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Baker-Polito administration awards additional \$13.5 million for covid-19 vaccine equity efforts

Special to the Independent

The Baker-Polito Administration last week announced \$13.5 million to support community organizations working in the cities and towns hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the Massachusetts Vaccine Equity Initiative to increase awareness, acceptance and access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Two Everett organizations have been selected to receive grants. These latest grants are part of the Administration’s investment of more than \$46.5 million to address vaccine hesitancy. With these funds, community organizations continue the work of reducing barriers to vaccine access and promoting primary vaccines and boosters for communities and populations most disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. “These trusted community-based organizations and leaders know their communities and neighborhoods best,” said Acting Department of Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. “These

organizations expand and amplify the efforts of our Vaccine Equity Initiative by helping address the immediate and long-term health equity needs in priority communities – needs that have been exacerbated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.” The \$13.5 million includes:

- \$10.65 million to launch the Massachusetts Community Health Workers for Resilient Communities (MACRC) program. Ten organizations in nine priority communities have been awarded three-year grants to support community health workers in clinical care settings and support local boards of health in increasing COVID-19 vaccination efforts.
- \$2.2 million has been awarded through June 2022 to extend current outreach and education funding to 45 community- and faith-based organizations, including Tribal and Indigenous People-serving organizations. These organizations will continue hosting and promoting vaccine clinics in the 20 Massachusetts communities most impacted by

COVID-19. Funded organizations will also engage families and children to support pediatric vaccinations.

- \$675,000 has been awarded to 9 community organizations to support a new COVID-19 vaccine equity program to support the unique needs of rural communities.

The grants are the result of three major funding awards from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to the Commonwealth, building on the state’s investment to increase vaccine awareness and acceptance in communities hardest hit by COVID-19.

Award Recipients:

Massachusetts Community Health Workers for Resilient Communities (MA CRC) (CHW) \$10.65M (\$3.55M per year for 3 years)

- Cambridge Health Alliance - Everett Care Center
- Vaccine Community Access Partners (HRIA) \$2,105,754 Grant size: \$35,000 - \$50,000 per organization
- The Everett Haitian Community Center.



The Rev. Patrick Healy is pictured with members of his family at his 100th birthday celebration.

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the finger of God guide you in life, you’re going to be very happy.”

O’Flaherty credited Father Healy’s service to his country and how his noble contribution to his fellow American veterans continued during the last two years of the pandemic that struck the Soldiers’ Home community hard.

“His last mission in life was here at the Home, during the pandemic,” said O’Flaherty. “He cared for the troops just like he learned to do in Vietnam and other places around the world. Amidst that danger of war, Father Healy had said, ‘I was in the hands of the Lord’, and so he was here with us in this community for the last two years during the pandemic.”

The sentimental remembrance was told of how Father Healy’s previous experience at Saint Timothy’s Church in Miami – where he supervised the construction of the church building – set the foundation for him to oversee the window repairs, new stairway, and

other refurbishments at St. Michael’s Chapel on the campus of the Soldiers’ Home. “Father had been there [in Miami] and done that,” said O’Flaherty.

Also drawing a positive, joyful reaction was O’Flaherty’s relating of the tale of the congregation’s gentle coaxing of Father Healy out of his retirement – during a dinner at the Kernwood in which O’Flaherty and others requested of him to serve as the chaplain at the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home.

“He brought to us his teachings and his deeds, all these accumulated years of knowledge, of wisdom, of discipline in the works of Christ, and we learned from this great priest what our path to salvation required,” said O’Flaherty. “Father always reminded us that we know not the time nor the hour that God will summon us, and we need to be ready.”

On behalf of the congregation and the heroic veterans that reside at the Soldiers’ Home, O’Flaherty expressed gratitude to Father Healy’s family,

“Please know how much we loved him and how he was cared for,” said O’Flaherty. “You were all amazing in your devotion to Father.”

There were two awe-inspiring moments left in what was a brilliantly executed service for the Rev. Patrick Healy. As the large crowd filed out of the church, vocalist Robert Brooks continued his masterful singing to the end, a performance so striking that it caused the remaining congregants to warmly applaud Mr. Brooks.

And as the Rev. Healy made his final journey across the Soldiers’ Home campus, in front of the St. Michael’s Chapel stood loved ones, family and friends, proudly holding American flags, honoring this favorite son of Charlestown, a great American, chaplain, and spiritual leader who brought so much inspiration and so many words of wisdom to all who knew him during his 100 years of living.

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save lives this winter.”

RIZE is awarding grants to the following organizations:

- AIDS Project Worcester
- AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod (Barnstable)
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
- BAMSI (Brockton)
- Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
- City of Everett
- HRH413 (Northampton)
- Lynn Community Health Center
- MA Organization for

Addiction Recovery (Boston)

- Montachusett Recovery Club (Leominster)
- Plymouth County Outreach (Plymouth)
- Restoration Recovery Center (Fitchburg)
- Road to Care at UMAss Memorial Medical Center (Worcester)
- Rosie’s Place (Boston)
- SSTAR (Fall River)
- Tapestry Health Systems (Springfield)
- Victory Programs (Boston)

This funding is in addition to some \$820,000 in rapid response grants that RIZE has distributed since the start of COVID-19, which has exacerbated the overdose epidemic.

RIZE Massachusetts is an independent nonprofit foundation committed to achieving zero stigma and zero deaths related to opioid use disorder by investing in meaningful solutions and employing broad perspectives that will save lives, reduce harm, and end the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.rizema.org.

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imaging cameras, assorted hand tools and extrication equipment, communications resources, hazardous gas meters, fitness equipment, and more. In many cases, the purchase of this equipment will help departments attain compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration or National Fire Protection Association safety standards.

“The toll that occupational cancer has taken on the fire service is unfortunately immense,” said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy. “We often see and hear about heroic rescues

in the face of obvious and overwhelming danger, but the risks firefighters face go well beyond those events. I am thrilled that we can provide so many fire departments with this funding for equipment that will reduce firefighters’ long-term exposure to the cancer-causing materials they encounter every day at work.”

“While many of our firefighters dedicate their entire careers to the fire service, countless others who have full-time jobs in different fields spend their spare time responding to emergencies for on-call and volunteer fire

departments across the state,” said Undersecretary of Homeland Security Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe. “They all deserve the best equipment we can get them, and we are so grateful for everything that they do.”

“Best practices for firefighter safety are constantly evolving as technology advances and our understanding of the short- and long-term health impacts of the work improves,” said State Fire Marshal Peter Ostromsky. “This program is so important to help fire departments modernize their equipment and get firefighters the protection they need. The long-term health outcomes realized from these grant awards will have a truly immeasurable benefit.”

“The job of the modern firefighter takes countless forms. At any given moment, they could be asked to respond to a fire, a hazardous materials leak, a car accident, or a medical call. Equipping them for safety in each of these situations is a significant financial burden for every department,” said Centerville-Osterville-Marston Mills Fire Chief Michael Winn, President of the Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts. “We are so thankful that funding was made available to help with this challenge, especially at a time when so many departments are facing budget issues due to COVID-19.”

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O'Malley	Demetri	Police	Lieutenant	\$207,216.27	\$138,998.69	\$25,813.41
Hannon	Christopher	Police	Patrolman	\$207,070.12	\$138,414.81	\$30,025.98
Gabriel	James	Police	Lieutenant	\$205,020.42	\$139,036.48	\$25,171.55
Burke	Neil	Police	Sr Clerk Typist	\$199,129.75	\$138,691.24	\$26,294.31
Jedrey Jr	Lawrence	Police	Sergeant	\$189,583.93	\$118,053.24	\$33,401.32
Cardinale	Lawrence	Fire	Deputy Chief	\$187,345.06	\$105,668.32	\$31,241.52
Sikora	Walter	Fire	Fire Figher	\$185,692.66	\$91,885.32	\$37,481.73
Imbornone	Michael	Fire	Deputy Chief	\$183,304.11	\$105,668.20	\$25,236.00
Dalrymple	Scott	Fire	Lieutenant	\$182,569.40	\$118,190.36	\$11,326.23
Rozza	Sabatino	Police	Sargeant	\$181,737.79	\$138,691.24	\$409.71
Collins	James	Fire	Lieutenant	\$181,558.21	\$92,338.82	\$46,046.73
Durant Jr	Paul	Police	Sergeant	\$180,056.04	\$115,921.64	\$29,380.18
Tsai	Kim	Administrations		\$179,342.12	\$179,342.12	
Hickey	Joseph	Fire	Deputy Chief	\$178,940.00	\$105,668.32	\$22,221.00
Molea	Paul	Police	Sargeant	\$178,301.68	\$120,943.98	\$23,550.18
Demas	Eric	Auditors	Chief Financial Officer	\$178,165.84	\$165,989.28	
Williams	Kevin	Fire	Lieutenant	\$176,537.59	\$91,884.82	\$41,211.48
Gilmore	Jeffrey	Police	Police Officer	\$176,042.25	\$134,961.22	
Obremski	Charles	Administrations		\$175,748.12	\$171,748.12	
Ostler	Gary	Fire	Lieutenant	\$174,779.86	\$91,885.32	\$24,912.12
Woodford	Michael	Police	Police Officer	\$173,110.85	\$103,934.80	\$44,833.22
Shaw	Kevin	Administrations		\$172,159.04	\$168,159.04	
Dattoli	Sean	Fire	Deputy Chief	\$170,148.11	\$105,668.32	\$19,717.54
Panzini	Stephen	Police	Sergeant	\$168,667.06	\$135,175.99	\$1,583.51
Casella	Robert	Fire	Lieutenant	\$167,723.22	\$91,885.32	\$30,287.88
Hall	Robert	Police	Patrolman	\$167,318.60	\$114,720.20	\$30,144.81
Kelley	Kenneth	Police	Police Officer	\$166,830.44	\$95,694.80	\$33,960.15
Simonelli	Ronald	Fire	Captain	\$165,677.37	\$91,885.32	\$31,371.12
Naumann	Erick	Directors/ Administrators	Principal	\$164,752.02		
Tauzier	Melvin	Fire	fire fighter	\$164,243.60	\$69,478.62	\$56,860.20
Dusablon Jr	Paul	Police	Police Officer	\$164,036.44	\$114,709.57	\$18,078.95
Schembri	Steven	Fire	Captain	\$163,840.88	\$91,885.32	\$26,860.65
Russo	Nicholas	Fire	Fire Fighter	\$163,498.14	\$69,478.62	\$42,277.34
Sabella	Alfred	Police	Patrolman	\$163,144.85	\$120,978.40	\$6,238.33
Crowell	Nicholas	Police	Police Officer	\$162,156.35	\$89,271.72	\$42,943.10
O'Brien	Michael	Fire	Captain	\$161,503.59	\$91,885.32	\$25,711.02
Werner	Stephen	Fire	Fire Fighter	\$161,157.87	\$69,478.62	\$53,573.56
Lewis	James	Fire	Lieutenant	\$161,110.73	\$91,885.32	\$27,078.31
Rutledge	Samuel	Fire	Firefighter	\$158,021.63	\$69,478.62	\$54,373.56
Ragucci	Adam	Fire	Firefighter	\$157,974.73	\$69,478.62	\$50,694.02
McCartney	Mark	Fire	Fire Fighter	\$157,734.85	\$69,399.22	\$51,207.41
Jayanth	Anu	Administrations		\$157,325.12	\$157,325.12	
DiTrapano Jr	Richard	Police	sargeant	\$156,697.71	\$109,480.62	\$10,944.64
Leary	Michael	Fire	CAPTAIN	\$155,790.09	\$91,885.32	\$19,703.76
Nee	Scott	Fire	Fire Fighter	\$154,411.46	\$69,478.62	\$48,122.86
Donohue	William	Special Education Teachers	Director of Special Education	\$154,105.16		
Zielinski	Mark	Police	LT.	\$153,530.82	\$119,981.04	
Taylor	Scott	Fire	Fire Fighter	\$150,813.80	\$69,478.62	\$47,187.98
O'Donnell Jr	Dennis	Police	Patrolman	\$150,534.23	\$95,694.80	\$1,430.06
McCarthy	Peter Xavier	Fire	Provisional Captain	\$149,469.95	\$79,900.42	\$27,328.36
Hardy	Craig	Fire	Fire Fighter	\$149,089.39	\$78,149.11	\$30,746.04
McCabe	Jeffrey	Police	Police Officer	\$148,944.55	\$101,270.72	\$20,784.78
Lavey	Michael	Police	Patrolman	\$147,804.22	\$99,520.30	\$22,680.03
Auger	Anne	Directors/ Administrators	Director of English Language	\$147,712.95		
LoRusso	Sabato	Fire	Firefighter	\$147,321.04	\$104,706.31	\$987.24
Mason	James	Police	Patrolman	\$147,286.68	\$104,932.16	\$17,924.54
Gardner	John	Fire	Firefighter	\$147,254.29	\$71,543.72	\$37,299.46
Keene	Donald	Fire	Fire fighter	\$145,550.51	\$69,478.62	\$41,223.76
Bova III	Stephen	Police	Patrolman - Permanent C. S.	\$145,379.48	\$18,869.07	
Gesualdo	John	Fire	Lieutenant	\$145,007.78	\$79,900.42	\$25,265.74
Baldwin	Michael	Fire	fire fighter	\$144,193.09	\$89,871.30	\$13,896.94
Deveney	Erin	Mayor	Chief Of Staff	\$144,168.44	\$144,168.44	
Hurley III	William	Fire	Captain	\$143,927.48	\$95,162.52	\$5,966.43
Short	Kevin	Fire	Fire Fighter	\$142,836.92	\$69,478.62	\$37,368.02
Fox	William	Police	Patrolman	\$142,438.02	\$105,808.15	\$8,376.17
Dockery	Christopher	Fire	Private	\$142,212.70	\$73,318.87	\$33,354.42
Connor Jr	Richard	Police	Police Officer	\$142,137.66	\$90,818.22	\$19,810.10
Cornelio	Nicholas	Fire	Fire Fighters	\$142,092.29	\$69,478.62	\$34,966.76
Wallace	Brian	Directors/ Administrators	Principal	\$141,446.12		
Tringale	Theresa	Directors/ Administrators	Principal	\$140,564.87		
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McCullough	Seth	Fire	Firefighter	\$136,659.66	\$69,478.62	\$29,804.57
Philbin	Andrew	Fire	Firefighter	\$135,835.13	\$69,478.62	\$29,714.02
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MAYOR MICHELLE WU: GRACE UNDER PRESSURE

The job of mayor of a large American city never has been easy, but these days the challenges facing our public officials who lead our major metropolitan areas are greater than ever.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a confluence of difficult circumstances, ranging from an epidemic of drug overdose deaths, a housing shortage that is exacerbating homelessness, exponentially-increasing firearm murder rates, school closures, public transportation issues, and unprecedented small business failures. In addition, the political rancor that exists at the national level has spilled over to the local level in an unprecedented manner. The axiom that all politics is local, as the great Tip O’Neill famously said, no longer is true -- the political demagoguery that has poisoned our politics in Washington now has spread to every corner of the country.

Michelle Wu, the new mayor of Boston, is now at the center of a firestorm regarding her order to require Boston’s city employees to get a COVID-19 vaccine. According to the Boston Globe, there is a small minority of those who oppose her order who are protesting loudly outside her house, disturbing her neighborhood, and some who are hurling racially-charged comments and threats toward Mayor Wu and her family.

So we wish to take this opportunity to express our support for the mayor and for her order requiring vaccinations for city employees. Unfortunately, she is taking on the burden of dealing with the small but vocal mob alone -- and we are grateful that she is showing the courage to do what is right for the city and its residents.

SOMETHING ELSE TO WORRY ABOUT

We were driving on the Expressway the other day and we heard on the radio that the Florida orange crop will be at its lowest output since the 1940s. “What? The 1940s?!?” we thought to ourselves.

The point of the news report was that orange juice prices will be higher this coming winter because of the low crop output. But what the report didn’t explain was why the crop will be so low.

We assumed that there must have been a frost or some other weather-related event, or perhaps there was a supply chain or labor shortage issue, as the cause for the shortfall.

But when we looked into it, we discovered that the Florida orange crop has been declining steadily for the past 20 years or so.

And the reason for the decline is something far more insidious than the weather or COVID. According to Inside Climate News, a respected environmental news web-site, the culprit is an invasive insect: “The Asian citrus psyllid fills its stomach by feeding on the leaves and stems of citrus trees. The tiny brown insects infect the trees with bacteria that cause citrus greening, a disease that makes the fruits inedible. Natives to Asia, the citrus psyllids were first found in the United States in Florida in 1998.”

Invasive species have been causing all kinds of damage in our country and around the world for many years. The zebra mussel (which came from Russia) and the Asian carp have wreaked costly damage in the past few decades. However, their impact is largely unseen by the American public.

But the Asian citrus psyllid’s damage strikes home for all of us. Oranges and other citrus fruits are a staple food item in every American household.

So now, amidst our winter of discontent, there is one more thing to add to the list -- the Asian citrus psyllid.

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Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission secures \$5 million in funding from ARPA

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The Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission has been awarded \$5 million in funding from the state’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation, officials announced.

The commission was established under the Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform in 2018 with the charge from the Legislature to study and make recommendations for the creation of a crisis diversion facility in Middlesex County. The new center would provide an alternative to arrest and unnecessary transport to the emergency rooms for individuals in need of behavioral health services.

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian and President and CEO of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health Dr. Danna Mauch – who serve as co-

chairs of the commission – thanked State Senator Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington) and State Representative Ken Gordon (D-Bedford) for their efforts in securing the funding in a package approved by the Legislature in December.

“Over the last four years, the Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission has worked tirelessly to engage stakeholders; study available resources and gaps in services; and understand how we can most effectively support local law enforcement diversion programs,” said Sheriff Koutoujian and Dr. Mauch. “The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the issues the commission is charged with tackling. This ARPA funding moves us a major step closer to being able to deliver the critical services that will benefit those most in need

in communities across Middlesex County.”

“A Middlesex County Restoration Center will provide much-needed clinical support for some of our most vulnerable community members,” said Senator Friedman. “This significant investment will help make the center a reality, and it will ensure that this evidence-based model of care is effectively used to divert residents in crisis from overburdened jails and emergency departments.”

“This investment in a Middlesex County Restoration Center represents a crucial step forward in the Commonwealth’s effort to improve access to much-needed services in our communities,” said Representative Gordon. “It will benefit individuals in need of behavioral health services, our law enforcement agencies, and our

entire community. I am grateful for the efforts of Senator Friedman, Sheriff Koutoujian, Dr. Mauch and the entire commission for their unwavering support of this important initiative.”

In addition to the \$5 million from ARPA, the Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission previously secured \$1 million in the state’s Fiscal Year 2022 budget signed by Governor Baker last summer.

“We want to thank Senator Friedman, Representative Gordon and the Baker Administration for their continued support of the commission,” said Sheriff Koutoujian and Dr. Mauch. “At each step of this process, they have been deeply involved in all we are seeking to accomplish with this crucial initiative.”

Markey and Warren announce \$307.5 million in home energy funding

Senators Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) today announced that Massachusetts will receive a record \$307.5 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for the 2022 fiscal year. The Biden administration reported that in addition to an annual appropriation of \$120.5 million for Massachusetts, the state received an additional \$187.1 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan – more than

double the state’s typical annual funding for the energy assistance program. LIHEAP is the main federal program that helps low-income households and seniors with their energy bills, providing critical assistance during the cold winter and hot summer months.

“This historic amount of funding to help households cover home energy costs in Massachusetts means no family or senior has to go cold this winter,” said Senators Markey and

Warren. “Thousands of additional Massachusetts residents will qualify for vital fuel assistance, and we will once again ensure that our most vulnerable residents are taken care of – especially in the midst of this pandemic. But as climate change makes seasons more extreme and supply chain disruptions continue to exacerbate energy burdens for families, LIHEAP funding must be allocated to not only give families the annual subsidies they need, but also to

provide support for weatherization, which will help them reduce their energy burdens over time. We thank the Biden administration for its efforts to distribute this funding and look forward to continuing to expand this home energy assistance program.”

As a part of the American Rescue Plan, Senators Markey and Warren advocated for \$20 billion in funding for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) and \$4.5 billion in additional funding to LIHEAP.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO HOLY CROSS’ FALL 2021 DEAN’S LIST

A total of 1,375 students were named to College of the Holy Cross’ Dean’s List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year. The following local students made the list:

Angelo Carbone of Everett, member of the Class of 2022, majoring in Political Science, Economics

Dennis Ryan of Everett, member of the Class of 2023, majoring in Undeclared

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NEWS BRIEFS

SIGN-UP NOW FOR FUTSAL SOCCER PROGRAM

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Everett Recreation Department, in association with Everett Youth Soccer, are pleased to announce the new indoor futsal soccer program. The program is open to both girls and boys ages 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8 with both girls and boys divisions. If enough players do not sign up, then the two divisions will be combined into one co-ed league.

The fee for joining the league is \$25 per child with a \$5 discount for an additional child to join the program. Shirts will be included within the fee.

Sign-ups will be held every week, Monday to Friday, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Everett Recreation Center. This signup period will begin Friday, January 14, and go until Wednesday, February 3, with a projected start date of February 6. Games will also be played at the Everett Recreation Center, on Sundays, from 9am to 2pm.

Along with the program will be soccer skills and drills day camps that will be conducted by the Everett Youth Soccer program's coaches and players during the season. The dates for the day camps are to be announced at a later time.

If you have any questions at all, email Mike DiPietro at: mike.dipietro@ci.everett.ma.us.

EVERETT CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett is actively seeking applicants to join the Everett Cultural Council. This opportunity may interest individuals who support and take interest in the oriented-arts, humanities, and recreation programs throughout the City. The Cultural Council creates opportunities for funding that allow residents to host events pertaining to the above subjects. Members will be appointed by the Mayor and will serve for a 3-year term. Members are allowed a maximum of 2 consecutive terms as Cultural Council volunteer

(total of 6 years) and may serve again after a 1-year break.

“As Mayor, it has always been important for me to make sure that my administration offers a variety of cultural programs, events, and opportunities for our residents. Funding from these grants will allow the City to continue to build upon its cultural needs,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. Culture and arts are an important part of our community and the grants allow us to host events such as exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, as well as performances in schools, lectures and workshops. Mayor DeMaria continues to integrate arts and culture into the community and the Everett Cultural Council will help with this task immensely. Those seeking to apply can contact Deanna Deveney at Deanna.deveney@ci.everett.ma.us. For more information on the Cultural Council visit www.MassCulturalCouncil.org and click on “Local Cultural Council Program”.

MVES OFFERS FREE TRANSPORTATION TO PICK UP RAPID TEST KITS IN EVERETT

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is offering free transportation services to Everett residents 60 years and older to pick up free COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits. MVES understands that older adults are more susceptible to the pandemic and feels it is important to help all older residents in Everett served get tested. Please call ahead to Everett City Hall at (617) 394-2270 for availability of kits.

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ing sites as well as flu clinics.

To register for your rides, call MVES at (781) 324-7705 and ask to speak to an Information and Referral Representative about the COVID-19 Free Transportation Program.

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EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS 69-23 OVER SOMERVILLE

The Crimson Tide came out of the Greater Boston League Covid-19 layoff with a vengeance, scoring an impressive 64-38 win over Lynn English on Tuesday January 11 then mauling the Somerville Highlanders 69-23 on Thursday January 13.



SIGHTSEEING: Roger Vasquez is wide-eyed as he sees a clear path to the basket.



HEAD UP PLAY: Roger Vasquez uses his head, literally, to take in a rebound.



TRIANGULAR TRAP: Everett's Roger Vasquez (15) is framed in a defensive triangle formed by Somerville's Ian Morales (12) and Jared Antonelli (11).



IN HIS HAPPY PLACE: Kevin Ruiz (3) has a smile on his face as he goes above the crowd to grab a rebound.

EHS BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK TEAMS TOP CLASSICAL

The Everett High boys and girls indoor track and field teams handily outran Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn Classical last week.

First-place finishers for the Crimson Tide boys, who triumphed by a score of 64-19, in their respective individual events were: senior Richard Malloy in the 50 dash in a time of 5.6 seconds; junior Omar Marshall in the 300 dash in 41.9; junior Matth Telson in the 600 in 1:53.3; senior Hablemariam Yirdaw in the 1000 in 3:37.7; senior Wesley Mompremier in the two-mile in 12:26.4; and senior Joseph Murillo in the shot-put with a toss of 36'-4."

Adding three points for the Everett cause with second-place efforts were:

junior Adam Penaflor in the hurdles in 8.6; junior Reklav Lageroy in the 300 in 44.0; junior Aadit Manadhar in the 600 in 2:09.4; freshman David Huezo-Erazo in the two-mile in 15:50.8; Malloy with a high jump of 5'-2"; and freshman Pablo Jimenez Pineda in the shot-put with a toss of 22'-2".

Third-place finishes adding one point to the Everett side of the score-sheet came from junior Shinay Aristhene in the hurdles in 9.1; senior Lilian Pochot in the dash in 6.2; junior Angel Torres in the 300 in 44.6; senior Dennis Blanco Canton in the 1000 in 3:41.9; Penaflor in the high jump with a leap of 5'-0"; and freshman Diego Sanchez with a shot-put throw of 16'-2".

The 4 x 400 relay quartet of Telson, Desir-Mafouana, Penaflor, and Marshall earned five points

with a clocking of 4:16.

On the girls' side, the Lady Crimson Tide handily won by a score of 71-5.

Everett took first place in every event: senior Lakisha Kirnon in the hurdles in 8.9; senior Gigi Boyce in the dash in 7.0; freshman Yelsa Garcia in the 300 in 51.8; senior Nataly Anaya in the 600 in 2:27; junior Samantha Exil in the 1000 in 5:01.9; junior Luca Jean Noel in the mile in 8:01.5; junior Suzanne Maharjan in the two-mile in 19:59; senior Rejeana Guillaume with a high jump of 4'-4"; and sophomore Layla Betancut-Cardona with a shot-put throw of 24'-3".

The Everett 4 x 400 relay quartet of Datchene Elysse, Selma Moutaouakil, Nataly Anaya, and Yelsa Garcia

handily ran to victory in a time of 5:17, compared to the Classical clocking of 6:03.

Scoring three points for the Everett side with second-place performances were: junior Ida Bitaya in the hurdles in 10.5; junior Nyla Crowder in the dash in 7.2 and in the high jump with a leap of 4'-2"; senior Datchene Elysse in the 300 in 53.7; senior Anai-ka Accilien in the 600 in 2:36.2; and junior Julianna Edwards in the shot-put with a throw of 22'-7".

Third-place points were earned by junior

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TEAMING UP: Everett's Jaysaun Coggins (right, 22) and David DeSouza (2, partially hidden) double team Somerville's D'Mitri Augustin.



TRICKSTER: David DeSouza (2) does some tricky dribbling to keep the ball away from a Somerville defender during Everett' 69-23 win at Somerville on Thursday, January 13.



WHO GOT IT? Everett's James Monexant (5) is sandwiched between Somerville's Jared Antonelli (11) and Ian Morales (12) as they vie for a rebound.

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Baker-Polito administration launches first-in-the-nation commission on clean heat

The Baker-Polito Administration announced that the members of Massachusetts’ first-in-the-nation Commission on Clean Heat were sworn in, helping to advance the Commonwealth’s ambitious goals to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions in the buildings sector. The Commission, which was created via Executive Order 596, held its first meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and over the next year will advise the Administration as it works to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050. The Commission membership, representing a wide range of backgrounds and expertise including affordable housing, energy efficient building design and construction, health care and real estate, will identify policies and strategies and recommend a framework to achieve emissions reductions that is well-balanced, affordable, and equitable.

“This Commission brings together a diverse, experienced and thoughtful group of experts and stakeholders to help our Administration develop the policies and strategies we will need to meet the challenges associated with decarbonizing the buildings sector in Massachusetts,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The membership of the Commission on Clean Heat represents a variety of important perspectives that will be critical in the development of balanced, forward-thinking approaches to decarbonization that prioritize innovation, affordability, and equity as we make this transition.”

“We thank the new members of the Commission on Clean Heat for their willingness to take on this important work on behalf of the Common-

wealth,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “As the Commission on Clean Heat begins this vital work, our Administration will also ensure ample opportunities for members of the public to fully participate and contribute in the process as we work to reduce emissions from heating fuels in a way that is both effective and affordable.”

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Kathleen Theoharides has appointed EEA Undersecretary of Energy and Climate Solutions Judy Chang to serve as her designee and chair of the Commission, and its membership reflects a diversity of perspectives and backgrounds from outside stakeholders, including representatives from the fields of affordable housing, energy efficient building design and construction, healthcare, heating system design and technology, real estate, and heating fuel distribution.

“The Commission on Clean Heat will bring together stakeholders to take on our most pressing emissions reduction challenges in the building sector through a collaborative, inclusive approach,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “Gathering these voices and perspectives from technical experts, the affordable housing community, business leaders, environmental organizations, and major industries in the Commonwealth, will enable our continued, nation-leading pursuit of the equitable, creative strategies we need to meet our ambitious climate targets.”

“This groundbreaking Commission begins its work with a membership

that represents the diversity of voices required to identify recommendations to achieve the Commonwealth’s emission reduction, housing, and economic development goals,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “We are grateful to the Commission members for investing the time necessary to do this important work and I look forward to the group’s recommendations.”

The Commission on Clean Heat is comprised of the following members:

William Akley
President of Gas Business, Eversource
Lauren Baumann
Vice President, New Ecology
Kenan Bigby
Managing Director of Development, Trinity Financial
Harry Brett
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Jollette Westbrook
Director and Senior Attorney, Energy Markets and Regulation, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

The Commission on Clean Heat will meet regularly to work on developing policy recommendations, which are due to Governor Baker by Wednesday, November 30, 2022. The policies developed by the Commission will seek to sustainably reduce the use of heating fuels and minimize emissions from the building sector while ensuring costs and opportunities arising from such reductions are distributed equitably. The Commission on Clean Heat will also hold public stake-

holder meetings throughout the year, with the first to be scheduled in March, 2022. Dates and times for the public stakeholder meetings, as well as additional opportunities for public input, will be announced on the Commission on Clean Heat webpage.

“Climate leadership over the next decade will require a fundamental transition in how we heat and cool our homes and buildings,” said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Patrick Woodcock. “While we move forward with accelerating the aggressive deployment of energy efficiency and heat pumps this first-in-the-nation commission on clean heat will identify the next generation of cost-effective and equitable policies that yield deep building sector decarbonization across the Commonwealth.”

In March 2021, Governor Baker signed nation-leading climate legislation that commits the Commonwealth to reducing emissions below 1990 levels by 50% by 2030, 75% by 2040, and to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050. The Commission on Clean Heat’s recommendations will aid the state in its efforts to meet these emissions targets. For more information on the Commission members, please visit the Commission on Clean Heat’s webpage.

The Executive Order signed by Governor Baker in September, 2021 also establishes an Interagency Building Decarbonization Task Force to support the work of the Commission. The Task Force will consist of subject-matter experts from across the Executive Branch, including the Department of Energy Resources and the Execu-

tive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

In October 2021, the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council unanimously voted to approve the 2022-2024 statewide Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan. The plan represents a transformational shift of the Mass Save programs to better align with the Commonwealth’s ambitious climate requirements and focus on increasing participation in environmental justice communities across the state. In July, EEA Secretary Theoharides set ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals for the 2022-2024 Mass Save Plan. In aggregate, the investments made through the electric and gas plans in 2022-20224 will need to deliver 845,000 tons of emissions reduction towards our 2030 GHG limit. It is anticipated that Mass Save will achieve the GHG emission reduction goals by increasing the number of buildings retrofitted and weatherized each year, making significant investment in electrification of existing buildings to transition customers away from fossil fuels, reducing support for fossil-fuel heating incentives, phasing out LED light-bulb incentives, increasing equitable program investments in environmental justice communities and low-moderate income households, and increasing workforce development investments to expand diversity in the workforce. It’s estimated that this plan will provide an \$13 billion in benefits to the Commonwealth. This plan was submitted to the DPU on November 1, 2021 and can be approved by the Department as early as January 31, 2022.

Baker-Polito administration announces additional measures to protect acute care hospital capacity

In response to continuing staffing shortages across the healthcare industry, the Baker-Polito Administration announced several measures intended to ensure acute hospitals can serve those in need of acute care. The Commonwealth’s healthcare system has been facing a critical staffing shortage which has contributed to the loss of approximately 700 medical/surgical and ICU hospital beds since the beginning of 2021. Hospitals are also seeing many more patients than usual, the majority due to non-COVID-19-related reasons.

To assist hospitals amid the staff shortage, the Department of Public Health (DPH) issued orders to:

- Curtail unnecessary Emergency Department visits for non-emergency services
- Allow qualified physician assistants to practice independently
- Provide greater staffing flexibility for dialysis units
- Allow foreign-trained physicians to qualify for licensure more easily

“Our healthcare system continues to experience significant workforce and capacity constraints due to longer than average hospital stays, separate and apart from the challenges

brought on by COVID,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. “Working closely with our hospital leaders, these additional actions by DPH will allow for flexibility to preserve our hospital capacity in the coming weeks.”

DPH has previously updated public health orders and issued advisories to hospitals and other healthcare facilities to alleviate staffing shortages and enhance the capacity of the health care system. These new actions include:

Advisory Curtailing Unnecessary Emergency Department Visits

Emergency Departments across the Commonwealth, like all other healthcare systems, are experiencing significant staff shortages and long wait times for care. In order to ensure critical resources are available for those who are having a medical emergency, individuals should not seek ED care for routine healthcare needs, COVID-19 testing or COVID-19 vaccination. For non-urgent, routine healthcare needs, individuals should contact their primary care providers.

Physician Assistants

Physician Assistants (PA) may practice independently without physician supervision, provided

they are employed within a provider setting where PAs work together with physicians to provide patient care and the PA is qualified and practicing within their scope of practice, experience, and training.

Moonlighting for resident flexibility

Resident physicians can engage in “internal moonlighting,” which will allow flexibility to provide patient care outside of their specialized training program so that they may be redeployed to parts of the health care system with the highest staffing demands.

Credentialing: interfacility staff transfer flexibilities

Requires DPH-licensed facilities to expedite credentialing and to facilitate staff transfers across and between hospitals and provider systems to best meet patient care and capacity needs.

Out-of-hospital dialysis center staffing flexibilities

Enables out-of-hospital dialysis providers, including hospitals with outpatient dialysis centers, to relax staffing requirement levels while maintaining safe patient care by following DPH guidance that otherwise ensures that sufficient direct care staff, who are trained in dialysis care, will be available to meet the needs of patients undergoing dialysis.

Foreign-trained physician order

Enables an expedited licensure of foreign-trained physicians by allowing those with at least 2 years of post-graduate train-

ing, but who do not have a Massachusetts limited license, to qualify for licensure.

These actions align with or expand upon emergency public health orders issued since March 2020

to preserve the healthcare system while still providing quality care.

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OBITUARIES

Marie Lentini

Longtime Seamstress at Yolanda’s Bridal Salon in Everett

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, January 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rt. 107) Revere for Marie A. (Taibi) Lentini, 94, who died on Friday, January 14 at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen following a brief illness. A funeral will be conducted from the Funeral Home on Saturday, January 22, at 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 487 Broadway, Everett at 12 Noon. Interment will follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. At the family’s request, all attendees are asked to please wear face coverings and practice social distancing during services at the funeral home and at the church.

Marie was raised in Medford. The family later moved to Stoneham and Marie was educated in Stoneham schools. As a young woman, she went to work in several clothing factories as a seamstress. She was very talented and produced excellent work. Marie’s work ethic was instilled in her as a young woman. She worked for over 30 years at the Baron Abrahamson Co. and later worked alongside her sister, Yolanda at her Bridal Salon in Everett. Family was the center of her heart and what was truly most important to her.

She was the beloved wife of 60 years to the late Benedict C. “Ben” Lentini, loving mother of Margaret M. Lentini–Cook and her late husband, Terry of Atkinson,



NH and Paula A. Lentini–Delmonte and her husband, James of Methuen; cherished grandmother of Atty. Nicole M. Cook–Gallant and her husband, Christopher of Atkinson, NH, Justin C. Cook and his fiancé, Andrea Gallego of Andover, Michael J. Delmonte of Methuen and Matthew P. Delmonte and his fiancé, Jamie Raccosta of Worcester; adored great grandmother of Aidan Cook, Madelynn Cook, Charlotte Gallant and Jackson Gallant; dear sister of the late Joseph A. “Jay” Taibi, Rose Fucillo, Caterina DeVito, Josephine DiClemente, Angelina D’Avolio, Elizabeth Bartolo, Frances Perkins and Yolanda Fucaloro. She is also lovingly survived by her sister-in-law, Loretta Taibi of Revere and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Division of Development & The Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

To send online condolences or for more information, please visit: www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

George Gillis

MIT Retiree

George J. Gillis, a lifelong resident of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, January 9 at 87 years old.

George retired from MIT after a long career as Supervisor of Facility Maintenance. George was a lifelong supporter of Everett High School sports and the Boston sports teams.

He was the beloved husband of the late Mary J. (Giggie) for over 54 years, son of the late Dorothy (Risteen) and Elmer Gillis, dear and devoted brother of Dennis Gillis and his wife, Bernadette of Florida, Dorothy Dryden and her husband, Gordon of Lawrence, Diane Russo and her late husband, Joseph of Nashua, NH, Gary Gillis of Florida and Deborah Milley and her husband, Richard of Everett. George is also survived by 18 loving nieces and nephews and several grandnieces and grandnephews.



Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend George’s visitation in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett on Thursday, January 13 at 8:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony’s Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett at 10 a.m. Interment Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

Contributions in George’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

To place a memoriam in the Everett Independent, please call 617-387-9600

Mary Piantedosi

Wife of the Founder and Owner of the Piantedosi Baking Company, she embraced all of life’s small and big moments with gusto

Mary (Vetrano) Piantedosi of Winchester and formerly of Boca Raton, FL passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on January 15.

Born September 9, 1927, she was raised in Everett where she met her husband of 69 years, the late John Piantedosi. They were the devoted and proud parents of six children: Mary Ellen Margosian and her late husband, Fred of Lexington and Chatham, John and Eileen Piantedosi of Bedford and Chatham, William Piantedosi of West Palm Beach, FL, Carol and Frank O’Brien of West Roxbury, Diane Piantedosi of Winchester, Joseph S. Piantedosi of Winchester and Laconia, NH and nine grandchildren: Sarah (Jake), Victoria, John, Aris, Julia, Gregory, David, Rachel and Joseph.

With six children, a very big yard and a vast array of family pets, the entire neighborhood seemed to gather at the Piantedosi home. And Mary loved it. There was always a ball game in the backyard, grandparents in the kitchen helping to prepare dinner, and a beautifully set table where the family ate together every night.

Mary and John were great partners in marriage and in life. When John started golfing in his 40’s, Mary knew that it was better to join him in his newly-found passion than to become a “golf widow.” They became avid golfers and were members of Nashawtuc CC, Winchester CC and Broken Sound CC, FL, collecting wonderful life-long friendships along the way.

Renowned for her hospitality, cooking, golfing and walking, all in the same order, she was always open to new experiences. She was also a passionate skier until she recognized she was at an age where it was probably best to hang up her skis for safer sports.

Mary loved to move. She walked the Boston marathon in her 60’s with two of her daughters, proudly finishing in six hours. Her love of walking never subsided. She believed it was the perfect exercise.

Mary was a gifted and skilled gardener. Inherited from her father, she had a vast knowledge of plants, trees, flowers and vegetables. Her neighbors appreciated and admired her gardens, which were bursting with flowers and color. There was even that one summer she tended to the marijuana plants her sons had planted in the backyard, not knowing what they were, but happy her kids were taking an interest in gardening, until a scene in the back yard between one son and the gardener, who did know what they were!

She had a fabulous sense of style for interior decorating, fashion and entertaining. An invitation to the Piantedosi Christmas parties was coveted and the parties legendary. The house was beautifully decorated and all the food was personally prepared by her.

Mary and John both shared a love of cooking and baking and anyone fortunate to be in their home, friends of their chil-



dren or grandchildren, or any random workmen in the house, were always welcomed to their table.

Mary loved people and especially babies.

She had a particular gift for making all people feel important. The person bagging her groceries, the gas station attendant pumping her gas, the person mopping the floors of the mall. All those people who often went unnoticed were people she not only saw but also made feel valued for their work.

Mary knew a very happy life. She loved being John’s wife, and in turn, she was loved by a very fine man.

John was the “breadwinner” in the family, meant both literally and figuratively, as both a founder and owner of the family business, the now 4th generation Piantedosi Baking Company in Malden. Working endless hours to provide for his family, she supported him in his work, keeping a beautiful home while simultaneously devoting herself to raising their six children.

She had a curiosity for learning and other cultures that stayed with her to the very end of her life. She took many trips to Italy to visit friends and family and traveled throughout Europe. Upon her return home, she would gather her family and cook-up a new recipe she discovered in her travels. On one trip with a daughter to Italy there was a chance encounter with the world-renowned chef, Julia Child. Julia and Mary had a spirited conversation about Italian cuisine and even shared recipes.

Mary’s life was always full, but it was with the arrival of her grandchildren that she was most fulfilled. To her nine grandchildren and their friends she was known as “Grandma.” She never missed a school event, and participated in anything she was invited to share with them, even making the trip to college to move them into their dorms. She was present for it all. She embraced all of life’s small and big moments with gusto.

Mary will be laid to rest with her beloved husband, John in the Piantedosi family Mausoleum with his parents, brothers and their wives at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

Gifts in memory of her beautiful life can be made to The Children’s Room, 1210 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA 02476. Childrensroom.org.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 22 St. Eulalia Church, Winchester, and will be available live stream at <https://sainteulalia.org/live-stream>.

For online condolences please visit www.lanefuneral.com.

Nora “Nancy” Supino

Retired Ruby Wines Office Manager

Nora “Nancy” (Nee) Supino of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, January 12 in the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea. She was 88 years old.

Born in Everett, Nancy graduated from Everett High School. She retired from Ruby Wines where she worked for over 40 years as their office manager.

She was the dear and devoted mother of Robert Supino of Hampstead, NH, June A. McCarthy and her husband, Stephen of Newton, Carl Supino, Jr of Western, MA and the late Steve J. Supino; loving Nana of Sarah Gallo and her husband, Chris and Elizabeth Courteau and her husband, Dave and Great-Nana of Jackson Courteau, and adored Grand Dog, Sonny. She was the devoted sister of John Nee and his wife, Kathy of Melrose, Peggy Bond and her late husband, Thomas of Everett, Kay Travalini of Peabody and the late Celia Ronan,



May Cappuccio and Sally Finn, Joseph and Thomas Nee.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nancy’s visitation in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, today, Wednesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. followed by her funeral home service at 11 a.m. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Contributions in Nancy’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 would be sincerely appreciated.

Parking with attendants on duty.

Frances Sorrento

Archdiocese of Boston retiree

Frances (Zagarella) Sorrento of Everett, entered into eternal rest, unexpectedly on January 16 in the Massachusetts General Hospital. She was 83 years old.

Born in East Boston, Frances has been a resident of Everett for most of her life. She retired from the Archdiocese of Boston. Frances was also very active at St. Anthony’s Church, teaching CCD and singing in the choir. She also worked at St. Anthony’s Parochial School as librarian, taught music and was a professional and talented seamstress.

Frances, after moving from her home, became a resident of the Villa Co-Op in Everett where she became very active in the management of the facility with rentals, etc.

The beloved wife for over 52 years of the late Vincent J. Sorrento, Sr. , she was the dear and devoted mother of Frank J. and his wife, Lisa of Malden, Vincent J., Jr. of Danvers and Bridget Abbott and her husband, Sean of New Hampshire; loving “Grammy” of Joseph, Samantha and Sofia Sorrento; sister of the late Jo-



seph, Robert and Stephen Zagarella, Philly Pagliuca, Tina Bernard and Rose Murray.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Frances’ visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, Sunday, January 23 from 3 to 6 p.m. Her funeral will be held from the funeral home on Monday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony’s Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett, at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Contributions in Frances’ memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

book page, "Zion Church Ministries." For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

NA Meetings – Mon.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

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The reality of expensive food

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Sarah Showfety's article, "Always Label Your Leftovers, And Other Ways to Stop Your Family From Wasting Them" for the website Lifehacker gave good advice on the topic. We were happy to see that we had already adopted some good habits. However, Sarah taught us

Sarah suggested a designated day to eat leftovers. If your style is to do a major shopping weekly or cooking session on weekends, this could work

we'll also turn excess proteins, last chance veggies, extra grains, legumes, and beans into new soups, casseroles, and curries.

The cook in the group will have to do a bit of preparation and perhaps add an item or two to the routine shopping list to assist the non-cooks. Penny might find a slightly old carrot, scallion, and wedge of cabbage in the crisper and turn those into

The slaw in this ham sandwich was once a tiny wedge of cabbage, a carrot, and some scallions found lingering in our crisper drawer.

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