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School Committee hears of events of Jan. 26 lockdown

By Stephen Quigley

A parent's worst nightmare appeared to be unfolding at Everett High School (EHS) on January 26 when an order for a lockdown was issued by police while almost 2,200 students were still in the building.

That is what School Committee members heard on Monday night from numerous parents and students as they testified during the public comment period of the meeting.

One mother expressed concern about "not knowing what was going on," and wanted to know what was being done to keep their children safe.

Ella Schultz, a student at EHS said that she was "worried for the safety of younger students and peers," as the crisis dragged on.

Another student told of receiving texts from students still inside the building seeking information about the shelter-in-place and lockdown orders.

One parent noted the lax monitoring of the outside doors being accessed, and demanded that school officials "do something."

Another parent noted, "The students had to walk home without coats."

The amount of disinformation that many parents who were outside the school and students were receiving only compounded the day's events, adding to their fear and anxiety

After almost two weeks since the event took place, Police Chief Steven Mazzie and School Resource Officer (SRO) Steve Ramunno appeared

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EHS BAND RECEIVES PROCLAMATIONS

COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Everett High School Marching Band were awarded five proclamations for their their outstanding performance in the 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor at the School Committee meeting on Monday night. The 65 member band under the direction of Everett High Coordinator of Music Eugene O'Brien left for Hawaii in early December and was the only marching band in the country to take part at the observance.

Band members received high praise for the performance from everyone at the event. Senator Sal DiDomenico noted how proud everyone is of them, and said that the band has been invited to take part in they year's Memorial Day ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Proclamations were received from the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Governor Charles Baker, State Senate of Massachusetts, the White House and the City of Everett.

Shown in the photo from left are Rep. Joseph McGonagle: Penny Yebba go the Everett Public Schools; School Committee member Millie Cardillo; Eugene O'Brien; Breetika Maharjan, Band member; Mark Sachetta, EPS Music Director; Senator Sal DiDomenico; School Committee Chair Jeanne Cristiano and EPS Superintendent Priya Tahiliani.

EVERETT ATHLETES COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

Shown above, Everett Superintendent of Public Schools Priya Tahiliani (center) is pictured with Everett High Head Football Coach Rob DiLoreto and the members of the Crimson Tide Football Team that signed letters of intent during a ceremony at the high school last week, Ismael Zamor, Moses Seide, Jaylen Murphy, Milo Arroyave, Syeed Gibbs, Jayden Biggi, and Marcus Scott.

Shown to the left, EHS lacrosse standout Peter Cegobia, pictured with his parents, Kleber and Angelica Tavares.
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Mangan, Cristiano status resolved by City Council

By Stephen Quigley

The question of whether a city employee also may serve on the School Committee was put to rest at a special meeting of the City Council last Thursday.

The issue came to the forefront in the aftermath of the November city election when two city employees, Veterans Services Director Jeanne Cristiano and Legislative Aide to the Everett City Council Mike Mangan, were elected to the School Committee from Wards 3 and 4 respectively.

Mangan originally sought a ruling in January on a possible conflict of interest from the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission pertaining to whether as a city employee he could serve on the School Committee, even if he did not accept the $12,000 salary stipend for the School Committee position.

According to City Councilor Stephanie Smith and City Solicitor Colleen Mejia, the Ethics Commission in its ruling noted that the council cannot just exempt two School Committee members with the designation as "special municipal employees," but must apply the designation to encompass the entire School Committee.

Designating the entire School Committee as special employees made Ward 2 Councillor Stephanie Martine "uncomfortable."

Mejia again reiterated that the position has to be designated, which must include everyone on the School Committee.

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro and Martins both noted that though the ambiguity of this area in the City Charter has to corrected, there is not enough time to amend the charter. DiPierro also noted that the voters had elected both candidates to office knowing about their city employment and he respected the voters' decision to have them serve on the School Committee.

Mangan also testified before the council, saying that he wanted, "To do this public service without collecting a salary."

The idea of collecting

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Resilient Mystic Collaborative releases Equity-based Climate Assessment

Special to the Independent

The Resilient Mystic Collaborative (RMC) has released the results of a two-year groundbreaking research project involving six cities and 13 infrastructure managers to identify and manage risks to Greater Boston's critical infrastructure from a potential major coastal storm. The Lower Mystic Regional Climate Assessment involved over 400 residents and workers most at risk of harm from infrastructure failure and identified how a hypothetical coastal storm, termed "Big Papi", would impact Lower Mystic Watershed communities.

In 2020, six Lower Mystic Watershed communities—Charlestown, East Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Somerville and Winthrop—secured a $390,000 regional Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant to understand the critical investments needed to fortify storm harden regional infrastructure from a major coastal hurricane or Nor'easter. This grant and a second grant from the Barr Foundation, allowed Arup, All Aces, the Mystic River Watershed Association, CH Consulting and six community-based organizations to produce the assessment. The six community based organizations – La Comunidad, GreenRoots, Harborkeepers, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Somerville Community Development Corporation, and TCGT entertainment, were intentionally place-based within the six

PHOTO BY MIKE PETERSON

Orange line yard in the Lower Mystic River Watershed.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Meet the team: Joe Ronan Jr.

Joe Ronan Jr. is an employee of the Department of Public Works and has worked for the City of Everett for 10 years.

What do you do in the City?

I am responsible for making all of the signage in the City, from banners and event signs. I am also responsible for preparing and maintaining all of the Athletic Fields throughout the City.

What is your favorite part about working for the City?

Most of my childhood took p[lace in all the places I work now, like Glendale Park and Everett Stadium, even the Rec. So I guess it's the nostalgia and all the memories for me.

What is the biggest lesson you've learned?

That our department is responsible for ensuring that people's normal everyday life routine can continue in Everett, and we should take pride in that.

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

I'm a family guy, I like spending my time off finding new things to do with my wife and two kids. Life is full of adventures.

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Meet the team: Colleen Mejia

Colleen Mejia is an employee of the City Solicitor's Office and has worked for the City of Everett for 20 years.

What do you do in the City?

I am the City Solicitor. I serve as the attorney for the City, including all departments, the Administration and the City Council.

What is your favorite part about working for the City?

It's truly an honor and a privilege to be able

to serve the community where I was born and raised.

What is the biggest lesson you've learned?

I learned that my dad was correct. He always taught us that there is nothing more rewarding than giving back and serving your community.

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

I treasure spending time with my family.

Greg Wilmot appointed EBNHC's new President and CEO

By John Lynds

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Board of Directors voted this week to appoint Greg Wilmot as the Health Center's new President and CEO. The board announced Tuesday that Wilmot, who has been serving as interim President and CEO since the departure of Manny Lopes in late October, will begin serving immediately.

"Greg assumed leadership of the health center seamlessly in his interim role and has expertly guided our organization through a very challenging time that has included a major COVID surge," said EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento. "He has led our Executive Team in managing our complicated day to day operations and has represented himself well as a leader with all staff. His work has made a lasting impact on our patients and our community. Furthermore, Greg has earned our trust and confidence in his ability to lead this organization and continue the health center's mission in the months and years to come."

Wilmot was recruited by Lopes in 2017 to serve as the Health Center's Executive Director of Neighborhood PACE, which saw a 48 percent growth under his leadership. Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, or PACE Program, has allowed seniors in Eastie to live safely in their homes instead of in nursing homes. The Health Center has successfully implemented this national program to help seniors live with dignity and security at home by providing them the necessary support and services.

Before becoming interim CEO he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of EBNHC.

"I think our board worked so hard to really work through a comprehensive process to identify the next leader," said Wilmot. "I'm really thrilled that they agreed that the leader would be me and I'm excited for this next chapter. I've had the opportunity to serve in these different capacities at the Health Center."

Wilmot said he has already hit the ground running due to close work over the years with Lopes. While he said he has some big shoes to fill he is bringing 'different shoes' to the leadership role at EBNHC.

"Manny (Lopes) has been a colleague, he's been a friend and served as a mentor on many things," said Wilmot.

Greg Wilmot was named EBNHC new President and CEO Tuesday.

"Manny recruited me to the health center and we worked together in a variety of capacities. Before I came to the Health Center and when I worked for Boston Medical Center, and Mass General we had various touch points, and so I've known Manny in a few different contexts. So coming into the Health Center we shared many of the same decisions for healthcare. Because of my background in healthcare, where I worked with community health centers and my work in state government–working for the largest Medicaid health plan in the state, Manny felt those diverse experiences would bring a lot to this organization. I'd say I definitely have shoes to fill, but in many ways I'm bringing some different shoes as well."

After his promotion to COO in September 2020, Wilmot played a key role in helping to design and execute EBNHC's COVID-19 vaccination strategy, which resulted in over 100,000 doses administered in communities hit hardest by the pandemic. After being appointed to interim CEO in November, Wilmot has led the Health Center through the latest COVID surge.

"The pandemic story has been an evolving one," said Wilmot. "I will say our community should feel good about our response being done as part of a community effort. It took a village but our communities now have some of the highest vaccination rates as compared to any other kind of gateway community. So if you look at East Boston, Chelsea, Revere, the vaccination rates amongst Latinos in those communities were highest in the state. To date now it's over 150,000 doses of COVID vaccine administered. That work has really helped us to mitigate what could have been a far more deadly period during the latest surge. We know that folks got sick but those who were vaccinated and boostered for sure help to mitigate the severity of illness. That work, while still not done because we are still in a surge, mattered for our communities and we were glad to be a part of it. I grew up here in Boston and worked in health care for the last two decades around issues involving health disparities. You can predictably identify how some of this could have gone so we really created a very proactive, intentional strategy to really address equitable access to the vaccines. We built out all of our plans with a strategic purpose to really support these communities, and particularly black and brown communities, ensuring equitable access to vaccines and that strategy worked."

Wilmot added, "Now we're in this next chapter but it continues and evolves and we're continuing to evolve with it in partnership with our community leaders and residents."

Wilmot admits that the ongoing pandemic has been taxing frontline healthcare workers that serve the Health Center and one of his first orders of business is to create an environment that supports their exhaustion and mental wellness.

"It's been two years now and it's definitely been an exhausting challenge for all of us," he said. "However, it has been particularly exhausting and challenging for our healthcare professionals that have had to work toward treating this disease while also working in a challenging environment. A lot because people are burnt out. We really want to prioritize their wellness. That's really the focus right now is making sure employees are supported, that they're continuing to have access to the resources they need to not just be great employees for the health center, but also can continue to just be well, both physically and mentally. So we're really focusing on employee wellness right now just keeping our staff as strong as possible so that we can be the strongest possible healthcare provider in our community for our patients."

Prior to joining EBNHC in 2017, Wilmot worked at AllWays Health Partners, a member of Mass General Brigham, where he led the organization's MassHealth Accountable Care Organization strategy and operations. Additionally, Wilmot previously served as Boston Medical Center's director of business development, where he partnered with clinical and administrative leaders at the hospital and across key partners to create new opportunities for growth and expand clinical services and quality goals. Wilmot also worked for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's Executive Office of Health and Human Services as senior advisor and director of strategy and performance management and held various operational and management roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

New regulations requiring public notification of sewage discharges into waterbodies announced

The Baker-Polito Administration announced final regulations establishing rules and procedures requiring permittees to notify the public of untreated or partially treated wastewater, including discharges caused by weather events, into the Commonwealth's surface waters. Discharges of this nature can have negative health impacts and these new rules will ensure that the public has the most up-to-date information on water quality.

"Our Administration continues to take significant steps to implement these new public notification regulations to ensure both greater transparency and awareness of when discharges into local waterbodies occur," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Importantly, Massachusetts residents will now know in a timely fashion when water quality is impacted and potentially unsafe to use, providing the Commonwealth with an important tool to protect public health."

"With aging infrastructure, discharges of untreated and partially treated sewage into the Commonwealth's waterways continues to be a significant challenge for many of the state's cities and towns," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "With these new regulations, public awareness will be further raised as we work with our local partners to address infrastructure improvements."

Notifications must be issued within two hours of the discovery of the discharge to specific local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as to any individual who has subscribed to receive such notifications. The regulations also require notifications to be sent to the two largest news organizations that report on local news in nearby communities and be published on permittees' websites. Follow-up reporting to MassDEP will be required monthly. Permittees with combined sewer overflows (CSOs) will also be required to maintain signage at public access points affected by CSO discharges. Furthermore, the regulations will also require municipal boards of health or health departments to issue public health warnings and post signage under certain circumstances.

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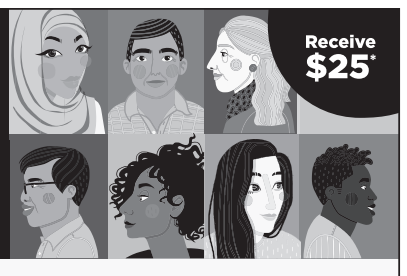

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a salary for the School Committee post, in addition to being paid for a full-time city job, had seemed to be troublesome to some of the councillors, who noted the appearance of "double-dipping."

However, both Managan and Cristiano publicly stated that they would serve on the School Committee without compensation, but if they could not forego the School Committee stipend, then they would accept the salary and donate it back to the schools in its entirety.

Ward 4 Councillor Jimmy Tri Le again received assurance from Mangan that he would not accept any school salary. However, Mejia said that the special municipal status could not have any strings attached to it, including not receiving compensation.

"Your word is your bond," Le said to Mangan. "I believe you. But if you even take a cent, I will move to have your status revoked."

Ward 6 Councilor Alfred Lattanzi added, "I have known Mr. Mangan for a long time and his word is his bond."

DiPierro then said, "If we do not vote, these School Committee members cannot serve and this goes against the will of the people."

The motion was changed to reflect that the special municipal employee status be designated for the entire School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

LOCAL STUDENTS *EARN ACADEMIC HONORS*

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS

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

The following Everett students have met these requirements:

• Geoffrey Ingrando, Sport Management, son of Maria Ingrando and Jeffrey Ingrando

• Abby Mastrocola, Psychology, daughter of Marguerite Mastrocola and Filippo Mastrocola

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CHAPARRO NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Victoria Chaparro of Everett excelled during the Fall 2021 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS EARN DEAN'S LIST HONORS FROM MASSBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The following local resident has been named to the MassBay Community College Dean's List.

* Samara Ramalho, of Everett, who studies Liberal Arts - Psychology/Sociology, achieved this outstanding academic honor for the fall 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the MassBay Dean's List, students must complete at least six credits of college-level courses, be in good standing with the College, and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

To learn more about MassBay visit massbay.edu.

MassBay Community College is the most affordable higher education option in MetroWest Boston, offering a robust portfolio of courses and more than 70 associate degree and certificate programs with flexible day, evening, and weekend classes in Ashland, Framingham, Wellesley Hills, and online. MassBay students receive an unmatched educational value by earning stackable credits that transfer to bachelor's degree programs, and workforce-ready skills necessary to advance careers in high-demand fields such as health and life sciences, automotive technology, engineering, business, cybersecurity, and the humanities. MassBay's Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (LPN) programs were both ranked as the #1 Nursing Program in Massachusetts in 2020-2021 by national nursing advocacy organizations RegisteredNursing.org, and PracticalNursing.org.

STUDENTS FROM EVERETT RECEIVE SECOND-QUARTER HONORS

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School recently released its second quarter Honor Roll for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. All in all 357 MVRCS students in grades 7-12 achieved either High Honor Roll or Honor Roll Recognition. Thirty four young men and women hailing from Everett were part of the list. To be on the Honor Roll a student needs to finish the quarter with no grade lower than a B- , to be on the High Honor Roll a student needs to finish the quarter with no grade lower than an A-.

Since its inception in 1998, Mystic Valley Regional Charter School has educated students from the communities of Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield. The school has nearly 1,600 students in grades K-12 and strives tirelessly to deliver a world-class education characterized by a well-mannered, disciplined and structured academic climate. Located in Malden, MVCRS has an extensive character education program as well for students in all grades, incorporating core values and fundamentals ideals of American Culture embodied in the Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution.

Honor Roll Students From Everett
High Honor Roll

Grade 12: Darnelle Felisier.

Grade 10: Niamh Stewart.

Grade 9: Vy Nguyen, Lucas Santos.

Grade 8: Brady Capa, Rihanna Closeil, Mohammed Daoud, Elijah DeTore.

Grade 7: Wassim Daoud, John Dascoli, Nolan Lyons, Jon Pierre-Louis, Michael Salinas, Kristina Tayag.

Standard Honor Roll

Grade 12: Carissa Loesch, Uyen Nguyen, Brandon Paris.

Grade 11: Sofia Blandino, Eudora Desir.

Grade 10: Eva Boudreau, Esther Souza, Eva Truong.

Grade 9: Kevin Capa, Lucas Freitas, Emerson Lyons, Hannah Mulugheta, Victor Souza.

Grade 8: Dayanne Calmon, Ana Luiza Hunter, Allesandro Lau.

Grade 7: Ursula Adjognon, Ashley Grifone, Angelica Lizarazo Toribio, Tyler Zhang.

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of these regulations, the Baker-Polito Administration is seeking to ensure the public will receive timely information related to pollution entering waterbodies," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "We appreciate the contributions of stakeholders who have advocated for the law and those who provided valuable input for the development of the regulations."

"We are committed to protecting and improving Massachusetts' water quality," said Commissioner Martin Suuberg of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). "While we recognize there is more work to be done to achieve this goal, these regulations serve an important purpose of informing the public about potentially unsafe conditions while we work toward eliminating these risks for the future."

MassDEP kicked off the regulation development process with stakeholder meetings in April 2021. The draft regulations went out for public comment in early October 2021, with two public hearings held in late October. The final regulations benefitted from extensive public comments from watershed advocacy organizations, municipal wastewater officials, and municipal health officials. For more information about the sewer discharge regulations, please visit MassDEP's website.

"These regulations are the next step to protect people from sewage in rivers," said State Senator Patricia Jehlen (D-Somerville). "Thanks to all those who have supported the bill through passage and now in providing comments. And thanks to MassDEP for listening and taking a comprehensive approach to public notification. I hope that increased awareness will encourage investment in our water infrastructure so we can get rid of sewage overflows."

"I commend MassDEP for their collaboration in crafting these regulations to implement the Legislature's sewage discharge notification law and for their diligent work to carry out the Legislature's vision. I am very much looking forward to continuing this close collaboration," said State Representative Linda Dean Campbell (D-Methuen), the lead House sponsor of this legislation. "My thanks also to the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance and the many environmental organizations for their continuous advocacy. Communities across the Commonwealth will be safer and healthier because of this law and these regulations, and we are already collaborating on the next steps to upgrade our infrastructure."

MassDEP's mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources – air, water and land – to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth, provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives and ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities served by the agency.

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To Whom It May Concern:
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition.
Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 535 Second Street
Map/Lot: K0-01-000099
Property Owner Jam Realty
530 Second Street
Everett, MA 02149
Applicant: Mr. Zachary Richards PE
Bohler Engineering
45 Franklin Street 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110
PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to demolish the existing structure and construct a Four (4) Story Sixty foot high 27-unit apartment building.
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
• The Front Yard in the Apartment District on the provided plot plan indicates a distant of Seven (7) feet with only Seven (7) of landscaping
• The Rear Yard on the provided plot plan indicates a Seven (7) foot rear yard
• The minimum lot in the Apartment District shall be 22,500 square feet and the plot plan indicates only 13,684 square feet
• The Floor Area Ratio is shown to be 2.2 in the Apartment District and the Business District
• The fence acting as the barrier between the abutting properties is shown to be Eight (8) feet in height.
• The Parking is non-compliant and be handled by the TDM
Zoning:
• Section 5 Apartment District: Line 5. Front Yard:
a. Twenty (20) feet minimum of which ten (10) feet shall be used for landscaping
• Section 5 Apartment District Rear Yard Rear Yard: Twenty-five, (25) feet minimum.
(Ord. of 6-29-87) and Section 6 Business District Rear Yard 6. Rear Yard: Twenty-five (25) feet minimum unless the lot extends from one (1) street to another street, in which case no rear yard is required, except for any residential use which shall require a ten foot minimum. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
• Section 5 Dimensional Requirements (1) Residential dwelling units, except one- or two-family units, which will be subject to Section 4, Dimensional requirements.
b. Four thousand (4,000) square feet plus one thousand (1,000) square feet per unit up to a total of ten (10) units, then five hundred (500) square feet per unit for all units in excess of ten (10) units.
(Ord of 6-29-87)
• Section 5 Line 2 All other residential: Floor area ratio, 1 to 1 maximum (Ord. of 6-29-87)
Section 17 paragraph L line 2 L. All properties which abut such parking lots shall be protected from headlight glare by either: 2. A wall, barrier, of fence of uniform appearance at least five (5) feet high, but not more than six (6) feet above finish grade, or above the roof level if on a roof. Such wall, barrier or fence may be opaque or perforated, provided that not more than fifty (50) percent of the face open.
• Section 17 Off-Street Parking: line 2
Multi-Family Dwellings –2 Spaces per Dwelling Unit {See Section 35 for the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance}

Mary Gerace - Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals
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Bohler Engineering
45 Franklin Street 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110
PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to demolish the existing structure and construct a Six (6) Story Seventy (70) foot high 106-unit apartment building.
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
• The Front Yard in the Apartment District on the provided plot plan indicates a distant of Seven (7) feet with only Six (6) of landscaping
• The Front Yard in the Business District of the provided plot plan indicates a distance of Seven (7) Feet and only Six (6) feet of landscaping
• The Rear Yard in the Business District on the provided plot plan indicates a Seven (7) foot rear yard
• The Corner Lot (at Second and Revere Streets is only Three (3) feet
• As part of the development is located in an Apartment District (10 units) the minimum lot requirement is 14,000 square feet where only 3,953 square feet exist.
• The Floor Area Ratio is shown to be 4.2
• The proposed building number of 6 stories and 70 feet in height are not compliant in the Apartment or Business Districts.
• The Parking is non-compliant and be handled by the TDM
Zoning:
• Section 5 Apartment District: Line 5. Front Yard:
a. Twenty (20) feet minimum of which ten (10) feet shall be used for landscaping.
• Section 6 Business District: 4. Front Yard:
None required, except when used for residential purposes there shall be a ten (10) foot minimum of which no less than five (5) feet shall be used for landscaping. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
• Section 6 Business District Rear Yard: Line 6. Rear Yard:
Twenty-five (25) feet minimum unless the lot extends from one (1) street to another street, in which case no rear yard is required, except for any residential use which shall require a ten foot minimum. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
• Section 5 Apartment District B. Dimensional Requirements:
b. Four thousand (4,000) square feet plus one thousand (1,000) square feet per unit up to a total of ten (10) units, then five hundred (500) square feet per unit for all units in excess of ten (10) units. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
• Section 5 Apartment District line 4. Height:
Four (4) stories, not to exceed sixty (60) feet maximum. Penthouses shall not be subject to four-story limitations provided the total height of the building including penthouses does not exceed sixty (60) feet. Total floor area of church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles, water tanks, hose towers and penthouses shall not exceed in aggregate twenty-five (25) percent of the floor area of the first floor, and provided that such church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles, water tanks and hose towers, penthouses and shall not be more than fifty (50) percent higher than the average height of the roof of the main structure. (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-11-88)
• Section 6 Business District line 3. Height:
a. Four (4) stories, not to exceed sixty-five (65) feet maximum, but not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles and gas holders, which shall not exceed thirty-three (33) percent of the floor area of the first floor, and provided that such church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles and gas holders shall not be more than fifty (50) percent higher than the average height of the roof of the main structure. (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-11-88)
• Section 6 Corner Lot Line 8. Corner Lot:
None required except seven (7) feet required when residential use. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
•Section 5 Lot Area B. Dimensional Requirements line 2 All other residential: Floor area ratio, 1 to 1 maximum (Ord. of 6-29-87)
• Section 6 Lot Area Line 2. Lot Area:
a. Residential----1.5 to 1 maximum floor area ratio.
• Section 17 Off-Street Parking: line 2
Multifamily dwellings 2 spaces per dwelling unit. {See Section 35 for the Transportation Demand Management

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Independent Forum

THE 1887 ELECTORAL COUNT ACT MUST BE AMENDED

Americans always have taken for granted the sanctity and integrity of our electoral system. For decades, we routinely have sent observers to countries where democracy is a new thing to ensure that those nations conducted their elections on the up-and-up, using our electoral system as a model.

America's democratic process, we have assumed, is the gold standard for democracies around the world. We never considered that our own democracy, the world's oldest, was anything but rock-solid.

However, the 2020 Presidential election upended all of those assumptions. It turns out that what we had thought were firmly-embedded procedures are not so clear, and could be subject to a wide range of interpretation.

This lack of clarity is thanks to an arcanely-worded statute, known as the 1887 Electoral Count Act.

The Act was enacted by Congress in 1887, 10 years after the disputed 1876 presidential election, in which several states submitted competing slates of electors and a divided Congress was unable to resolve the deadlock for weeks. Though it took Congress more than 10 years to finally pass the act, the effort to clarify some of the ambiguities contained in the Constitution concerning the Electoral College only served to create deeper ambiguities.

Up until 2020, there never had been a serious challenge to the results of a presidential election. However, as we all know by now, former President Donald Trump, aided and abetted by a large number of members of Congress, attempted to use the lack of clarity in the Electoral Count Act to overturn the Electoral College results of five states.

Fortunately, Trump's shenanigans -- as usual -- were neither well-organized nor well-focused. Further, vice-president Mike Pence was not willing to be a participant in Trump's charade.

However, Trump's gambit brought to the attention of legal scholars and our elected officials the potential for unscrupulous -- and better-organized -- actors to wreak havoc with our democratic process. All of us have come to realize that the guard rails that we had thought existed to protect our democratic norms are nothing more than a chimera.

Amending the 1887 Electoral Count Act is a non-partisan issue. Future Democrats are equally as likely as future Republicans to try to exploit the weaknesses of the act to the detriment of our democracy.

We urge both of our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, as well as our members of Congress, to join with Republican colleagues such as Maine Senator Susan Collins to amend the act expeditiously.

In view of the events that took place in the aftermath of the 2020 election, this is the most urgent business that Congress can undertake in order to preserve the viability of our democracy.

A SILVER LINING TO INFLATION

We saw a report on the news the other night about the effect that inflation is having on food prices thanks to supply chain issues that have arisen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report highlighted that inflation is taking a bite (no pun intended) out of Americans' wallets because of higher prices for items such as bacon, snack foods, and soft drinks.

"That's a bad thing?" we thought to ourselves.

Americans are among the most obese and unhealthiest people in the world principally because we eat bad food -- and lots of it. The average American male today weighs 30 pounds more than the average male did 50 years ago and the average American woman today weighs as much as the average man did 50 years ago. The single-biggest risk factor -- after old age -- for a poor prognosis for a COVID-19 patient is being overweight.

In our view, if the direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 have the result of forcing Americans to cut back on our consumption of highly-processed and junk foods, then that would be at least one good thing to come out of the otherwise ongoing tragedy of the pandemic.

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GUEST OP-ED

You can at least say howdy

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

"Howdy," was a common everyday word where I grew up. Raised on old Stidham, now known as Milo road in rural Appalachia, I spent a lot of time at my Grandpa and Grandma Hinkle's store. People came and went buying gasoline, sandwich meat, snacks or groceries for the week. There were cane bottom chairs in the store. Often people would sit and chat for a while.

Regardless of how many times during the week I walked down the road to that store, the opening salutation was typically, "howdy."

People were in and out of the Hinkle store doing business. A family member was often coming or going because my grandparents had raised ten children and there were many grandchildren who frequented the Hinkle business. Often, family members were buying a soda pop or just stopping in to say "howdy."

We grew up on Milo speaking to most everyone who came and went. When a car drove by, we usually waved even though we didn't always know them. At family or church gatherings we typically talked to everyone for a minute or two and shook hands or hugged a few people.

The only time I can remember our family being speechless was when fifteen or twenty of us were sitting on the porch and a man from New York City pulled up in an older car. My grandpa had received an advertisement in the mail about a great used car he could buy for $500. He ordered the car to surprise my grandma and we were all really surprised when this man pulled in front of the store in an old beat up looking car. He had driven the car from New York City, which was a long drive on those roads back then. After being drop jaw stunned silent for a few minutes, everyone loosened up and eventually started talking to the man who was just doing a job but now had to get back to New York. By this time, some of us were chuckling just a little. A couple of the family members took the guy over to Kermit, West Virginia to catch a Greyhound bus to begin his long journey back home.

A part of American culture has been hand shaking and embracing those we know. A part of most American religious gatherings has been shaking hands. One church I attended insisted on everybody hugging each other.

Covid-19 has impacted our world with death, sickness and business failures. The distancing for many of us continues to be tough. We wear our masks and seldom know who else is in the grocery store. We're fearful of going to the funeral home to honor and respect the deceased. Shaking hands or embracing anyone anywhere is typically totally unwelcome. Many holiday parties of large gatherings were fewer over the past holidays. People don't want to be sick and so the distancing continues.

We do have the telephone, social media and email which helps us at least stay connected.

However, please keep in mind, when you do recognize someone at the grocery or any public place you may not feel comfortable embracing or shaking hands, but you can still convey a greeting and kindness by at least saying "howdy."

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before the School Committee to give a timeline of the events of that day.

Mazzie said that the comments from parents at the meeting were "understandable" with "rumors running wild."

He said that the School Department had received a call from someone using the internet about driving around and trying to "get back at a student," and later in the conversation he said that he was "armed."

That is when the order to shelter-in-place was given. After multiple calls, the person then said that he was in the high school, and that triggered the lockdown.

Mazzie noted that with officers around the perimeter of the school, the two SRO officers started a floor-by-floor search of the building. After the police had determined that the individual was not in the building, an order for "a controlled dismissal was issued." He also noted that outside EHS, there were members of the police, fire, parents, and media.

He clarified some information that had been circulating, most notably the rumor that a SWAT team was in the building, which was blatantly false. He classified the investigation as still ongoing with "nobody arrested, no weapons seized, and no one charged."

Mazzie said that they are working on identifying the internet phone call source.

Committee members had many questions and suggestions for Mazzie. They wondered if there should be more School Resource Officers and Mazzie said he will look into it.

However, said Mazzie, "The goal of the SRO is to build relationships. We do not want to put kids into the court system."

Mazzie stated that a big part of the problem with security in the schools is that students are "wearing hoodies, not carrying school ID tags, and wearing face masks." He noted that another training session on the protocols to follow for this type of incident will be held on February 16 at EHS.

Before the incident, Mazzie noted that there was a fight during a basketball game, but no problem afterwards. He went on to say that EHS was built to hold 1,700 students, but now it is enrolling more than 2,200 students. He further stated that, "Everett students are not the problem, outside students are causing the issues."

This statement led some School Committee members to wonder if some students are skirting the residency requirements and whether this needs to be investigated.

Superintendent Priya Tahiliani told of the various security measures that have been undertaken in the last few months and promised new measures.

Some of the safety measures noted by Tahiliani have been as follows: The implementation of a Critical Incident Response Plan at EHS; hiring a head of security; making some personnel changes; purchasing 38 additional cameras in November, though 21 still need to be installed; repairing broken cameras in the school's parking areas; adjusting camera angles; updating staff duties to cover high-need areas; holding an assembly at EHS on safety measures; and the purchase of a card access system for all buildings by staff.

Committee members wondered if more hall monitors should be added. Tahiliani noted that many positions are not able to be filled because of the tight job market.

"Our world has changed and not for the better," noted committee member at large Cynthia Sarnie.

Both Tahliani and Dave O'Connor, the Public Relations Manager for the Everett schools, were praised for their communication efforts in getting the facts out to the public and to School Committee members.

Before moving on, committee members were told that more seminars are planned for parents and staff on the Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (ALICE) program that is established for incidents that are similar to what happened on Jan. 26. The increase in seminars is necessary because many safety procedures and protocols have been curtailed during COVID, many new teachers and parents are not familiar with the procedures, and the Everett schools' workforce is understaffed because of the tight job market.

"We were lucky. This was almost like a drill. We found out that yes, this can happen in Everett," Ward 1 committee member Millie Cardillo told her colleagues.

News Briefs

EVERETT ARTS ASSOCIATION MOVES TO CONNOLLY CENTER

Please join Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging in welcoming "The Everett Arts Association" to The Connolly Center. The Everett Arts Association, a community-based organization for over 50 years, teaches and produces amazing works of art in all types of media, culminating in the Spring with their very popular "Art Show" The group will now be meeting at The Connolly Center, Tuesdays from 1 to 3:30pm, beginning in March. The Everett Arts Association is excited to be working at their new venue, 90 Chelsea Street. Our instructor will lead a 12-week course for a nominal fee. We welcome beginners as well as accomplished artists. If you are interested in these popular classes, please register in advance with Ann LoConte by calling 617.387.7797. For additional information please call Dale at 617.394.2323.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR MBTA FARE TARIFF CHANGES

The MBTA will host a virtual public hearing on Thursday, February 17, at 6 p.m. to discuss fare change proposals that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders, to minimize pandemic-related revenue implications and budget uncertainties while increasing ridership where possible, and to simplify fare tariff rules as the MBTA's Fare Transformation Program moves forward. These changes include:

- Making the 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket for Commuter Rail permanent;
- Reducing the price of the 1-Day LinkPass;
- Expanding second transfers on Local Buses, Express Buses, and/or Subway; and
- Proposed changes for Reduced Fare Riders that include:

o Introducing the 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders;

o Introducing Monthly Passes for Reduced Fare Riders on Commuter Rail, Ferry, and Express Bus; and

o Expanding the validity of the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders to Commuter Rail Zone 1A and Inner Harbor Ferry.

The MBTA welcomes public comment on these proposals. During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input.

The meeting will be held via Zoom. Members of the public can register for the meeting online. The meeting will be recorded and posted online for those who cannot attend.

A virtual public meeting will also be held next Thursday, February 10, at 6 p.m..

If approved by the full MBTA Board in March, these fare changes would go into effect on July 1, 2022. The public is welcome to submit comments online through Thursday, March 3, 2022, at mbta.com/2022FareChanges or by email to publicengagement@mbta.com. The Title VI analysis will be shared with the MBTA's Board and posted to mbta.com prior to the scheduled March 24, 2022, Board meeting.

MCU INTRODUCES 40-YEAR MORTGAGE

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, today announced it will begin offering a 40-year mortgage to its members, which includes options for jumbo loans and bi-weekly payments.

"Metro is very excited to add the 40-year mortgage to our existing line-up of mortgage offerings" said Robert Cashman, CEO and President of Metro Credit Union. "The 40-year mortgage will be attractive not only to first-time homebuyers, but also to anyone having difficulty meeting loan qualifications, as well as for existing homebuyers who want to trade up to a bigger home."

This new program will make becoming a homeowner a reality for more individuals, including first-time homebuyers who are having difficulty getting into the market. Extending the mortgage term to 40 years results in a lower monthly mortgage payment, offering housing affordability for many who are currently priced out of the market, or those having difficulty refinancing an existing loan.

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit MetroCU.org or follow Metro on LinkedIn.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The following events are being planned at the Parlin Memorial Library and Shute Public Library for February:

Parlin Memorial Library

- Winter Reading Challenge. ALL of February for ALL ages. Read 10 hours, win two books as prizes! Board books, popular adult fiction, manga and more! Visit everett.beanstack.org or call the Parlin (617-394-2302) and Shute (617-394-2308) Memorial Libraries to register! Prizes available to be picked up at both branches.
- Storytime. Tuesdays, February 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 12pm. Visit the Parlin Library Children's Room to attend Storytime! No registration required.
- Drama Club. Wednesdays, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 3pm. Visit the Parlin Library Children's Room to attend Storytime! No registration required. Suggested ages 6-14.
- Storytime and Singalong Wednesdays, February 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 11am. Come to the Parlin Library and listen to picture books, sing songs, explore movements, and more. For toddlers and preschoolers (and their grown-ups.) No registration required.
- Nintendo Switch Games. Thursdays, February 10th, 17th, and 24th at 3pm. Visit the Parlin Library Children's Room to attend play on our Switch! Bring your own games or play Smash, Splatoon 2, and Mario Cart with friends! No registration required. Ages 10-18 only.
- Library Valentines Day Scavenger Hunt. February 1 - 14th! Come to the Parlin Library Children's Room for a Valentine's Day scavenger hunt! Pick up a treasure map from the front desk and find all of the hidden figures around the Children's Room! Stop by the circulation desk for a sticker prize when you finish! For all ages.
- Sensory Stations. Monday, February 7th and 28th, 11 am. Drop by the Parlin Library for some guided play. Stations might include paint, musical instruments, playdough, water and ice, blocks, and more! Suggested ages 2-5, siblings welcome! No registration required.
- Get Crafty for Valentine's Day! Friday, February 11th at 3 pm. Do you want to smile? Make a snail with Gayle! Supplies are limited. Sign up at the Parlin Information Desk, (617) 394 2302.
- Valentine's Family Photo Frame. Monday, February 14th, 3 - 4 pm. Come in the afternoon to the Parlin Library Children's Room to make a LOVEly frame for your family decorated with hearts and love! Supplies are limited. Sign up at the Parlin Information Desk, (617) 394 2302.
- TurtleMania Craft! Friday, February 25th at 3 pm. Buttons galore to make the PERFECT turtle shell. Come to Parlin Children's Room for a fun crafternoon! Supplies are limited. Sign up at the Parlin Information Desk, (617) 394 2302.

Shute Memorial Library

- Winter Reading Challenge. ALL of February for ALL ages. Read 10 hours, win two books as prizes! Board books, popular adult fiction, manga and more! Visit everett.beanstack.org or call the Parlin (617-394-2302) and Shute (617-394-2308) Memorial Libraries to register! Prizes available to be picked up at both branches.
- Resume Writing. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute appointment from Monday to Friday at the Shute Memorial Library. By appointment only. Please call the Shute Library Information Desk at 617-394-2308 to register for an appointment time slot.
- Computer 101 Training. Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics of how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard functions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the internet, set up an email account, and more! Register for a thirty minute appointment from Monday to Friday. Please call the Shute Library Information Desk at 617-394-2302 to register for an appointment time slot.
- Story Time. Thursdays, February 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th at 12 PM. Visit the Shute Memorial Library Children's Room to attend Storytime with Vera! No registration required.

PCSS PARTNERS PRESENTS SERIES OF SEMINARS FOR PARENTS

The Pioneer Charter School, a K-12 system with campuses in Everett and Saugus is offering a series of webinars for parents geared toward helping students navigate the unique challenges of coming of age during a pandemic.

The series of webinars focus on topics including; screen time and mental health, boundaries and the teenage brain and building resilience and managing stress. The webinars are run by Spark and Stitch Institute, which was founded by Dr. David Walsh and his daughter Erin. Walsh is also the founder of the National Institute of Media and Family.

Two webinars have already been held focused on managing children's stress levels and maximizing the benefits and minimizing the harm of screen time. There are two more webinars left this year on February 17th "Three Common Beliefs About Your Teenager That Can Derail Your Relationship (And What To Do Instead)" and "Let's Get Started: Disrupting Bias in Children and Youth" on March 22.

"The pandemic has made adolescence a more difficult time to navigate than ever before and parents, teachers and students need every resource possible to help them through this unprecedented time," said Barish Icin, CEO of Pioneer Charter School of Science. "The skills learned in these webinars, such as resilience, stress management and conflict resolution, are invaluable and we are thrilled to bring them into our students' homes."

For additional information about the webinars or the Pioneer Charter School of Science please visit https://pioneercss.org/

MSO earns re-accreditation from the ACA

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) has earned re-accreditation from the American Correctional Association (ACA) for the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction with perfect compliance on all mandatory standards, Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian announced last week.

"Each day, the men and women of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office work tirelessly to ensure the safety of those in our care while preparing individuals to make a successful return home," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "Through all of their efforts they play an invaluable role in protecting and serving not only Middlesex County's 1.6 million residents, but the entire Commonwealth. This re-accreditation is further affirmation of their incredible professionalism and dedication."

The MSO was formally awarded re-accreditation following a successful audit in July 2021 and a final presentation before the ACA's Commission on Accreditation for Corrections in Phoenix in early January.

The ACA first accredited the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction in 2015 and re-accredited it in 2018. In each of the three accreditation cycles, the MSO had perfect scores on all mandatory standards.

MIddlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian and members of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office hold the ACA Accreditation certificate outside the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction on February 2.

The Neighborhood Developers

NEW RENTAL APARTMENTS AT ST. THERESE

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77 new affordable apartments for seniors, with a health center on the first floor (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) providing services to residents and community members. Head of Household must be 62 years or older to qualify for housing at St. Therese.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH APRIL 19

Applications can be found online at:
www.TheNeighborhoodDevelopers.org/st-therese

Or picked up in person at:
Winn Residential
4 Gerrish Ave. Rear, Chelsea MA 02150

Office is wheelchair accessible and open:
Mon, Wed, Thurs., Fri. 9am-5pm
Tuesdays until 7 pm

Applications can also be mailed to you upon request. Mailed applications must be postmarked by April 19, 2022.

Deadline for completed applications at the above address: In person only by 4pm, April 19, 2022

Information Sessions

Thursday, February 10, 2022, 2PM
Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 7PM

Information Sessions will be held via Zoom. Register in advance at www.TheNeighborhoodDevelopers.org/st-therese. Sessions will be posted to YouTube after the event. Translation will be provided. Attendance is not required to be selected for a housing unit.

Selection by lottery. Attendance is not required to be selected for a housing unit. Use and Occupancy Restrictions apply. For more info or reasonable accommodations, call Winn Management: 617-884-0692 TTY: 800-439-2370

Unit Info

Available Apartments

Type	Rent*	Max. Income	HH Size	# Units
1 BR	30% of HH income	30% AMI	1-2	24
1 BR	$1,430	60% AMI	1-2	46
2 BR	30% of HH income	30% AMI	2-4	6
2 BR	$1,710	60% AMI	2-4	1

*Rent includes heat, A/C, and hot water. General electric & cooking electric bills paid by tenant.

** AMI is Area Median Income

HH Size	30% AMI	60% AMI
1	$28,200	$56,400
2	$32,220	$64,440
3	$36,240	$72,480
4	$40,260	$80,520

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Happy Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day Mom!! Love Elijah

Happy Valentine's Day from Clark Joseph

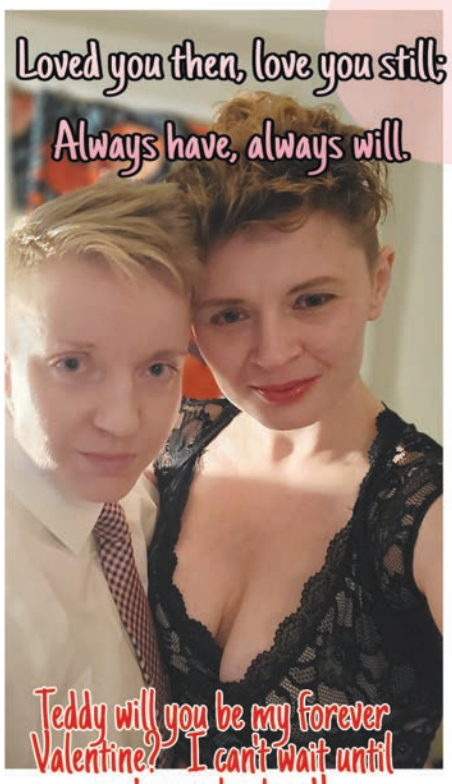
To Christopher, Mama loves you Happy Valentie's Day

Nana, Happy Valentie's Day We love you Love Lauren, Joe, Frank, Paul Steph, Jenn Sam & Katie

Happy Valentine's Day David & Georgia Correll

Happy Valentine's Day to my first and forever Valentine, my Daddy!

every LOVE story is beautiful



But ours is my favorite. We've loved each other from High School through Law School (with almost two decades in between). Two states, 10 homes, four furbabies. A lot of loss along the way but we have the greatest gift- each other. I'll always love you, Teddy! Love, Sara

Life is filled with lots of things that make it all worthwhile, but none is better than your little smile! Thank you for filling my life with love! Happy Valentine's day Mikayla!

Happy Heavenly Valentine's Day, Ma & Johnny, Love Doreen.

Happy Valentine's Day Birthday Auntie Karen Love Roman

Happy Valentine's Day, Auntie Doreen Auntie Loreen, Uncle John Love Roman

Happy Valentine's Day 2022 to the best Mamie in the whole wide world! Love, Maranda xox

EV–Mommy, you're my furever Valentine!

Happy Valentine's Day Februaray 14, 2022

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS SENIOR TRACK MEMBERS AT SENIOR NIGHT

courtesy photos

The Everett High School boys and girls track teams honored the seniors for their contributions to the track program during their athletic careers.

Senior Anaika Accilien with her teammates.

Senior Captain Gigi Boyce with her family and friends.

Senior Captain Alyssa Hurley with her family.

Senior Captain Brandon Ho with his Mom and Sister.

Senior Captain Lakisha Kirnon with her Father.

Senior Captain Rejeana Guillaume.

Senior Captain Wensley Mompremier with his teammates.

Senior Datchene Elysse With her Family and Friends.

Senior Donovan Gaskins With his Teammates.

Senior Dennis Blanco Canton with his mother.

Senior Lilian Pochot with teammate Tanashia Johnson.

Senior Nataly Anaya.

Senior Hector Guevara with his teammates.

Senior Joseph Murrilo with Teammates.

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS SENIOR TRACK MEMBERS AT SENIOR NIGHT

Senior Mateo Nunoz with his teammates.

Senior Richard Malloy with his teammates.

Senior Tanashia Johnson with her Mother and Teammate Lilian Pochot.

Senior Marvin Aviles with his Family.

EVERETT HIGH ATHLETES' LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING CEREMONY

Sarai Velez, who signed a Letter of Intent to attend Regis College for field hockey and Peter Cegobia, who will be going to Dallas Baptist University for lacrosse, view their career highlights with Everett High Principal Eric Naumann.

Everett High School sports standouts signed their Letter of Intent to attend colleges where they will be continuing their athletic careers. The impressive ceremony took place at Everett High School in front of an audience that included proud family members, teammates, coaches, and friends.

Mayor Carlo DiMaria extends his congratulations to the student athletes and wishes them well in their future endeavors.

Head Coach of the Crimson Tide Football Team Rob DiLoreto addresses the students and families in attendance at the National Letter of Intent signing ceremony at Everett High School.

EHS football standout Syeed Gibbs, who will be attending the University of Rhode Island, is pictured with Nicola Jones, Sashae Walls, Amelia Linehan and Elizabeth Bendler.

EHS football standout, Jayden Biggi, who will be attending Bentley University, is pictured with Jay Holt, Kim Biggi, Sonny Harper, and Linda Holt.

EHS football standout Ismael Zamor, who will be attending Boston College, is pictured with his family, Christian, Marie and Jerry.

EHS football standout Moses Seide, who will be attending Stonehill College, is pictured with his family Lucia and Michelaine.

Everett High football star Jaylen Murphy, who will be continuing his career at UMass/Amherst, is pictured at the signing ceremony with his EHS Assistant Football Coach John Capra.

EHS football standout Marcus Scott, who will be attending Lake Erie College, is pictured with Caitlian McKeithan and Jasmine Phillips.

EHS football standout Milo Arroyave, who will be attending Bridgewater State University, is pictured with Coach Brenden LaRosa.

Shown above, EHS Field hockey star Sarai Velez (Regis College) is pictured with her teammates.

EHS *Roundup*

EHS GIRLS TRACK EDGES CHELSEA, 44-41

The Everett High girls indoor track and field team turned in an outstanding team effort to earn a close 44-41 victory over Greater Boston League rival Chelsea last week.

The Lady Crimson Tide swept two events, the 50 yard dash and the high jump.

Senior Gigi Boyce led the sprinters to a 1-2-3 finish with a clocking of 6.9 seconds. She was followed by her teammates, junior Nyla Crowder in 7.0 and senior Tanashia Johnson in 7.2.

In the high jump, sophomore Nicole Brandao took first place with a personal record (PR) leap of 4'-6". Senior Lakisha Kirnon was second at 4'-4" and Crowder was third at 4'-2".

Kirnon also achieved a first-place finish in the hurdles, coming across the line in 8.5. Senior Nataly Anaya was the other Everett girl to take a first place at the meet with a time of 3:32.1 in the 1000.

Adding three-points to the Everett side of the scoresheet with second-place finishes were: junior Ida Bittaye in the hurdles in 10.0; freshman Yelsa Garcia in the 300 dash in 46.8; sophomore Suzanne Maharjan in the two-mile run in 17:53.3; and Alyssa Hurley in the shot-put with a toss of 25'-.75".

Four team members also added crucial third-place points in the closely-fought meet: senior Rejeana Guilaume in the 300 in 47.1; Anaika Accilien in the 600 in 2:16.2; Luca Jean Noel in the mile in 7:33.5; and Layla Betancur-Cardona in the shot with a throw of 25'-0".

Coach Jehu Cimea now will bring his team to the Reggie Lewis Center this Friday for the GBL Meet.

EHS BOYS TRACK FALLS JUST SHORT TO CHELSEA

Although the Everett High boys indoor track and field team came up just short in its meet with Greater Boston League foe Chelsea last week, falling by a score of 48-37, a number of individual Crimson Tide turned in outstanding performances for coach Jehu Cimea's squad.

Senior Richard Malloy was the top scorer for Everett with 10 points. Richard captured both the 50 meter dash in a clocking of 5.8 seconds and the high jump with a leap of 5'-8".

Three other Crimson Tide also took first place in their individual events: junior Adam Penaflor won the hurdles in a time of 8.3 seconds; junior Omar Marshall took the 300 dash in a personal record (PR) time of 38.0; and senior Wensley Mompremier captured the two-mile run in 11:59.1.

Junior Matth Telson grabbed second place in the 600 dash in 1:29.9 and Joseph Murrilo finished in second spot in the shot-put with a PR toss of 39'-9".

Adding single points with third-place performances were: junior Shinay Aristhene in the hurdles in 9.2; senior Lilian Pochot in the 50 dash in 6.1; junior Reklow Lageroy in the 300 in 39.3; Angel Torres in the 1000 in 3:01.5 and Hector Guevara with a PR throw of 37'-4" in the shot-put.

Coach Jehu Cimea and his squad now will compete in the GBL Meet this Friday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

CHURCH *News*

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

Mystic Side Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator;

Father Gustavo Buccilli, SMA Parochial Vicar;

Secretary Barbara Cannon.

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4 p.m., Sunday a.m., 9 a.m. (Family Mass), 11 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursdays' adoration will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

Immaculate Conception Parish
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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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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 facebook page, "Zion Church Ministries."

For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

NA Meetings – Mon. Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.foreverett.church to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

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OBITUARIES

Theresa O'Brien

Her memory and values will live on in all the lives she touched

On Saturday, January 29, Theresa 'Terri' (Freelove) O'Brien, loving mother, aunt and grandmother "(Mimi") passed away peacefully at the age of 69, beside her cherished children.

Terri was born to the late Joseph Reid Freelove and Mary Theresa (Cianciolo) Freelove in Everett in 1952. She is survived by her two children, Sean O'Brien and his wife, Gina of Revere and Kathleen (Katie) O'Brien, her husband Ronald Ramsdell, and their two children, Al and Oliver of Everett. She is also survived by her devoted sister, Patricia Raso and her children, Christopher and Brandon of Everett; loving siblings include: Grace Authier and her late husband, Norman of California, Joseph Freelove (deceased); Vincent Freelove and his wife Mary (both deceased); Maryanne Poppe and her late husband, Larry of California; Anthony Freelove and his wife, Deborah of Salem, and Edith Nicoli of Nashua, New Hampshire. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Terri was a lifelong Everett resident, growing up down the Lynde and graduating from Everett High School in 1970. She worked at the phone company for 35 plus years, making lasting friendships along the way. Terri loved hosting family and friends and her door was always open. Her home was a second home to many, and it was always filled with laughter, love and oldies music. She loved playing cards and games, solving puzzles of all kinds, and especially playing with her grandchildren. She was very active in the community and volunteered her time and expertise to many organizations over the years.

Terri was an incredibly caring, compassionate and selfless person and an inspiration to so many. She will be missed by all, and her memory and values will live on in all the lives she touched.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Terri's visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, today, Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. Her funeral will be from the funeral home on Thursday at 8:45 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 600 Pleasant St., Malden at 10 a.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Terri's name to the Mass Commission for the Blind, 600 Washington St., Boston, MA, 02111 and Bread of Life, 214 Commercial St., Ste. 209, Malden, MA 02148. Parking with attendants on duty. Masks or facial coverings are requested by her family during visitation and church service.

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NEWS FROM AROUND *THE REGION*

MORE LIQUOR LICENSES TO BE ADDED

CHELSEA - With up to six new on-site liquor licenses expected to come the city's way, the Chelsea Licensing Commission is looking at ways to make sure a diverse array of businesses have a fair shot at those potential licenses.

The additional liquor licenses would be the result of Chelsea's population growth in the 2020 US Census.

"We're looking at how to get variety, diversity, and to different areas of Chelsea," said City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher. "So we've proposed to do this as an RFP (request for proposals), meaning everybody brings in applications as opposed to a first-come, first-serve basis where some people would hear about it sooner than others."

Fisher presented a draft of the RFP process to the Licensing Commission last month. The commission is expected to take a closer look at it before taking a potential vote on the process at its February meeting.

Night clubs are not allowed in Chelsea, so Fisher said the on-site licenses would be for restaurants or bars.

By going through an RFP process, Fisher said the city can help bring a greater diversity of restaurant types and ownership to the city.

"We want to be able to … let everybody know that anyone thinking of a brick and mortar restaurant or bar that this is out there and available to them and it's not $50,000, which is what some people are selling them for," said Fisher. "We want everyone to be able to come purchase liquor licenses from the city."

Fisher said the census numbers have to be finalized before Chelsea officially knows how many additional liquor licenses it will be getting.

Once the liquor licenses do become available, Fisher said it would likely be a month or two process to allow applications to come in and be reviewed by the Licensing Commission.

Licensing Commissioner Marnie MacAlpine said she wanted to make sure there is enough time given to spread the word about the application process.

"If the whole point of this is to diversify and make sure we are getting a good mix of businesses in the city, we want to make sure there is enough time for people to put together a good proposal to get to us for review, and it's not just people who are catching wind of this early," said MacAlpine.

Fisher said the final application process will also include questions about job creation, location, description of the business, and noise control measures.

"We're just thinking of some new ideas to better our quality of life around these restaurants and bars," said Fisher.

Chelsea Police Captain Keith Houghton said the new RFP process will be an effective measure to help prevent phantom transfers, where a liquor license is basically transferred to a new company that still has the same ownership as the previous license holder.

"I think this can transform the city greatly," said Houghton.

Licensing Commission Chair Emily Cherniack asked if the RFP process would be used for current licenses that become available.

"If we get a new one, it could be up to you to have an RFP if it is not transferred to someone," said Fisher. "Nine times out of 10 in Chelsea, they find a buyer."

In other business, the commission approved the request of GreenStar Herbals on Beacham Street to do away with the appointment requirement for its retail marijuana business.

Houghton noted that there is ample parking on site and there have not been issues with traffic related to the business.

CFL TO APPEAL SUBSTATION LOCATION

EAST BOSTON - The Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) announced last week it has filed an appeal on behalf of more than ten residents of East Boston to stop construction of the highly controversial Eversource substation in East Eagle Square. The state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently granted a license to the substation.

In its appeal CLF argues state officials shut the community out of the planning process for the project, wrongfully characterized the substation as a water-dependent use, and failed to consider the negative impact on environmental justice populations.

"Allowing this substation to be built ignores community voices and established law in Massachusetts," said Vice President of Environmental Justice at CLF Staci Rubin,. "If the loud community opposition wasn't enough to sink this project, the proposed site should be reserved for uses that must be on the water, not energy infrastructure that can be located elsewhere. It's time for state officials to evaluate this project on its merits instead of rubber stamping Eversource's requests."

CLF's appeal challenges the site's Chapter 91 state waterfront license. Massachusetts' Chapter 91 regulations require waterfront projects to provide certain community benefits that are greater than project detriments. CLF argues by mischaracterizing this project as a water-dependent use, Eversource and state officials are effectively sidestepping more rigorous review and public benefit requirements that should be required for this site.

Eastie residents were promised an athletic field and natural flood protection buffer on the Condor Street property, which was City land until Eversource was given the prime waterfront site in a hastily arranged land swap with the City to build the new Bremen Street Branch Library. Eversource owned the land the current library sits on but was given city land on the Chelsea Creek so the library could be built.

Prior to the land swap, the City's Inspectional Services Department granted Eversource a complete waiver on basic City review of the project. The City gave Eversource this rarely-given blanket waiver without any notice to neighbors or opportunity for comment.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has consistently stated her opposition to the substation as a City Councilor, appearing at events and rallies in Eastie against the facility at its proposed location. Wu also signed the joint letter with other elected leaders in December 2020.

Despite widespread community opposition as well as opposition from over a dozen Massachusetts elected officials the state's Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) unanimously approved Eversource's highly controversial plan to build a new substation in February 2021.

Despite state Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides saying at Monday's hearing that the substation would be placed in a "heavily, heavily industrialized area within an environmental justice community that has historically suffered disproportionate environmental harms and a heavy burden of infrastructure" she still voted in favor of Eversource's plans as an EFSB board member.

The project was then granted a license from the DEP.

Elected officials led by US Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren, Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Adrian Madaro and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley went on record in a joint letter affirming their support of Eastie residents and opposition to the proposed substation location.

The substation is the subject of numerous pending appeals and legal challenges at the state level from Eastie residents and organizations.

The environmental justice organization GreenRoots then filed suit challenging the Board approval in the state's Supreme Judicial Court. Attorney General Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healy declined to defend the state Siting Board approval, and the Siting Board has been compelled to seek outside legal counsel to defend their decision.

During Boston's Municipal Election in November a non-binding ballot question was posed to voters here and across the city asking if the substation should be sited in East Eagle Square. An overwhelming number of voters thought Eversource should not build a substation in Eastie and seek a nearby alternative location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport.

During the election 5,755 Eastie voters voted "NO" on Question 2 with only 600 voting "YES". A NO vote meant that the voter opposed building the substation at the proposed East Eagle Square location and favored locating the facility at a secure location such as Logan Airport.

Citywide 101,953 voters voted "NO" on the ballot question with only 19,797 voting "YES". At 101,953 NO votes against the substation received the largest single vote total for any ballot measure or candidate in Boston over the last 17 municipal elections according to the City of Boston Election Department records.

Historically, a non-binding ballot question provides information to elected officials and the public of voter sentiment on a particular issue and it seems most Bostonians are on Eastie's side when it comes to this particular issue.

STORM DROPS 24+ INCHES

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

A pedestrian makes their way down a Revere Beach white with snow following the storm that dropped more than 2-feet of snow on the City.

Shown above, Shawn Poliskey helped clear snow in front of Bianchi's Pizza along Revere Beach.
Shown to the right, Johnny Hallisey looks out to a snow-covered Malden Street in the midst of the storm.
See more photos on Page 4.

COURTESY PHOTO

LOTTERY SALES SKYROCKET

LYNN - Barry Calvani doesn't have to look at the final figures to know that the Massachusetts State Lottery was a smashing success in Lynn in 2021.

Calvani, owner of Cal's News, a Lottery agent since 1972, saw first-hand a steady influx of Lottery customers and an increase in Lottery sales at the popular family-operated store where Calvani's grandfather first started selling newspapers in 1937.

"My lottery numbers were certainly up," said Calvani.

Data provided by the Mass. State Lottery Commission shows that Lynn had $111.5 million in Lottery sales in 2021, an 11.4 increase from the previous year.

Calvani attributed the increase in sales to several factors after talking with customers.

"I just think a lot of people had a little more disposable income because they weren't dining out with the frequency that they used to," said Calvani. "And they were looking for ways to pass the long days during COVID."

Calvani said the large jackpots in Powerball and Mega Millions also generated extra ticket sales. "Having those huge, hundreds-of-millions-of-dollars-jackpots and having that extra drawing day (Monday, in addition to Wednesday and Saturday)

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Severe winter weather intensifying Red Cross blood crisis

Staff Report

As severe winter storms continue to move through the country, the American Red Cross asks those in areas unaffected by weather to schedule the earliest-available blood or platelet donation appointments in their community.

Dangerous snow and ice conditions have contributed to more than 20 blood drive cancellations since the beginning of the year, resulting in nearly 650 uncollected blood and platelet donations.

Since the Red Cross issued its first-ever blood crisis in January, thousands of generous donors have come forward to give,but patient care remains at risk. The threat of winter weather continues – as well as ongoing complications posed by the omicron variant – and could further complicate efforts to rebuild the blood supply.

More donors are needed to make appointments now for the weeks ahead to help ensure accident victims, cancer patients and new mothers experiencing complicated childbirths have access to lifesaving blood product transfusions without delay. Make an appointment to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive.

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in Powerball definitely gives you a shot in the arm for business," said Calvani.

Mass Cash, a daily game with a potential jackpot of $100,000, also remains very popular among Lottery players.

"Mass Cash is solid, the best game the Lottery has ever had," said Calvani. "It's your best shot at winning $100,000."

Calvani said some of the newer and seasonal Instant Tickets have also proven to be favorites among Lottery players. "The $10 Holiday Cash Blowout was very popular," said Calvani. "When the Lottery has those games where the maximum prize is $500, it just seems like the tickets are stuffed with $50, $100, and $500 winners. People like those a lot."

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Lottery Executive Director Michael Sweeney, and the entire Lottery team drew praise from Calvani. Many in the industry consider the Mass Lottery the nation's most successful lottery.

"The Mass Lottery does a great job with promotions, marketing, and it's such a professionally run operation," said Calvani. "My courier is great. He visits the store often and brings me promotional materials and supplies. He really keeps me up-to-date with the goings-on of the Lottery."

Statewide during the 2021 fiscal year, the Lottery produced $1.112 billion in net profit for the Commonwealth. Lottery revenues came in at a record high of $5.829 billion, the seventh consecutive year that revenues have eclipsed the $5 billion mark.

"With record-setting figures across the board, Lottery players, our retail partners, and the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts are all winners," said Sweeney.

Calvani is anticipating an even better year for the Lottery in Lynn in 2022. Last year, seven different Lottery players won $1 million prizes at local stores.

He thanked his own staff for its assistance to customers and congenial interactions with Lottery players.

"I've been very blessed that everyone here has remained pretty healthy, and my guys have stood shoulder-to-shoulder through all of this stuff. I'm very, very blessed in that regard," said Calvani.

BOARD OF HEALTH WANTS MASK MANDATE

REVERE - The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting on January 27, in the City Council Chambers.

In attendance at the meeting were the board's new chairperson, Dr. Drew Bunker, and fellow members Dr. Craig Costanza and Nezha Louaddi.

The principal action taken by the Board was the approval of an advisory recommendation urging businesses to implement a mask requirement for customers and employees in all indoor settings in the city. The advisory also urges all citizens to wear N-95 or KN-95 masks.

Revere presently has a mask requirement for municipal and school buildings and either a vaccine or testing requirement for city and school employees.

Michael Wells, the city's Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services, presented the proposed advisory recommendation to the board members.

Lauren Buck, the city's Director of Public Health, informed the board members of the masking and vaccine requirements for nearby communities. Boston for example, has a mask requirement and a vaccination requirement for indoor spaces. Other communities have masking requirements only for public indoor spaces.

However, said Buck, "This order is only an advisory recommendation, not a mandate." Buck pointed out that masking is the best means for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in a business setting, but emphasized, "We have to start living with this and normalizing it a little bit more. A mask mandate does not seem like the right move for Revere businesses today."

"We don't have the resources to enforce a mask mandate," added Wells. "A mask mandate would put businesses in a bind with regard to uncooperative customers. A mandate really is not enforceable. We can't be out there in the role of the mask police."

Wells noted however, that any business on its own may require that masks be worn by its employees and patrons.

"This is a good measure and other communities have mask mandates. We wear them in our clinical setting," said Bunker, who is a doctor with a local practice. "The data and evidence prove that masks prevent the spread of the disease in enclosed settings."

The board members then unanimously approved the advisory recommendation.

Earlier in the meeting, Buck presented the monthly report from the health department.

Buck presented some relatively good news on the COVID front. She said the city is coming down from its peak of Omicron infection rates, though the rate still is extremely high.

She said that the current seven-day case average for COVID-19 presently is 103, the highest-ever in Revere, and is attributable to Omicron. Although the positivity rate still is high, "We're on the downward slope," Buck said.

She presented a chart showing that the COVID-19 surge of last winter (which dropped significantly at the start of the summer, though rose again mid-summer) has been dwarfed by the recent Omicron wave that began to spike at Thanksgiving.

"We think we've reached the peak of the Omicron surge and it is coming down rapidly," said Buck. "However, our daily case counts still are high compared to last summer and even last winter."

Buck then presented a chart that showed the vaccination rate in the city as of January 18. She highlighted the vaccination rate for ages 5-11 which showed a vaccination rate of 38 percent with one dose and 23 percent with two doses, a big jump over the previous month.

The percent of the overall Revere population who have received a booster is only 26 percent.

"The city needs to get that rate higher," said Buck, who presented another slide that showed that persons who have received a booster are at a greatly-reduced risk both of catching COVID and suffering from severe symptoms, as compared with those who are unvaccinated or who only are double-dosed.

Buck presented the grim statistics since the start of the pandemic: The total number of confirmed cases in the city stands at 20,135. There have been 180 deaths of Revere residents attributable to COVID-19 over the past two years.

In other health news, Buck said there has been a sharp increase recently in the number of influenza cases in the city. Buck said the ages of the patients, who totaled 54 in the past month, ranged from three months to 91 years old.

Buck also summarized a report from the CDC that warned about the danger of rabies in bats and noted that three Americans have died in the past few months from the disease. All had come into contact with bats in their homes and none had received post-contact treatment for rabies.

Buck also discussed a report issued by the CDC relative to a state-mapping survey for adult physical activity prevalence outside of work hours. She said that overall, 23.3 percent of adults in Massachusetts said they do not engage in any physical activity outside of work.

DPW PRAISED FOR STORM CLEANUP

WINTHROP - Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty and Town Council President James Letterie both praised the Department of Public Works for their snow-clearing and snow-removal efforts following the blizzard that dumped close to two feet of snow on Winthrop last Friday and Saturday.

"Considering this was the second-largest January snowstorm in our town's history, I thought our DPW did a great job clearing the snow," said Delehanty. "This is a clean-up process that is continuing all week."

Letterie also lauded the DPW for its work during the historic snow event.

"I am extremely proud of Steve Calla for their remarkable effort during an historic snowfall in Winthrop," said Letterie. "Our crews worked 26 straight hours before we gave them a break, which gave residents time to shovel and plow themselves out. In a town like Winthrop, a snowstorm of this significance needs all our help, the residents along with our DPW, Police, Fire – we can't do it alone."

Letterie said residents putting snow that they had removed from their properties onto the streets "was a significant hindrance for us in some circumstances."

"But overall, I'm extremely proud and happy of everyone who put an inordinate amount time and effort into the operations," said Letterie.

Delehanty said three private contractors with plows were hired to supplement the efforts by the Winthrop DPW.

Delehanty and Letterie agreed with Supt. of Schools Lisa Howard's decision to close schools Monday. He said that decision allowed DPW workers to focus on clearing the sidewalks, paths and school parking lots and provide safe access for teachers and students.

"We needed that extra day to clean up Kennedy Drive (the road leading to the Gorman Fort Banks School)," said Delehanty.

"I know there was concern about there being no school on Monday, buy I stand behind the superintendent's decision," said Letterie. "As much as it's her decision, it is a group effort and it doesn't just involve the fact that the schools' grounds are cleared, we have to be cognizant of all the sidewalks throughout the town, the extremely high mounds of snow that might be a visual impediment at intersections. We need to look at the safety of getting our children back and forth from school. I think Supt. Howard's decision was spot on. It was nice to have the schools back in session Tuesday morning."

Delehanty noted that there were no flood-related problems caused by the storm. "Flooding was not a concern," reported Delehanty. "Fire Chief [Scott] Wiley kept us informed that he didn't think it was going to be an issue, and he was correct with his analysis throughout the blizzard. That made a huge difference that there was no flooding."

Both Delehanty and Letterie said that DPW Director Steve Calla and DPW Operations Manager Aaron Armistead both operated front-end loaders throughout the storm. "I thank Steve and Aaron for getting into the machines. We didn't have front-end loader drivers, so they had to operate those themselves."

Letterie also elaborated on Calla and Armistead's personal, snow-removal efforts.

"I can't imagine another city or town in this area that has their DPW director working equipment for 24 hours at a stretch," said Letterie. "The effort by Steve and his staff was commendable."

Delehanty said he will be submitting a report to the Town Council detailing all the costs to the town resulting from the snowstorm.

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municipalities to ensure trusted community engagement.

"With climate change causing more frequent extreme weather, we have to plan for how to best protect our communities, especially our residents who are most vulnerable to the effects of extreme weather," said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. "Information from this climate assessment has already helped us update our own Hazard Mitigation Plan and will be valuable in our continued work to center equity in our climate change mitigation planning."

By completing the dual climate assessment, one focused on infrastructure and the other on social vulnerability, municipalities gained valuable insight from key infrastructure managers and Greater Boston's vulnerable residents and workers — including:

• The most substantial infrastructure damage (i.e., cost and time to repair) would be to the Amelia Earhart Dam, Harbor Tunnels, Blue and Orange MBTA Lines and several community health centers.

• Underlying social risk factors included speaking limited English and being a person of color, Latinx or low-income. These residents tended to be concentrated in East Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Everett, the same locations where the majority of the critical infrastructure is located.

• Vulnerable communities had fragile mutual aid networks and an overly optimistic expectation of government readiness and response. Residents were unclear where to go to get the information needed to stay safe and worried about their cell networks going down, which are their primary source of internet access.

• The regional infrastructure facilities vulnerable residents and workers most relied on were public transit and safe walking routes, cell phone/electricity to access the internet and community health centers.

When Superstorm Sandy hit New York and New Jersey, it caused lasting physical damage to the region's infrastructure, and economic and personal damage to possibly millions of residents and workers. The Boston metropolitan region was lucky to escape such detrimental impacts from Sandy, though the storm still left thousands without power. The Lower Mystic is home to the most concentrated assembly of critical infrastructure north of New York. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recognizes 16 critical infrastructure as lifeline sectors "whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof."

Of these 16 lifeline sectors, the Lower Mystic is host to at least five:

• Transportation: Logan Airport, three MBTA rail lines, the Ted Williams and Callahan tunnels

• Food distribution: the New England Produce Center

• Energy: Over 100 fuel storage tanks, the Lower Mystic Generating Station

• Wastewater management: Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant

• Dam: Amelia Earhart Dam

The Lower Mystic is also one of the Northeast's densest residential areas, with tremendous socioeconomic diversity, wealth disparities, and environmental justice concerns. For example, Everett and Chelsea are two of only six areas in the state where 100% of residents live in an environmental justice block group, as defined by the state.

"The pandemic made clear to the public how low-income residents and workers of color are often the first and worst to be affected by major public health emergencies. Unfortunately they are also among the most at risk from extreme weather such as big coastal storms. I'm glad to see this assessment focus on their needs first and foremost," said Antonio Amaya, Executive Director of La Comunidad in Everett.

One of the RMC's highest priority is to storm-harden critical regional infrastructure so that extreme weather events don't lead to cascading health and economic losses for our residents and workers who can least afford them. By centering social vulnerability and listening to the lived experience of residents and workers expected to be most negatively affected by damage to critical regional infrastructure, this assessment shifts the central question from "How much real estate value is at risk?" to "Who among us stands to lose the most?"

"The Big Papi exercise was extremely helpful to our thinking about what we need to do to prepare for Boston's own Superstorm Sandy or Hurricane Maria. We have looked at our own vulnerabilities, but had to make assumptions about those of other systems," said Stephen Estes-Smargiassi, Director of Planning and Sustainability at Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. "Going through a simulated big storm with the other infrastructure managers helped us all identify cascading effects and how the loss of electricity, fuel, transportation, or communications would affect our staff, our customers, and our ability to stay on line."

Now, the RMC municipalities are developing projects to address key findings and recommendations, ensuring to focus on the primary needs of vulnerable people in the Lower Mystic.

"The Lower Mystic Regional Climate Assessment reveals opportunities for Massachusetts' environmental justice communities most impacted by climate change to be engaged in informing actions to reduce the impact of climate emergencies," said Dr. Atyia Martin, CEO & Founder of All Aces, Inc. "All Aces was proud to partner with the RMC on this critical project. We urge policymakers and community leaders to carefully consider these results and take the necessary steps to ensure that efforts to strengthen resilience center those disproportionately bearing the burden of threats and hazards we face."

More detail on key findings, recommendations and analysis, including an executive summary, is available at https://resilient.mysticriver.org/lower-mystic-learn-more/#lowermysticassessment.

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Harbor House Collective up and running in Chelsea

Grand opening events scheduled for Friday through Sunday

By John Lynds

Harbor House Collective, Chelsea's new adult-use cannabis dispensary and cultivation facility, is up and running and will hold a series of special grand opening events this weekend.

Owned by the Londono family, who ran a successful wholesale flower business from the spot for years, Harbor House Collective began selling a wide array of cannabis products produced from the dispensary's onsite grown facility at 80 Eastern Ave. While the Londono family will continue to operate the flower business at a new location they converted their Eastern Avenue warehouse into a 20,000-square-foot vertically integrated marijuana facility. The dispensary was approved by the Chelsea Zoning Board in 2019.

Harbor House Collective's General Manager Mike Kerwin said on Friday, Feb. 11 the dispensary will join community partners in cutting the ribbon on the new facility at 1 p.m. The event will feature a food truck, music as well as the unveiling of some new cannabis products not yet on the menu.

"So we opened our doors on December 27 so it has been all word of mouth as we worked out some of the kinks," said Kerwin. "We will cut the ribbon on the new facility at 1 p.m. Friday and we will have a food truck. Across the Border, for customers on both Friday and Saturday. We will also be offering a bunch of new products that haven't made it to the menu yet with some new pricing on products."

Kerwin, who holds a medical marijuana license and has used cannabis to control his epilepsy since his youth, said the final product produced from Harbor House Collective's onsite grow facility is some of the best cannabis products in the state.

"Specifically our flower, which is grown with care under the right conditions, so when you put good stuff in you get good stuff out," said Kerwin. "People are coming from all around to come and get our product because it's really hard to find good stuff, especially cannabis concentrates, in Massachusetts. A lot of folks with medical cards, including myself, would travel to Maine or Rhode Island to get better products."

Kerwin said Harbor House Collective aims to end the cross border hunt for superior cannabis by offering a top quality product.

"When it comes to Cannabis flowers and products, we only want the best, and we want the same for our customers," he said. "At Harbor House Collective we strive for the highest quality cannabis by starting with a focus on a premium selection of cannabis genetics. Our cultivation team is always improving by handpicking our genetics in-house ensuring each strain has been hunted, grown, and manicured following our strict attention to details in terpenes, potency, and overall appeal to the consumer. We grow our plants locally, adhering to industry best practices."

The facade of Harbor House Collective complimented by the recent snowfall throughout the City.

The reception area has notes of the nautical theming present throughout the dispensary.

Buoys and lobster traps make up some of the nautical-themed interior decor.

The sales floor at Harbor House Collective.

With a statewide focus on getting more equitable licenses to minority owned dispensaries, Harbor House Collective is a true family-run, minority-owned marijuana establishment.

"We've hired over 65% of local people with 45 % from Chelsea and Revere," said Kerwin. "Thirty two percent of employees are female and 59% are minorities so we really have been trying to focus on creating a business that is representative of the community."

Kerwin said the Londono family has had strong roots in Chelsea for a longtime. Father Miguel Londono is the principal owner while his son, Gabriel, will serve as CEO.

Harbor House Collective's hours are Monday - Saturday 10 am- 8 pm.

Pressley introduces bill to bolster mental health resources for children and families

Staff Report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), alongside Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (CA-11) and Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06), introduced legislation aimed at boosting and expanding mental health services for low-income children and families.

The Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act (H.R. 6509) would require the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to work with area experts to compile and make public evidence-based mental health, social-emotional, and behavioral health interventions for young children. The bill also provides grants to Head Start programs to implement these interventions in an effort to ensure every child has access to comprehensive health care.

"From poverty to housing, food, and health care insecurity, low-income children in my district are more vulnerable to trauma-inducing experiences that, when left unaddressed, can lead to health problems, relationship challenges, and mental health and substance use disorders," said Congresswoman Pressley. "The Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act would provide critical resources to prevent and address childhood trauma for low-income children and families, using best practices and culturally-competent solutions. As we recover from this pandemic and the unprecedented emotional burden on young people, this bill would provide necessary early intervention to help children heal and thrive. I am proud to join Rep. DeSaulnier in introducing this legislation and look forward to working with him to fight to pass this bill."

"The importance of strong behavioral health support from an early age cannot be overstated," said Congressman DeSaulnier. "Like many families across the country, I have seen firsthand that the sooner children receive support, the better their outcomes. I am proud to work with Reps. Matsui and Pressley in ensuring these services are available at Head Start and other early education facilities, which will have a positive, lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of millions of children and families while helping to support teachers."

"Head Start programs have proven benefits—from academic achievement to improved social skills—that provide children with a strong foundation to grow and thrive in their earliest years," said Congresswoman Matsui. "Mental health is an important part of that foundation, and every Head Start location in the country should have access to the evidence-based tools and resources they need to best serve the behavioral health needs of children under five. I am proud to again join Congressman DeSaulnier in reintroducing the Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act, legislation that supports Head Start programs in carrying out this vision and expands access to mental and behavioral

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY PLAYERS SKATE TO THE RESCUE

The boys of the Revere/Malden/Everett High School hockey team know the importance of hard work when they hit the ice for games and practices. However, last Tuesday night the boys did not realize how hard they were going to have to work. As the boys hit the ice for their game against Hamilton-Wenham at Everett Allied Rink, the zamboni malfunctioned. However, the team jumped into action, helping to move the zamboni off the ice. Those who were part of the "Zamboni Rescue Team" were Revere High players Sophomore Ollie Svendsen, Freshman Chase Branzell, Senior Alexio Trichilo, Sophomore Matt Lacroix, Junior Chris Cecca, and Junior Austin Annunziata, and Everett High players Junior David Saia, Senior Dante Masucci, Senior Jeff Moran, Junior Cam Couto, Senior Jonathan Nogueira, Sophomore Jacob Cantone, and Senior Gil Bairos. Despite their best efforts, the game was cancelled after the first period.

Revere/Malden/Everett hockey players jumping into action after a Zamboni malfunctioned during a recent game.

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health care for young children."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that one in five children have a diagnosable mental disorder. Unfortunately, many of these children never receive a diagnosis and do not receive the behavioral health services they need. This lack of access to care can have serious consequences for children, contributing to learning challenges, difficulty forming meaningful relationships, and an increased likelihood of developing more serious mental illnesses later in life.

The Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act is supported by: National Alliance on Mental Illness, American Psychological Association, Massachusetts Head Start, Mental Health America, Trust for America's Health, Zero to Three, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, First Five Years Fund, First Focus Campaign for Children, and Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs.

"Early intervention is one of our best tools to help realize better outcomes for children at risk of developing mental health conditions. Increasing the availability of evidence-based interventions in school settings like Head Start programs is critical to helping children and families. NAMI is grateful to Congressman DeSaulnier for his leadership in bringing the Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act forward to increase the mental health services available to our nation's children," said Hannah Wesolowski, Chief Advocacy Officer of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

"Early childhood is a critical period in development that sets the stage for long-term mental health. APA applauds Rep. DeSaulnier's leadership in promoting children's healthy social and emotional development by creating opportunities for Head Start centers to expand evidence-based interventions for parents and children through best practices, enhanced curricula and increased training," said Arthur C. Evans Jr., Ph.D., CEO of the American Psychological Association.

"These past two years have laid bare the immediate need for expanded evidence-based mental health supports for our Commonwealth's most vulnerable young children and families. Head Start and Early Head Start programs deserve access to all layers of interventions, resources, and funding to comprehensively wrap around children at this critical time," said Michelle Haimowitz, Executive Director of Massachusetts Head Start.

Throughout her career, Congresswoman Pressley has been a tireless advocate for trauma-conscious policymaking. In June 2021, Rep. Pressley reintroduced the STRONG Support for Children Act, her landmark legislation that takes a holistic and community-based approach to addressing the growing crisis of childhood trauma.

In December 2021, Rep. Pressley and Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) led their colleagues in urging President Biden and HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra to prioritize the needs of children who have lost parents and caregivers to COVID-19.

In October 2021, Rep. Pressley, along with Reps. Dina Titus (NV-01), David McKinley (WV-01) and Peter Meijer (MI-03), unveiled the Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act, legislation to expand mental health supports for survivors of natural disasters and terrorist attacks that do not receive a "Major Disaster" declaration by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In March 2021, Rep. Pressley sent a letter to President Biden calling on him to address the nation's growing trauma crisis and laying out a series of steps the administration should take to confront the far-reaching hurt plaguing our communities and our nation. In April, she published an op-ed where she reflected on the collective pain experienced by communities in her district over the past year.

In July 2019, Rep. Pressley worked with Chairman Cummings to convene the first-ever Congressional hearings on childhood trauma. Watch Congresswoman Pressley's full question line and follow-up questions here and here.

As a Boston City Councilor, she convened the Council's first-ever listening-only session to hear directly from those impacted by the trauma of community gun violence.