy LLC. “In addition to creating approximately 14,000 jobs over the life of the project, we also will build our Operations and Maintenance port in Fall River and work with Gladding-Hearn Shipbuilding of Somerset to design and build our crew transfer vessel. All of this is on top of the \$77.5 million in benefits expected from the first 800 MW of the project. This win is the result of the extraordinary collaboration between our team and the many communities and stakeholders we have worked with over the past six months. It also reaffirms the quality and competitiveness of our bid which delivers immense community value and low-cost renewable energy.”

“Today’s announcement moves Massachusetts one step closer to achieving the ambitious offshore wind energy goals that the Legislature is continuously advancing,” said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano. “We look forward to continuing our progress in making Massachusetts a national leader in clean energy.”

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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
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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.

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News and Notes

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL FINISHES UP YEAR

CHELSEA - The City Council quickly took care of business during its last meeting of the year, approving funding for several community preservation projects as well as a cost of living raise for City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

The council unanimously approved a 3 percent cost of living raise for Ambrosino that backdates to July 1 of this year. He is due for another 3 percent cost of living raise effective July 1, 2022.

The raises come as a result of the recent City Manager evaluation process by the council.

A special subcommittee gave Ambrosino high marks for his job performance.

The city manager signed his most recent five-year contract with the city in 2019 at a salary of just under \$190,000 annually.

“In summary, the final rating by the committee was that the city manager did an incredible job managing city business and the covid response during one of the most stressful and difficult times in recent memory,” said Council President Roy Avellana. “The evaluation committee is aware that this is most likely the last two years that the city manager is working, and expects that the same professional effort shown previously will continue.”

The council also unanimously approved three community preservation expenditures recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

Those grant proposals from the Community Preservation Fund include \$25,000 for Temple Emmanuel for a historic building exterior conditions assessment, \$252,000 for

the rehabilitation of the Mace Basketball Court, and \$400,000 for pre-development funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

In the 2016 general election, Chelsea voters voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act and impose a 1.5 percent surcharge on residential and commercial properties with exemptions for low- and moderate-income homeowners.

Temple Emmanuel is seeking support for an on-site assessment during which historic preservation consultants will examine, investigate, and analyze all areas of the building’s exterior envelope and document the existing conditions. The consultant will then recommend next steps for stabilization, rehabilitation, preservation, and maintenance of the historic building.

The basketball court rehabilitation project seeks to repair and bring back into use a court that has severely deteriorated over the past years so that it can once again be used as a neighborhood asset.

Chelsea’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board is seeking a \$400,000 grant to help fund the pre-development aspects of its recent investment in affordable housing development.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE GRANTS

REVERE - Mayor Arrigo and representatives from both Amazon and United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley presented three grant awards to community-based organizations who continue to go above and beyond for Revere residents. The Raise Up Revere fund, which was

Zumix celebrates 30 years with gala at City Winery



The entire Zumix team of staff and instructors pose on the red carpet during Zumix's 30th Anniversary Gala held recently at the City Winery in Boston.

established in April of 2020, is focused on meeting the immediate needs of Revere families and small businesses that have been most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as longer-term strategies and innovative ideas that will continue to move Revere forward as a community. Recipients this year include HarborCOV, CAPIC, and the First Congregational Church Food Pantry.

“The three organizations chosen today continue to step up to the plate when our residents need them the most,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo. “We started the Raise Up Revere fund at the beginning of the pandemic to support community-driven organizations that work to give back to our residents. I’m

proud of how we’ve utilized these connections so far and am excited to see the fund continue to build capacity over the coming years.”

In 2020, four nonprofits and organizations were awarded grants through the fund. This year, due to a generous \$35,000 donation from Amazon and supplemented funds through an anonymous donor, the fund is able to award each organization with a \$20,000 grant – totaling \$60,000 that will be reflected through community-based work. Existing partners who have received the award in the past include The Neighborhood Developers (TND), Union Capital Boston, Moroccan American Connections in Revere (MACIR), Women Encouraging Empowerment (WEE) Revere, and The First Congressional Church of Revere Food Pantry. The Raise Up Revere Fund also funded five \$10,000 “Shot at a

Healthy Future” scholarships – awarded to fully-vaccinated residents to boost incentive around the vaccine.

“The Raise Up Revere Fund has been instrumental in helping our community weather the pandemic and its ensuing economic hardship,” said Jerome Smith, Amazon’s Sr. Manager of External Affairs. “As a company, we’re thrilled to partner with them and ensure their funding can go even further in assisting our most vulnerable neighbors.”

One recipient of the grant this year is HarborCOV, a non-profit organization that provides free safety and support services, along with housing and economic opportunities for those affected by domestic violence and abuse. Executive Director Kourou Pich plans to use the \$20,000 grant for emergency housing – one of the most visible and critical needs experienced by survivors of domestic

violence.

“Partnerships like the Raise Up Revere fund are key to ensuring our communities emerge from this crisis stronger and more resilient than before,” said Bob Giannino, President and Chief Executive Officer at United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. “Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, we have seen the power of municipal, business and community leaders coming together to raise up the needs of their residents and catalyze the resources needed to address them. We’re grateful to Mayor Arrigo for his continued partnership and to Amazon for the generosity they have demonstrated throughout our region.”

The First Congregational Church Food Pantry is another 2021 recipient – the \$20,000 grant will be used to further efforts at the weekly Food Pantry by assisting in IT and computer relief. Throughout the course of the pandemic, the First Congregational Church Food Pantry operation grew exponentially. Now the Food Pantry is combined with the City of Revere “Food Hub” team and operates out of the Food Hub at 200 Winthrop Ave (the previous League for Special Needs building). The pantry continues to see a record number of families during their weekly food events.

CAPIC (Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc), is the third and final recipient of this year’s award. Through the utilization of \$20,000 in Raise Up Revere funding, CAPIC will provide comprehensive emergency support services to at-risk Revere individuals and families who are in crisis mode; specifically, temporary emergency placements, such as hotel placements. CAPIC’s Emergency Assistance Program will also provide support to individuals and families once they obtain permanent housing, such as gift cards to purchase food, furniture, and basic household items.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 74 Clinton Street
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PROPOSAL:
The owner/applicant to alter the existing single-family building built in 1900, with a full shed dormer. The existing building is non-conforming on the right side at the rear of the structure in that the side yard is only 1.4' +/- to the side lot line where a minimum of 4' is required.
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Zoning:
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MARY GERACE – Chairman
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ORGANIZATIONS
RECEIVE GRANTS

EAST BOSTON- To support the needs of our immigrant residents, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) announced the awarding of \$8,000 in mini-grants each to three East Boston organizations that serve the neighborhood’s immigrant population.

The mini-grants to the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VRCC), the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC) and Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE) are funded through corporate sponsorships for We Are Boston, an annual reception that honors the contributions immigrants make to our City.

The three Eastie organizations will use the \$8,000 grant for operational support and capacity-building to serve immigrants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used for a wide range of services including basic needs assistance, mental health support, child and youth development, legal services, and digital equity.

“One third of Boston residents are immigrants,” said Mayor Wu. “The health and wellbeing of our immigrant communities is central to our City’s recovery and community. By making these investments now, we lay the foundation for generational change.”

The VRCC will use the funds to uplift the cultural identities of Latinx immigrant communities in East Boston.

EBECC will use its mini-grant for technology equipment, access, and training for immigrant youth and families for the Digital Inclusion Program.

Finally, NUBE will use the funds for wellness and health spaces facilitated

by community leaders for low-income immigrants.

“We work very closely with immigrant-serving nonprofits, and they told us what their communities need right now,” said Director of the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement Yusufi Vali. “As we recover from this pandemic, we should seize the moment to identify disparities and close the gaps in innovative ways.”

Vali said these mini-grants are made possible through the generous contributions from We Are Boston 2020 sponsors including State Street Corporation, Arbella Insurance Foundation, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, and Eastern Bank Foundation.

The “We Are Boston 2022: From Dreams to Action” will be held on February 3, 2022. During the reception, the city will recognize community honorees and address how government, corporate, and nonprofit sectors can work together to support the fight for equity.

NICHOLSON
ANNOUNCES TEAM

LYNN - Lynn Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson has announced the first staff members that will be working in his office starting January 4, 2022.

“We are thrilled about the team that is coming together,” Nicholson said. “We have a lot of ideas about how to hit the ground running and this group starts to bring in the skills we will need to make sure that happens.”

Following his election, Nicholson immediately got to work putting together a Transition Committee consisting of 10 people to help him prepare for the role and find the right staff for his new administration. A subcommittee of Magnolia Contreras, Faustina Cuevas, Charlie Gaeta, and Drew Russo has helped Nicholson interview candidates and advise him on hiring decisions.

Contreras, co-chair of the Transition Committee, said, “we have been impressed by the field of candidates and the process that the Mayor-Elect has led to make these decisions.”

Jon Thibault will take on the role of Chief of Staff. Thibault is currently

the Chief of Staff to State Senator Brendan P. Crighton and worked as Crighton’s Legislative Director before being appointed Chief in 2019. Born and raised in Lynn, Thibault attended Lynn English High School and went on to graduate from Boston University in 2009. Jon gained extensive knowledge of Lynn’s municipal government as the Assistant to LHAND Executive Director, Charlie Gaeta. With Nicholson, Thibault will be responsible with overseeing and administering the day-to-day operations within the Mayor’s Office and will serve as the liaison between the Mayor’s Office, city department heads, and local, state, and federal officials.

“I believe in Mayor Nicholson’s vision and goals for the city,” said Thibault. “I look forward to working with him, this team, and the departments in City Hall to deliver great results for the residents of Lynn.”

Jean Michael Fana, who managed Nicholson’s mayoral campaign, has been selected as the Outreach Director for the Mayor’s Office. Jean returned to Lynn last spring after serving as an Army JAG Corps Paralegal. He served as a Trial Defense Paralegal at Camp Humphreys, South Korea and later was assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Jean graduated from Lynn Classical High School prior to joining the Army. Jean was Honorably Discharged at the rank of Sergeant. As the Outreach Director, Jean will be responsible for constituent services and community affairs on behalf of the office.

“Jared has given me a wonderful opportunity to continue to work directly for the people of Lynn,” said Fana. “Our goal is to make this administration active and responsive to the needs of the people and I’m excited to join the team in supporting that goal.”

Valerie Vong, who was the Nicholson campaign’s Digital Director, will also be joining Mayor Nicholson’s office as Communications Manager. Vong proudly represents her Asian-American roots—especially as the eldest daughter and granddaughter of Khmer refugees.

She graduated at the top of her class from Lynn English High School in 2018 with National Honor Society recognition and was an awardee of the President’s Education Program. She is currently a fourth-year first-generation college student at Clark University, pursuing a double major in English and Environmental Science, with concentrations in public policy, environmental policy, and pre-law. At school, Valerie is the Publicist of Korean Culture Club, a member of Sigma Tau Delta, a member of the Pre-Law Society, and on the e-board of Clark Sustainability Action. Outside of school, she currently interns for New American Leaders, YDMA, and MASSPIRG Students. Valerie will work to support the Mayor’s communication efforts and ensure that all residents have access to the office so that their voices can be heard.

“I had the privilege to work with Jared on the campaign trail,” said Vong. “And throughout the months I served as both an intern and the Digital Director, I was incredibly moved and inspired by his vision, tenacity, and our shared aim to uplift the city of Lynn through a more equitable approach. I look forward to continuing my work alongside Jared.”

Mayor-elect Nicholson is also pleased to announce that two integral members of the current administration will continue serving after he takes office in January.

Faustina Cuevas, the City’s first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, assumed her position this past June and quickly established herself as a key member of the Mayor’s staff. As DEI officer, Cuevas is responsible for implementing and overseeing initiatives to ensure greater diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout city government and the community at large. Cuevas is also co-chair of the Mayor-elect’s Transition Committee tasked with advising the incoming administration.

Meaghen Hamill, Chief of Staff to Mayor Thomas McGee, will be staying on for a two-month period in the role of Senior Adviser to complete the transition between the McGee and

Nicholson administrations. Hamill, a Boston University graduate, has worked with Mayor McGee since 2010 rising to the position of Chief of Staff in his Senate office and serving in that capacity during his four years as Mayor.

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WINTHROP - The Winthrop School Committee met on Dec. 20 in the Harvey Hearing Room of Town Hall, where it honored outgoing Chairman Brian Perrin and outgoing member Phil Boncore.

The committee presented distinguished service awards to outgoing Chairman Brian Perrin and outgoing member Phil Boncore. Perrin sat on the School Committee for the past 12 years, and Boncore for the past two.

The men were praised for their “strong positive impact” on education in the town of Winthrop, and for their “genuine concern for young people.”

“We’re lucky to have these guys,” said Committee Member Gus Martucci. “I feel fortunate to have worked with them. We’re going to miss them.”

“I’ve learned a lot from them,” said Supt. Lisa Howard. “They’ve never given up on this town.”

Perrin, who has served on numerous boards and committees over the past 33 years, said his tenure on the School Committee was one of the most challenging.

“I want to recognize Supt. Howard and her faculty for all they do every day to make Winthrop the best school system it can be,” he said.

Perrin also congratulated the incoming members of the School Committee, and encouraged them to collaborate with respect and to listen to their constituents.

School Committee Vacancy

A joint meeting of the School Committee and the Town Council will be held in the new year, which will allow for newly elected members of both boards to vote on the empty School Committee seat.

Boncore originally scheduled the meeting for Dec. 21, but this meeting

failed to reach a quorum. He argued that the new councilors haven’t had the opportunity to hear from constituents as far as who they should vote for to fill the seat, and that the decision should fall to outgoing councilors. However, School Committee members pushed back.

“It’s unreasonable to expect outgoing members to vote on incoming members,” said Julie Barry, and claimed that Boncore scheduled the meeting after the School Committee made it clear it couldn’t convene on that date.

Committee Vice-Chair Jennifer Powell agreed, adding that committee members should have the chance to vote for the people they will be serving alongside.

COVID

In an unexpected spike, seven school staff tested positive for COVID-19. Supt. Howard reported that the district is “trying to be as creative as possible” to manage teacher absences, with principals taking over classes and staff being shared across schools. The district is working closely with the Dept. of Public Health on contact tracing and updating parents on potential exposure.

Supt. Howard urged families to “stay as safe as possible” during the upcoming holiday break, so as not to delay a return to full-time school.

“The goal is for students to come back and not lose learning time,” she said. “As much as families can help, we would appreciate that.”

Supt. Howard also reminded parents to submit their children’s vaccinations records to the district as soon as possible.

General Updates

There is an immediate opening for an Extra Support Person (ESP) at the elementary school due to an illness unrelated to COVID-19.

The Shore Collaborative received a clean audit, showing a budget surplus of over \$200,000. The school remains more affordable than other collaboratives. It is currently working on crafting its mission statement, to be reported at its next meeting. Six Winthrop students currently attend the Shore Collaborative.

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Winter grooming and paw care

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As we dropped our Westie Poppy off for her November grooming, we asked that her groomer leave more fur on her body and ears, but less on her belly and legs so that they'd collect less snow and muck.

Now is an excellent opportunity to spend some time helping your dog adjust to having you touch and work around his feet. Many dogs don't like anyone handling their paws. However, winter often means putting on boots and cleaning snow, salt, and chemicals from protesting toes.

The night our first puppy arrived home, a dog-loving friend stopped

by with a basket of essentials we might not have. Before she left, she advised us to touch the puppy everywhere, all the time. Then, she said when we have to do something that might hurt, the dog will know that most of the time, touches don't hurt.

How Cold Is Too Cold?

We'll let a Veterinarian answer this question. Jennifer Coates, DVM writing for the website PetMD.com advised, "In general, cold temperatures should not become a problem for most dogs until they fall below 45°F, at which point some cold-averse dogs might begin to feel uncomfortable. When temperatures fall below 32°F, owners of small breed dogs, dogs with thin

coats, and/or very young, old, or sick dogs should pay close attention to their pet's well-being. Once temperatures drop under 20°F, all owners need to be aware that their dogs could potentially develop cold-associated health problems like hypothermia and frostbite."

Dog Jackets

If you have a dog that needs some protection from the cold, there are certainly a wide variety of coats, sweaters, and jackets on the market. Your dog might do fine with a t-shirt or a light fleece jacket for moderate days, need an insulated coat for cold days, and a waterproof raincoat for wet days.

Coats not only keep a



Here's our Poppy dressed for a winter walk with a t-shirt to keep her clean and boots to protect her feet from salt and deicing chemicals.

dog warm, but they also keep them clean. We put a toddler t-shirt under Poppy's winter jacket to cover more of her fur. T-shirts are much easier to clean than a dog's belly.

Salt and Deicers

Deicers used on roads and sidewalks pose a different type of threat to our dogs. We've had two dogs who were very sensitive to salt and were subject to sore, irritated paws every winter. Ed washes our Westie Poppy's feet whenever she has come into contact with salt or a deicer.

In addition to sore feet,

salt and chemical deicers can also cause gastrointestinal upsets that could need veterinary care. In addition to cleaning your pet's feet, ask your building, neighbors, and municipality to use sand and paw-safe deicers in place of salt.

The Battle of the Boots

So many people tell us they just can't get their dog to allow them to put on boots or adjust to walking in them. We advise them to go to a local pet supply store where the staff can show you boots that have worked for the dogs they know. They should also be able to show you how

to put boots on your dog. We suggest you practice at home, and once your dog is booted, play some favorite games to distract from these new things on her feet.

One final word of advice, while keeping your dog or cat safe inside or on a leash is always smart it's essential in winter. A lost housepet does not have the coat or skills needed to survive on its own in sub-freezing conditions.

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