

EVERETT’S GUZMAN RUNNING BOSTON MARATHON FOR A CAUSE

Emilee Guzman is an Everett resident and certified Nursing Assistant at Spaulding Rehab Hospital. She is running in the Boston Marathon this

April. To raise money for her cause, she held a fundraiser at the 8/10 Bar and Grille on Sunday afternoon.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Leanne Pothier, Emilee Guzman, and Councilor Mike McLaughlin.



Emilee Guzman hosted a fundraiser at the 8/10 Bar and Grille on Sunday.



Gavin Broderick and Emilee Guzman.



Louvinski G and Angelmarie Dinunzio.



Everett resident Emilee Guzman held a fundraiser at the 8/10 Bar and Grille.



Chuck Sabella, Emilee Guzman, and Maria Sabella.



Emilee Guzman and Josh Fodera.



Emilee Guzman and Councilor Irene Cardello.



Melissa O'Donnell, Emilee Guzman, Meg O'Donnell, and Sabrina Wright.

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that the Revised Ordinances of the City of Everett be amended as follows:

Section 7-167 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Everett is hereby amended by deleting the entire current text of said section and replacing it with the following new text.

(a) On the anniversary

date of employment, the city shall pay any person currently serving in the office of mayor an annual longevity payment per the schedule below:

- 10 years of service \$800
- 15 years of service \$1,300
- 20 years of service \$1,700

(b) In 2022, the first year of the implementation of this version of this section, the payment date of the current mayor’s annual longevity payment shall be the business day following the effective date of this new version of the section.

This order was enrolled on a 6-5 vote with

councillors Jimmy Tri Le, Stephanie Smith, Vivian Nguyen, Wayne Matewsky, Stephanie Martins, and Michael Marchese voting in favor.

The next motion, which was offered by Ward Three Councillor Anthony DiPierro and that had been approved at a council meeting in February, then was defeated.

DiPierro’s motion was as follows:

An ordinance redefining the mayor’s annual longevity bonus:

Whereas: The interpretation of the current ordinance governing the mayor’s annual longevity bonus payment has come under dispute; and

Whereas: Clarification of said ordinance is necessary to bring it into line with what a consensus believes was the original intent of said ordinance.

Now, therefore, by the authority granted to the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts to make ordinances:

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts that the Revised Ordinances of the City of Everett be amended as follows:

Section 7-167 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Everett is hereby amended by deleting the

entire current text of said section and replacing it with the following new text.

(a) On the first business day following January 14 of each year, the city shall pay any person currently serving in the office of mayor an annual longevity bonus of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) if such person has four (4) or more years of consecutive service in said office.

(b) In 2022, the first year of the implementation of this version of this section, the payment date of the current mayor’s annual longevity bonus shall be the business day following the effective date of this new version of the section.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by the City Council and subsequent approval by His Honor the Mayor.

In other business, a motion by Councillor Stephanie Martins to have Everett possibly assume control and ownership of the Revere Beach Parkway in Everett was not passed.

City of Everett’s Transportation Planner Jay Monty said that the parkway had been transferred from the Department of Conservation and Recre-

ation to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. He told the councillors that major repairs to sidewalks, lights, and islands are being planned. He expects that the state will earmark \$30 million to fix the roadway and infrastructure in the next three to five years.

An order by councillors Stephanie Martins and Stephanie Smith recommending that the city participate in the state’s Paid Family Medical Leave program for Everett’s 1,900 employee workforce lost by a vote of 7-3. During the discussion, Human Resources Director Justin Shrader explained the consequences of enrolling in the Massachusetts plan. He said that it could cost at least \$800,000 for Everett taxpayers and all monies unused would revert back to the state. It was also mentioned that no other city or town in Massachusetts has enrolled in the state plan.

However, many communities are setting up and funding an in-house program.

All councillors wanted this avenue to be pursued.

Martins, Smith, and Nguyen were the only councilors to vote in favor of the motion.

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2021 Mass DMF Mystic River herring numbers announced

The numbers are in! According to the official estimate from the Division of Marine Fisheries (Mass DMF), more than 550,000 river herring passed through the fish ladder at Mystic Lakes Dam in Medford in 2021.

This count represents the latest chapter in an ecological restoration story in the heart of greater Boston.

This data also represents the commitment of hundreds of community science volunteers.

River herring — Alewife and Blueback herring — are migratory species that spend most of their lives in the open ocean, but return to freshwater every year to spawn in the river system they were born in.

They are threatened by over-harvesting in the ocean and — crucially — by the loss of inland habitat for breeding caused by dams blocking access to inland lakes and streams.

After a fish ladder at the Mystic Lakes Dam in Medford was built in 2012 — allowing fish in the Mystic River to reach Upper Mystic Lake for the first time in decades — the Mystic River Watershed Association launched a volunteer herring count in collaboration with Mass DMF. Dozens of volunteers visit the dam to make 10-minute sampling counts of fish passing into Upper Mystic Lake every daylight hour from April

to June, and the data are used to estimate the total number of fish passing through the fish ladder.

River herring first return to freshwater to reproduce at age 3 or 4, when they are sexually mature. When the first cohort of fish born in the newly expanded freshwater habitat reached reproductive age and returned for the first time to Mystic Lakes in 2015, volunteer counts showed that the population of fish loyal to the Mystic River had doubled (Figure 1). And numbers continued to climb over the next few years to an estimate of as many as 780,000 fish in 2019.

This is a remarkable success story: the single intervention of a fish ladder at Mystic Lakes doubled — and even tripled — a significant wildlife population. For a sense of scale: 780,000 of these foot-long fish end-to-end would stretch 150 miles!

In-person monitoring was called off in 2020 because of COVID, but there is evidence from our (separate) video monitoring system and from around the state that river herring populations suffered declines from the effects of drought in 2016-2017, when conditions led to fewer juveniles surviving to maturity that year because of dried up streams, higher water temperatures, and other factors. So, in 2020, river herring counts on rivers were dra-

matically down all across Massachusetts, and fisheries scientists attribute this to those drought conditions three years earlier.

The latest estimate from 2021 represents an apparent increase in the Mystic population from the previous year, and this is what we might expect. Recoveries take time. There is every reason to expect that the number may well recover to previous levels.

What would it take to make another leap in the population of fish that migrate up the Mystic River? The next big lake upstream — the next big tract of potential breeding habitat for river herring the Mystic system — is Horn Pond in Woburn.

In the past few years, volunteers at Horn Pond too have been counting the comparatively fewer fish that are able to currently enter that lake. We now have three years of data from Horn Pond. We also have four years of video monitoring from Center Falls Dam in Winchester, where another fish ladder — made possible by the advocacy of residents and public funds — makes it possible for fish to pass through the center of Winchester and on toward Horn Pond.

The river herring have spread out across a landscape. Given the means, river herring will swim many miles inland seeking suitable (and uncrowded) habitat to spawn. But

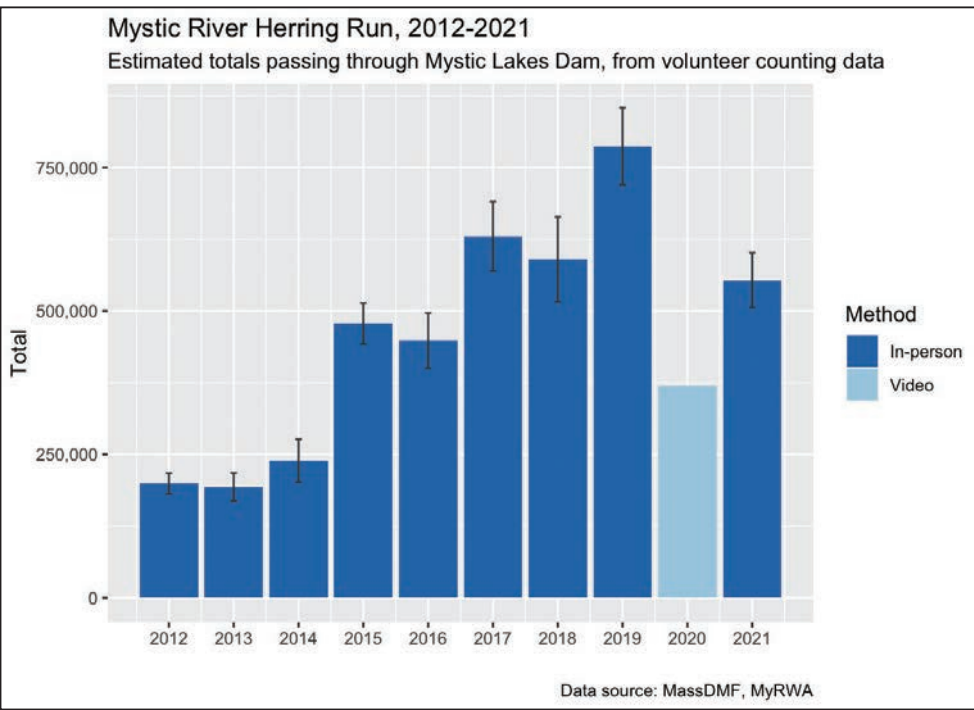


Figure 1. Mystic Herring Run, 2012-2021. In 2020, there was no in-person count because of COVID restrictions. Video monitoring data for that year is shown. Short lines on the bars indicate 95% confidence interval, or margin of error.

some stay back to utilize the breeding habitat downstream. So, we see more fish at Mystic Lakes than at Center Falls, and more fish passing at Center Falls than make it into Horn Pond.

The big promise of Horn Pond is the fish passage that will be designed and built in the next 2-3 years, funded by federal grants and the City of Woburn. We know now that fish try to get into Horn Pond. This year there were dozens of reports of hundreds and even thousands of fish at the base of Scalley Dam at Horn Pond on many different days. Mass DMF has worked to make the current small bypass

stream at the outlet of Horn Pond accessible to river herring, and some fish obviously find their way. But we know many more do not pass that point, and return downstream.

Money from two federal environmental damages settlements — including from famous Superfund cases in Woburn — will bring millions of dollars of investment in building a fish ladder at Horn Pond. Fisheries scientists believe this will expand the population of river herring in the Mystic system even further.

Will the Mystic herring run reach a million fish? Will next year be the biggest year yet? Stay tuned

for more data from a remarkable urban wildlife migration.

In the meantime, you can learn more about volunteer opportunities to participate in our in-person and video counting programs. We are currently seeing volunteers to help us monitor the herring migration in 2022: details and registration here.

And finally, this can never be said enough: all the data we have about the river herring population on the Mystic River we have because of volunteer community scientists. This is public knowledge generated by residents of the watershed.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Rutabagas

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In March, our thoughts turn to Irish food – soda bread, corned beef and cabbage, and rutabagas. The last may surprise you, but rutabagas were always on the dinner tables of Penny’s Irish family members, only they called this root vegetable a Swede. In Scotland, they are called neeps and also go by the name Swedish turnip.

It is generally agreed that this vegetable is probably a cross between a turnip and a cabbage and originated in Northern Europe. Recipes for it pop up in most countries with cold winters and harsh conditions. One friend with a German/Jewish background still prepares a side dish of simply boiled rutabagas with a bit of butter in memory of his mother, who always included it in holiday meals.

It was something people could grow and store to feed themselves and their animals when little else was available. Like

many other foods of the poor, it carried a stigma for many years. Now that seems to be changing. As more of us return to the simple, healthy foods of past generations, rutabagas are stepping into the spotlight.

More Available and More Popular

Lately, we have been able to buy unwaxed rutabagas more months of the year, and as a result, we’ve been expanding our use of this delicious vegetable. We are also hearing more food writers, chefs, and food lovers singing their praises.

We enjoy them mashed with butter and a bit of their cooking liquid as a side dish. By the way, that cooking liquid is gold. Don’t pour it away! You can use it as a vegetable broth and add it to soups and stews.

Penny also adds cubes of rutabaga to our soups and stews. We love them in our fillings for chicken, turkey, or lamb meat pies.

We read that this is traditional in Canada. We’ve also discovered that they defrost and reheat better than mashed potatoes as a mash for the topping of meat pies we freeze for another day.

Rutabagas are also great in a mixed mash with other roots like potatoes, carrots, or parsnips. This happens to be a favorite dish of a friend of ours from Donegal.

After hearing two food writers rave about roasted rutabagas, Penny began adding them to sheet pans of potatoes, carrots, onions, garlic, and squash ready for roasting. Those women were right; they are a great addition to our stash of roasted root vegetables and all the things we make when they become leftovers.

Peeled, washed, and cut into sticks this root vegetable is perfect to enjoy raw with other crud  s or shredded to add to a slaw or salad. Our first dog Sassy would begin to whine for them as



Here the rutabaga was added to a lamb stew and also combined with potatoes for a mixed mash that was served on the side.

a special treat anytime Penny cut them. Yes, they are both safe and good to share with your dog in a reasonable quantity.

Nutrition

One reason that rutabagas may be gaining popularity is their nutritional value. The website Healthline says, “Rutabagas are a hearty vegetable packed with fiber, vitamins, and antioxidants.

They promote feelings of fullness, which can prevent weight gain. Furthermore, they contain powerful compounds that help fight inflammation, prevent premature aging, and are associated with a reduced risk of various cancers.”

By the way, according to many Irish food folks, corned beef and cabbage is not Irish but rather Irish American. Penny’s fam-

ily called it a boiled dinner and served it any time of year rather than as a March special. It is simply what Irish immigrants substituted for the more traditional dish of boiled Irish bacon with cabbage and champ.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

EVERETT STUDENTS ON BC HIGH HONOR ROLL

Seven Everett Residents were Named to Honor Roll at BC High for the second quarter.

Christian Topinio, High Honors (Class of 2022)

Christopher Affonso, High Honors (Class of 2024)

Cristian Salvador, High Honors (Class of 2024)

Ron Nguyen, High Honors (Class of 2025)

Colin Mastrocola,

Honors (Class of 2022)

Lorenzo Possamai, Honors (Class of 2024)

Dante Salazar, Honors (Class of 2025)

For High Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades “C+” or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades “C+” or higher.

For Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.20

quality point average and all grades “C-” or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades “C-” or higher.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls approximately 1,500 students from more than 140 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more information please visit bchigh.edu.

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FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

As the ongoing tragedy in Ukraine, fueled by the barbarism of the war criminal Vladimir Putin, continues to unfold, it is apparent that in addition to underestimating the fierce and brave resistance of the Ukrainian people, Putin also failed to anticipate the resolve of free people around the world to rally in support of the Ukrainians.

Putin clearly had little respect for the West prior to launching his invasion. He believed that we would care more about maintaining our creature comforts and cushy lifestyle than we would about the fate of Ukraine. He assumed that as we watched the carnage from the comfort of our living rooms, our materialistic instincts would trump any sense of sympathy that we might have with the Ukrainian people and that we would not be willing to make sacrifices of any kind in order to support the Ukrainians in their fight against tyranny.

In short, Putin believed us to be soft, weak, narcissistic, and lacking empathy.

However, the newfound solidarity of free people and our leaders (with a few exceptions) around the world in our support of the Ukrainians has proven Putin to be hugely wrong.

Western businesses willingly have sacrificed billions of dollars and Western consumers are paying more for their energy -- and just about everything else -- because of our decision to back the Ukrainians with both military aid and unprecedented economic sanctions that are taking a great toll on the Russia war machine.

With dictators on the rise in Russia, China, No. Korea, and Saudi Arabia (where 81 persons were executed this past weekend), we have re-learned the lesson that the freedoms we enjoy are something that we cannot take for granted.

Thanks to Putin, Americans have found a cause that we all can agree upon -- the right of every person to be free.

The months ahead will not be easy -- though nowhere near as difficult as they will be for the Ukrainian people -- but Putin's barbarism has illuminated a valuable truth that we had ignored for the better part of the past century: Freedom isn't free.

ENJOY A HAPPY (AND SAFE) ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Amidst all of the sadness and tragedy in the world today, the arrival of St. Patrick's Day this Thursday (March 17) will provide a brief and welcome respite from the terrible news that we see on our televisions every day.

Although St. Patrick's Day ostensibly is a holiday with religious (Catholic) and ethnic (Irish) connotations, St. Patrick's Day has become a holiday for people of all nationalities -- a day when "everybody is Irish" -- to share camaraderie and good cheer.

This will be the first St. Patrick's Day in three years that we'll be able to celebrate the holiday collectively now that COVID restrictions are easing.

We wish all of our readers a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Ukrainian and American pain – we must unplug from Russia and China

Dr. Glenn Mollette

America is no longer buying energy or vodka from Russia. Russians can no longer buy a McDonald's hamburger. They can't pay for their gasoline with a Visa, Mastercard or even an American Express card. One thousand Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants have ceased operations in Russia. How tough can life become?

For a better picture of a tough life watch some of the news clips played daily on most television stations. See what the Russians are doing each day to Ukraine. Hospitals are bombed. Babies are murdered. Cities no longer exist. Tens of thousands have been killed by the Russian army.

Speculations continue to be expressed among politicians and journalists that Russia may be guilty of war crimes. This seems like a bad joke. Russia has been guilty of war crimes

from day one. They don't care who they kill or how they kill the innocent people of Ukraine. They will use any kind of bomb or chemical to accomplish President Vladimir Putin's evil whim to bring Ukraine under Russian rule. They will even accept weapons from China.

Hopefully we will never buy another thing from Russia. In the meantime, the remnant still battling the Russian Army needs the full support of NATO in weapons, money and humanitarian aid. Sadly, for the thousands who have already been killed it's too little too late.

While we are unplugging trade with Russia we must act accordingly toward China. China is not our friend. Just like Russia, we have made China rich with billions of dollars in trade each year. Plus, America is in debt, over a trillion dollars, to China. Stores across America must put Amer-

ican businesses back to work by buying as many American made products as possible. China has been eyeing Taiwan the same way Russia has been eyeing Ukraine. If Russia successfully takes Ukraine and can survive the aftermath look for China to invade Taiwan. China will then control most of the chips made that runs our cars, phones and computers.

The next scenario is what happens to us when Russia and China combine their efforts toward the United States? Are we able to withstand an attack from Russia and China? It's more than we want to comprehend today. This is why we must become energy independent. Why not use our gas, oil and coal until we have the infrastructure in place to run electric cars?

In my local community of 250,000 people, I do not know of one electric car charging station. Lo-

cal car dealers say it will be two to three years before they will have electric cars to sell. Most American communities are the same and we need time for the infrastructure to catch up. In the meantime, we should use the resources we have to run our country independently.

Gasoline prices and inflation are hurting America but consider what Russia is doing to Ukraine. Americans will survive the pain at the pump if America will go back to our own sources to supply our needs.

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

ABCD calls for additional fuel aid funds

As home heating oil reaches an unprecedented high of \$6 per gallon, a whopping 120,000-plus Massachusetts households receiving fuel assistance have used up their benefits.

These tens of thousands of families with young children, seniors and others are scrambling to keep their homes warm as relentless March cold continues to hit Massachusetts.

One working single mother served by ABCD said she called home from the office to tell her son to turn off the heat. "He said 'You mean turn it down, mom?' and I replied 'NO, TURN IT OFF. We are out of benefits and can't afford an oil delivery.'"

At a cost of \$6 per gallon, it takes \$1,650 to fill an oil tank, a fill-up that lasts less than a month.

"America's low-income families are in full-blown economic crisis," said John J. Drew, President/CEO, Action for Boston Community Development. "They are striving to fill their gas tanks to get to work and buy food and other necessities at soaring prices. These are

our most vulnerable residents. They need and deserve help NOW. Here in the Northeast it stays cold through April."

Drew said he and all providers and recipients are grateful for the increased fuel assistance provided this year through the federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), but given the current worldwide economic crisis, immediate additional federal help is needed.

The spike in heating costs followed President Biden's March 7 banning of Russian oil imports.

Drew is also hopeful that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will provide heating assistance in the supplemental state budget now in process, thanking Representative Kevin Honan and House Ways & Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz for supporting an amendment requesting \$50 million in fuel assistance. That amendment was reduced to \$5 million in the House and is now in the Senate with hopes of passage at the \$50 million level.

Immediate fuel assistance funding will be

life-saving for oil and propane heat customers who are out of benefits as well as prevent shut off for electric and gas customers. The winter moratorium on shut offs for utility customers ends April 1.

Eligible households most in need currently receive \$1,650 in fuel assistance benefits through the Low-income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program, an increase from last year intended to help combat the rise in energy costs. But no one anticipated the current sky-rocketing costs that are putting our most vulnerable families at terrible risk.

Apply now! There is funding for new applicants. Boston-area residents can apply by calling ABCD Fuel Assistance at 617-357-6012. Those living in the Mystic Valley region can call 781-322-6284. Help with applications is also available at all ABCD neighborhood centers. A new online system for first-time fuel assistance applicants can be accessed at toapply.org/MassLIHEAP. Go to bostonabcd.org/heat for detailed information, including a listing of neigh-

borhood centers with contact information.

The 2022 federal poverty level for a family of four is \$26,500 in earnings annually or \$12,880 for a single person. To keep struggling families and elders from falling through the cracks, help with fuel costs is also available to those slightly above poverty level. For example, a family of four earning \$78,751 or a single person with an income of \$40,951 may currently qualify for \$989 in fuel assistance.

Donations gratefully accepted

ABCD is grateful for any private donations to the ABCD WINTER FUND which will be used to help those in fuel assistance emergencies after using up their allocation. Your generous gift can save a household from hypothermia, stop a family from turning to dangerous heating substitutes, prevent sickness, and dramatically improve the quality of life. If you'd like to donate to the ABCD Winter Fund, please call 617-348-6559, email give@bostonabcd.org or visit bostonabcd.org/give.

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DIDOMENICO FOUNDATION HOLDS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY FUNDRAISER

Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted the Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day Celebration in Charlestown with over 400 attendees on Saturday evening. Guests included Governor Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Senate President Karen Spilka, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and over 75 elected officials from throughout Massachusetts. Gladys Vega from La Colaborativa was honored as this year’s recipient of the Golden Shamrock Award, the Hall of Fame group, The Platters, flew in from Florida to sing their hits and comedians Jimmy Tingle and Tony V shared their humor with the crowd.



State Rep. Dan Ryan and Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Patti Cheever and Bishop Brown.



Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian and Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino.



Asima Memic and Lisa Dell Isola greet Governor Charlie Baker.



The bagpipes were played.



Lydia Edwards posed with a box of tea.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Mayor Michelle Wu.



Tricia DiDomenico thanked guests on behalf of the DiDomenico Foundation.



Gladys Vega was honored at the dinner.



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins.



Comedian Jimmy Tingle plays the harmonica.



Attorney General Maura Healey and Governor Charlie Baker.



Massachusetts Senate President Karen Spilka cracked jokes with a rubber duck.



State Senator Sonia Chang Diaz and Sam Hyun.



Rev. Myrlande DesRosiers and Mayor Michelle Wu.



mayor Michelle Wu, Councilor Mike McLaughlin, and Senator Lydia Edwards.



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DiDomenico Foundation
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A great time was had by all!*

DIDOMENICO FOUNDATION HOLDS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY FUNDRAISER



Everett Public Schools: School Committee Member Marcony Almeida-Barros, Superintendent Priya Tahlilani, William Donahue, and School Committee Member Samantha Lambert.



The DiDomenico family celebrated St. Patrick’s Day for a good cause.



Traditional Irish music was performed throughout the evening.



The DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day was well attended.



The Platters posed with Gene O’Brien.

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SCHIAVO CLUB ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

The Schiavo Club celebrated St. Patrick’s Day on Friday night with a traditional boiled dinner. Councilor Wayne Matewsky and his colleagues from the State House presented citations to Al Lattanzi, Sal Sacro, and Kelly Rizzo.



Celia O’Brien, Joanne Agnes, and Marion Matewsky.



Trisha Sacro assisted State Rep Dan Ryan with his Irish pin



State Rep. Dan Ryan and Councilor Wayne Matewsky.



Luigi J. Puccilli and Fred Capone at the Schiavo Club St. Patrick’s Day.



Sal Sacro and Councilor Stephanie Smith.



State Rep. Candidate Roberto Jimenez Rivera and Councilor John Hanlon.



Schiavo Club member Josh Wilson spoke.



Rep. Paul Donato spoke to the crowd.



Dorothy Martin enjoyed the Schiavo Club St. Patrick’s Day celebration.



School Committee member Mike Mangan, Councilor Wayne Matewsky, and Councilor Rich Dell Isola.



Sal Sacro, Michele Capone, and Trisha Sacro.



Bill Thompson and Fran Hanlon mingled at the Schiavo Club



School Committee woman Millie Cardello and her husband David Pretti



Rep. Dan Ryan, Rep. Paul Donato, Al Lattanzi, Sal Sacro, Kelly Rizzo, Rep Joe McGonagle, and Councilor Wayne Matewsky.



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OBITUARIES

Adelaide “Ada” Gertrude Baker

A beautiful woman, inside and out

Adelaide “Ada” Gertrude Baker, Devoted Aunt Ada, entered eternal rest on Sunday morning, March 13 at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea. She celebrated her 100th Birthday this past September with her loving family and friends.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, the daughter of the late John and Mary (McNally) Baker, Ada came to the United States with her family when she was two years old, settling in Medford. She attended Medford Public Schools, graduated from Medford High School and dedicated her working career as an administrative assistant at Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation in both the hydraulic and power divisions. Ada met a wonderful network of friends while working for the company. She was even given the opportunity to work in Denver, Colorado for a short period of time. Ada retired in 1988 after dedicating 35 years of service. She enjoyed her retirement by spending time with her family and friends.

She took great pride in her appearance; she was always well dressed and ready for the next social event. Ada loved socializing and being around people, especially in her later years.

She was a beautiful woman, inside and out, charming, charismatic and exceptionally witty. She was extremely proud of her Irish heritage; she loved Ireland and would often sing Irish melodies and recite Irish poems. Ada was a longtime Everett resident and was well known in the Everett community. She had a great network of family and friends who assisted her over the years. She will be sorely missed by all who loved her.

Auntie Ada was the beloved aunt of Robert Baker, Jr. of Rockland, Lisa Avitabile-Baker of Marshfield, William R. Carafa, Jr. and his wife, Linda of Chelsea and Barbara Ciovacco of Everett; sister of the late Robert E. Baker, Sr. and his wife, Dorothy Baker and Bruce Baker, sister-in-law of Joyce



Baker of New Hampshire; cherished great aunt of Brian and Candace Baker, Stephanie Baker, Ian and his wife, Gina Baker, Nicole Baker and Alex Clifford, Hope Drysdale and her husband, Stephen, Scott Baker and his wife, Alison, Jennifer

Carafa, Amy Almas and her husband, Dennis, Laura Ciovacco, Charles Ciovacco and his wife, Marianne, Marianne Ciovacco, Christine Elliott and her husband, Paul, Caryn Antonelli and her husband, Greg and several other great nieces and nephews. Although Ada never had any children or grandchildren of her own, she adored her great great nieces and nephews as her own, like grandchildren. Ada had a very special place in her heart for Danica, Milani, Amelia, Colton, William and Lucas. She is also lovingly survived by numerous longtime friends.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea today, Wednesday, March 16, from 3 to 6 p.m. Her Funeral from the funeral home on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at the Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish, Our Lady of Grace, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment in the family lot at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ada’s memory may be made to the above named Church or a charity of one’s choice. We encourage family and friends to visit carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Baker issues citation for Gambling Disorder Screening Day

Governor Charlie Baker issued a citation recognizing Tuesday, March 8, 2022, as Gambling Disorder Screening Day in Massachusetts, praising the Division on Addiction at Cambridge Health Alliance for its “tireless efforts to spread awareness about Gambling Disorder throughout the Commonwealth.” Gambling Disorder leads to financial, emotional, social, occupational, and physical harms. It is a treatable mental health condition, yet many cases go undetected and untreated. Failure to detect gambling harm is due, in part, to limited screening for this problem. The Division on Addiction encourages all organizations and providers to participate in this annual event.

“We join Governor Baker in commending the Division on Addiction for establishing Gam-

bling Disorder Screening Day,” said Assaad Sayah, MD, CEO of Cambridge Health Alliance. “Like many other behavioral health conditions, Gambling Disorder disproportionately impacts minoritized communities. Bringing much-needed attention to the need for routine screening for Gambling Disorder, and improving access to treatment through statewide professional development activities, will help alleviate these disparities in line with CHA’s mission to provide care to the people.”

Gambling Disorder Screening Day is in its ninth year. This international event has grown to include screeners and supporters from Cambridge Health Alliance, Massachusetts and New England, the United States, and around the world.

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This year, Gambling Disorder Screening Day has over 50 confirmed supporters and event hosts. They range from college health centers, employee assistance and wellness programs, prevention-focused organizations, community-based mental health organizations, gambling operators, and academics and researchers. The Division on Addiction distributed 1,350 free pocket screening guides to 27 Screening Day hosts in 17 U.S. States.

Debi LaPlante, PhD, director of the Division on Addiction and associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, said, “We’re so proud that people have embraced Gambling Disorder Screening Day. What started as a small grassroots effort in 2014 has grown to an international event with more participants than we

ever anticipated. We will continue to support this event for years to come and look forward to bringing more awareness to this issue. Our hope is that by helping people understand their own gambling, we’ll connect people to needed help and the path to recovery.”

Because of lack of awareness about the need for routine screening and persistent stigma against people experiencing Gambling Disorder and other expressions of addiction, rates of help seeking for Gambling Disorder are low. Routine gambling screening is especially helpful for individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorders and other mental health conditions, which commonly co-occur with Gambling Disorder.

MGC // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

oversee the race track at Plain Ridge Park, another gambling establishment, since the racetrack is already under the purview of other governmental agencies.

He then outlined the four-way test that the MGC should use in approaching an answer as to whether the new development should be regulated by the MGC. Before the commissioners debated the four-way test, chairperson Cathy Judd-Stein noted, “This is a complex structure before us.”

The four parts of the test are as follows:

- 1) Is what is proposed a non-gaming structure, specifically the bridge?
- 2) Is the project related to the gaming area? In other words, does it make the gaming area more inviting as a destination?
- 3) Is there common ownership?
- 4) Does the MGC want to have a regulatory interest on part or parts of the gaming structure?

For the first part of the test, all commissioners agreed that the bridge was not a gaming structure. Commissioner Gayle Cameron pointed out that she was “quite happy with the bridge for safety issues.”

Judd-Stein said, “I welcome the bridge for safety and mitigation of traffic.” She also noted that the new design of the bridge removed the gaming floor from bridge access that could allow minors to walk accidentally onto the gaming floor.

Regarding the second part of the test, commissioner Eileen Hill noted the new development “makes Encore more attractive” as a destination. She said that she struggled with this question, since she did not want to hinder the urban renewal area of Everett where the new development is proposed.

Commissioner Bradford Hill noted, “This is absolutely related to the gaming area.” All commissioners did agree that the development would enhance the gaming area.

For the third question on common ownership, the commissioners concurred that even though the new hotel and restaur-

rants will be operated by a third party, East Broadway LLC (the entity that is seeking to develop the area in question), it still is under the Wynn ownership umbrella.

This brought the commissioners to Part 4 of the test, namely, whether they have a regulatory interest. Encore Attorney Samuel Tony Starr of the Boston firm Mintz Levin offered the view that there are already other agencies involved in regulating the proposed properties and that overview by the MGC could add a burden to those businesses, as well as to the MGC itself..

Judd-Stein seemed to agree with this path, noting that regulatory oversight “could place a burden on the commission,” and “put a substantial burden on (third party) operators with hundreds of employees.”

Cameron pointed out, “Wynn has always been willing to work collaboratively and to listen to the concerns of all parties.”

O’Brien noted that she needed more information on the details, such as the final design of the pedestrian bridge and exactly where people could exit as they approached the casino itself.

Commissioners also noted that the Wynn’s gaming license currently has restrictions and could include additional restrictions.

At the end of the meeting, the commissioners seemed to be inclined toward not regulating the new development, but requiring that very specific steps and protocols be put into place with legally-binding documents going into the details of the buildings and their operation that would address the concerns of the commissioners and the members of the public who participated in the Feb. 28 meeting.

O’Brien pointed out, “We need to look at all the details.”

The legal staff of the MGC will formulate documents that address the concerns that were brought up at the meetings and will get back to the MGC when it has completed its task.

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News Briefs

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

This March, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) joins the Administration for Community Living and senior nutrition service providers across the country to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the national Senior Nutrition Program.

Since 1972, the Senior Nutrition Program has supported nutrition services for older adults. Funded by the Older Americans Act, local senior nutrition programs serve as hubs for older adults (60 and older) to access nutritious meals and other vital services that strengthen social connections and promote health and well-being.

“Senior nutrition is now more important than ever,” says Angie Fitzgerald, Director of Nutrition Services at MVES. “Each year in the U.S., up to half of adults age 65 and older are at risk of malnutrition, and more than 10 million face hunger. In communities throughout the U.S. – including our communities – older adults sometimes lack access to the high-quality, nutritious

food they need to remain healthy and independent.”

As part of the Senior Nutrition Program network, MVES’ Nutrition Services Program, including Meals on Wheels, helps older adults in our community by promoting healthy eating, decreasing social isolation, and improving health. “Our program also provides connections to home and community-based services that can support interdependence and overall well-being. We deliver 3,000 meals a day to our 11 communities and have 15 meal sites,” says Fitzgerald.

“My favorite dish is the Boulet (Haitian Meatballs). It reminds me of my childhood and how my mom used to make them. I am excited whenever they are on the menu!” says Meals on Wheels consumer Marie Gabrielle Gattereau.

For 50 years, senior nutrition services have helped create healthy, strong communities where all members can flourish regardless of their age. That is why MVES proudly recognizes this milestone anniversary of the national Senior Nutrition Program and its tremendous impact on the health

and well-being of older adults in our community. Together, we look forward to another 50 years and beyond!

Learn more about our nutrition program and services by contacting us at 781-324-7705 or visiting mv.es.org.

WARMER WEATHER WARNING: BE MINDFUL OF OUTDOOR SMOKING HAZARDS

With a week of warmer weather in the forecast, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is asking residents to be mindful of the fire hazards when smoking outdoors.

“We’ve got some nice weather in the forecast this week, and after a long winter everyone wants to spend a little more time outdoors,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “If you still smoke, please be mindful of the fire hazards when you step out to smoke on a stairway, porch, or balcony.”

Fires often start when smokers drop butts in planters or near the side of buildings, where dried vegetation, mulch, or debris

can catch fire. They can also start when cigarettes are ground out on railings, steps, or floors, allowing embers to drift and ignite flammable materials. In a densely built neighborhood, that fire can quickly spread to other buildings and put many people at risk.

“There are no smoke alarms on the outside of the house, so an exterior fire can grow to a dangerous size before anyone is aware of it,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “There’s no safe way to smoke, but if you must smoke then do it responsibly. Use a sturdy ashtray with water or sand and put it out, all the way, every time.”

The Department of Fire Services created a series of video and audio clips to promote the proper disposal of smoking materials on porches and balconies. They are available in English and Spanish for fire departments, fire educators, social service providers, and state or municipal agencies to use free of charge. Visit the DFS YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/DFSOSFM and view the Smoking Fire Safety playlist.

“Of all the smoking safety steps you can take,

the most effective one is to quit,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “You’ll enjoy many more years of fresh air.”

MASSPORT CELEBRATES WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is celebrating Women in Construction Week and honoring the contributions of the women who have been involved in Massport’s construction projects. This week, pictures of some of the women who work in the Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs (CPEA) Department, which manages all construction projects at Massport, are on display throughout the terminals at Boston Logan International Airport.

“We thank the women of Massport for their hard work and dedication in all of our initiatives,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Our goal at Massport is to embed diversity, equity, and inclusion into our organizational DNA. Celebrating Women in Construction Week is just one way we

celebrate diversity and encourage more women to work in construction, architecture, engineering, and other related fields.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, women comprise only 11% of all the people working in construction and 27% of all people who provide architectural, engineering, and related services in 2021. By comparison, Massport’s CPEA Department, which manages all Massport construction projects—from the planning phase and design, to construction and maintenance, is comprised of nearly 40% women.

“I’m proud to say that a diverse group of women are part of the decision-making process in every construction project at Massport,” said Dr. Luciana Burdi, the first female Director of the CPEA Department. “A diversity of thought is important as we build world-class facilities that serve diverse people.”

Women in Construction Week was started by the National Association of Women in Construction in 1998 to raise awareness and celebrate the work of women in the construction industry across the country.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission releases February 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported today that the month of February 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$86 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR). PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$1.018 billion

in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.

“My colleagues at the MGC and I are pleased to highlight this milestone. When the legislature passed the expanded gaming act in 2011, they envisioned a regulated gaming industry in the Commonwealth that would serve as an economic driver while promoting responsible play,” said MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein.

“Just over 11 years since this law was signed, the Commonwealth has collected over \$1 billion in total taxes and assessments from casinos operating in Massachusetts. This revenue has and continues to benefit the Massachusetts economy

The logo of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is a circular seal. It features a stylized 'M' with a slot machine reel in the center. The words 'MASSACHUSETTS GAMING' are written along the top inner edge, and 'COMMISSION' is at the bottom. There are five stars below the word 'GAMING'.



REVENUE REPORT

FEBRUARY 2022

GROSS GAMING REVENUE

TAXES

MGM SPRINGFIELD
SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES

 **TABLE**
 **SLOTS**

\$4,220,007.75



\$15,711,906.08

TOTAL

\$19,931,913.83

\$4,982,978.46

ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR
SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES

 **TABLE**
 **SLOTS**

\$23,688,641.56


\$31,054,019.69

TOTAL

\$54,742,661.25

\$13,685,665.31

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO
SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES

 **SLOTS**

\$10,950,511.23

TOTAL

\$10,950,511.23

\$5,365,750.50

TOTAL TAXES

\$24,034,394.27

by bolstering local aid, funding transportation and infrastructure projects, ensuring essential community mitigation initiatives

are backed, and that the health and safety of the industry and those who engage with it are a top priority.

“This is a marker of the success of the law and the commitment of our licensees, my fellow commissioners past and

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

book page, "Zion Church Ministries."

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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NA Meetings – Mon.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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

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News and Notes

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