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CITY COUNCIL HONORS STATE CHAMPIONS



The Lynn City Council honored the Division 2 state champion St. Mary's High School baseball team with official congratulatory citations at its meeting Tuesday night at City Hall. Pictured above at the ceremony are the St. Mary's players, head coach Derek Dana, assistant coach Brian Mulvey, City Council President Darren Cyr, and Mayor Thomas McGee.

Lynn could see first female-owned pot shop

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

If all goes according to plan, Lynn could see its first female-owned and operated retail marijuana shop in the near future.

Tuesday night the City Council heard a proposal from Heather Hannon, CEO and owner of Essex Apothecary, 233 Western Ave. She was joined by manager Jenna Hoang and head of security, Harrison Whitney (who used to worked in the Essex County Sheriff's Department.)

Hannon acknowledged that the process has been a long one, as she told the Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review Committee, that to get to this point it has taken her "one year, one month, six days and two hours." She

initially had another address in mind, but had to withdraw that proposal.

"We have been working on this for months," said EDIC Director James Cowdell.

She recently held a neighborhood meeting and felt it was successful. The next step is that she will have a public hearing at the City Council's August meeting seeking a special permit to operate the boutique-style shop.

There will be parking for 22 cars and an indoor waiting area to discourage lines outside. "It's going to be one of the best fortified places in Lynn," Whitney said.

Hannon said they will not have their own grow facility as some

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Vanessa Masucci MacCormack Softball Tourney opens Friday

When Vanessa Masucci MacCormack took the field during her outstanding softball career at St. Mary's High School, she was all business, her competitiveness on display every pitch of every inning.

A starting first baseman and designated hitter on multiple state tournament teams, Vanessa was a joy to be around, the fun-loving player that kept the team relaxed and confident before games and during practices.

Teammates, friends, and family will gather to honor Vanessa's memory at the second annual Vanessa Masucci Softball Tournament Friday (opening ceremonies at 5:30 p.m.) and Saturday at

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Council learns how to go green

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

The Lynn City Council heard from Neal Duffy, northeast regional coordinator of the Commonwealth's Green Communities Division, at Tuesday night's meeting. It is the third time he has visited with city officials to

help make Lynn become a Green Community.

Local green communities include Revere, Saugus, Swampscott and Salem. Lynn could be slated to be eligible for up to \$500,000 in grants if it is designated.

So far the city has switched

over to LED streetlights and Duffy believes there will be some electric cars for municipal use in the future.

"I'm supportive of Lynn becoming a Green Community," said Mayor Tom McGee. "Builders are working in the community and they're already using the stretch energy code. It's the direction the whole state is going."

Duffy said another avenue to take is to use a "stretch energy code," which is part of the building code intended to encourage energy savings. The stretch energy code pertains to new residential construction. This could help move the city toward earning the designation as a Green Community. This designation would open the city to be eligible for certain grants for energy efficient projects.

Lynn Historical Commission presents the 2019 Significance Awards

The Lynn Historical Commission recently presented the 2019 Significance Awards in four categories to Lynn recipients. Receiving the recognition were Richard Sullivan II of RF Sullivan's Restaurant for Commercial Designation, Antonio Gutierrez for Open Space Activities, LeAnn Hanfield for Cobbet Hill Apartments, Lisa Nerich for Public Space Access, and David Solimine Sr for Devotion to Historical

Preservation.

LHC Chairman Carl Greenier explains why this award is presented each year as he said, "We give this award each year to recognize individuals and properties throughout the city that encourage historical preservation."

Lynn has a rich history of many historical sites. These recipients took a special interest in preserving the historical significance that the City of Lynn offers.



Shown in the photo (Front): Richard Sullivan II, Antonio Gutierrez, LeAnn Hanfield, and David Solimine Sr; (Back): Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard, Richard Sullivan Sr, Mayor Thomas McGee, LHC Chairman Carl Greenier, Lisa Nerich, & Ward 3 Councilor Darrin Cyr



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EDITORIAL

YES, DRUGS ARE BAD, BUT ALCOHOL IS STILL THE WORST

We've all become aware of the opioid epidemic that has spread throughout the country in recent years and that has been responsible for about 60,000 premature deaths annually in the United States.

The dangerous and deadly drug fentanyl, which often is laced into heroin, chiefly has been responsible for the rise in opioid overdoses.

However, we should not lose sight of the fact that alcohol abuse still rates as the number one health problem in the country, as it has for decades.

Here are a few statistics:

It is estimated that excessive drinking is responsible for 88,000 deaths per year in the United States, about one in 10 deaths among working-age adults. The cost in 2010 was almost \$250 billion.

And drinking is a serious problem among adolescents. More than nine percent of those 12 to 17 years drink alcohol, and almost five percent engaged in binge drinking in the last month. Drinking in the teen years makes a person five times more likely to become an alcoholic than if they had waited to take their first drink after the age of 21.

For men, risky drinking is more than four drinks on any day or more than 14 drinks in any week, according to the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse. And for women, it's more than three drinks on any day or more than seven drinks in any week. (The institute defines a drink as 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of spirits.)

Among people aged 15 to 49, alcohol use is the single most common risk factor for death and disability. In 2016, alcohol accounted for 6.8 percent of male and 2.2 percent of female deaths.

Finally, alcoholic beverages are classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Group 1 carcinogen (carcinogenic to humans) -- the same category as asbestos -- with 3.6 percent of all cancer cases and 3.5 percent of cancer deaths worldwide being attributable to consumption of alcohol.

So here are a few ways to ensure that neither we nor our friends and loved ones become one of those statistics this summer:

- 1) If you are planning on going out for a night, leave the car at home and have your cell phone programmed to call an Uber. Drunk-driving lawyers say their business is way down thanks to Uber use by millennials -- so be smart and plan ahead while you're still sober and before you leave your house!
- 2) Friends don't let friends drive drunk -- take their keys and drive them home yourself or get them an Uber.
- 3) Do not drink and captain a boat -- it IS against the law (just like drinking and driving a car) -- and the risks to your passengers and other boaters on the water are huge if you are captaining under the influence.



SUMMER FUN HAS BEGUN

Lynn YMCA receives \$2K award from Whole Kids Foundation

In early 2019, The Lynn YMCA was awarded a \$2,000 grant for the first time from the Whole Kids Foundation to help make their Garden Club and Healthy Kids Kitchen programs more sustainable.

Whole Kids Foundation is a charitable organization founded by Whole Foods Market that provides children with access to healthy food choices through partnerships with schools, educators and organizations. Their goals include helping kids learn to love fresh, nutritious and whole foods, increasing access to and consumption of healthy foods in school, encouraging community action that supports healthier kids, and ending the childhood obesity epidemic.

Health and wellness have always been of importance to the Y, but it is exemplified in the Garden Club & Healthy Kids Kitchen where youth at the Lynn YMCA have the opportunity to learn about gardening, cooking, and nutrition. Youth are engaged in the entire process, hands-on, from seed to table. The programs are part of the Y's Drop-In Youth Center, which provides affordable after school and summer camp enrichment program to nearly 800 youth a day through a variety of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility focused programs.

The Lynn YMCA has been



Local children working on one of the Garden Club's gardens.

an anchor in the community for nearly 150 years. With a mission to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities, The Y provides service to more than 20,000 people annually, and offers programming for people at every age and every stage in life. The Garden Club was created in 2015 as a way to introduce green space for growing fruits and vegetables to our local youth. This was particularly transformative for many students who didn't know where their food came from. Lynn is one of the top ten cities in MA where there is a "Grocery Gap" facing its citizens; which is defined as areas with both lower incomes and a lack of fully

stocked and accessible grocery stores according to the Mass Dept. of Public Health.

Thanks to Whole Kids, The Lynn YMCA can continue to build strong kids, families and communities through their Garden Club and Healthy Kids Kitchen Program. This grant support will support the staff in creating a stronger and more sustainable program for youth to participate in and enrich the lives and health of the people served daily.

For any questions or more information regarding this program, please contact Ashley O'Donnell at aodonnell@metro-northymca.org

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LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS****LOCALS GRADUATE FROM FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**

Graduate and undergraduate degrees were conferred for students who spanned the United States and across the globe.

Steven D. Borges, executive vice president and chief executive officer of Nypro Healthcare, and a 1990 Fitchburg State alumnus, delivered the commencement address at the undergraduate ceremony on Saturday, May 18. Borges was also presented the President's Medal by University President Richard S. Lapidus in recognition of his accomplishments and support of the university community.

Anna M. Clementi of Lunenburg, a member of the university Board of Trustees, was awarded an honorary doctorate at the ceremony in recognition of her lifetime of philanthropy and support of university initiatives including the Center for Italian Culture that she helped create.

Madison Medina of Pelham, N.H., addressed her fellow graduates as undergraduate valedictorian. Medina is enrolled in Fitchburg State's groundbreaking police program, whose graduates complete, in five years, bachelor's and master's degrees plus certification to serve in municipal police departments across the state. Medina is completing the 17-week police academy this summer and will complete her master's degree in the coming academic year.

At the graduate commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 16, Christine Foote-Luceo addressed guests as recipient of the Graduate Student Leadership Award. Foote-Luceo, who works as a forensic nurse examiner in Colorado, completed a master's degree in forensic nursing.

Local students included:

Federica M. Brito, BS, Human Services

Shaina Cruel-Reynoso, BS, Political Science

Stephanie M. Griffin, MED, Curriculum and Teaching

Amanda L. Leblanc, BS, Game Design

Fitchburg State University enrolls 7,000 day and evening

students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 2019 LOCAL GRADUATES

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, held its 79th annual commencement exercises this past week. At a May 23 ceremony for Endicott's Van Loan School of Graduate and Professional Studies at Hempstead Stadium on the Endicott campus in Beverly, Mass., the commencement speaker was Latoyia Edwards, news anchor at NBC-10 Boston, who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the ceremony. Of local interest, the following students received degrees:

Lisa Hannaford, Master of Education, Autism and App Beh Anal

Kenneth Vu, Master of Science, Information Technology

Edwards advised the class of 2019 to follow their passions, take ownership of writing their own story, and find ways to help others. "I challenge you, on your continued climb, to reach back and give someone else a boost along the way," Edwards told the graduates. A total of 1,135 students graduated from Endicott's Van Loan School of Graduate & Professional Studies and its traditional undergraduate college. Ten students received a Doctor of Educational Leadership or Doctor of Philosophy; 349 received a Master of Arts, Master of Education, Master of Science, Master of Business Administration, or Master of Fine Arts degree; 760 students received a Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Fine Arts degree; and 16 received an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree. About Endicott College Endicott College offers doctorate, master's, bachelor's and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of in-

tegrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN'S LIST STUDENT

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Spring 2019 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 local student has met these requirements:

Michaela Hamill of Lynn was named to the Dean's List at Endicott College for the Spring 2019 semester. Michaela is majoring in Liberal Studies/Education and is the daughter of Donald Hamill and Laurie Hamill.

LYNN RESIDENT GRADUATES FROM CURRY COLLEGE

Curry College is pleased to announce that Denise Garcia of Lynn received a BA degree at Commencement Exercises that took place at the Xfinity Center in Mansfield, Massachusetts on Sunday May 19, 2019.

Business, civic, and philanthropic leader John Fish, Hon. '19 served as Commencement speaker. Fish, the chairman and

CEO of Suffolk, one of the nation's leading construction management companies, received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree.

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. Curry offers 27 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of approximately 3,000 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, and over 1,000 continuing education and graduate students.



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During the first day of orientation for members of the recently graduated 84th Recruit Training Troop, Major Pasquale Russolillo, commander of Troop A of the Massachusetts State Police, recognized the accomplishments of a young state trooper from the previous recruit class who is currently assigned to the Revere Barracks. Major Russolillo presented Trooper Jessica Falzone, a member of the 83rd Recruit Training Troop assigned to State Police-Revere, with the Troop A "Rookie of the Year" Award. "During her first year on the job, Jessica demonstrated a strong work ethic," Major Russolillo said. "She led all Troopers assigned to Troop A from the 83rd RTT in activity. Jessica is also fluent in two languages and has been instrumental with helping other Troopers and local officers with translations." State Police-Revere covers Revere, Chelsea, Lynn, Winthrop, and Nahant.

Cinda Danh, Ward 6 Lynn City Council candidate, earns endorsement from Mass. Women's Political Caucus

Cinda Danh, Ward 6 Lynn City Council candidate, continues to build momentum as it was announced yesterday that the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus Political Action Committee endorses Danh and so many other women candidates across the Commonwealth.

Pam Berman, President of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, a nonpartisan organization committed to increasing the number of women elected to public office, released the following statement: "No measure of a community's progress can be made without a truly representative elected body. We believe decisions about our communities should include women's voices. We need leaders like Danh, who will be a strong

decision maker and advocate on Lynn's City Council. We need to change the face of leadership in Massachusetts, where fewer than 27% of municipal offices are held by women. MWPC is proud to endorse and stand with Cinda Danh."

The MWPC PAC's endorsement follows an exciting week of local Independence Day celebrations. Danh, the first female Asian American and Pacific Islander candidate for Lynn City Council, is leading a campaign that promises to keep Lynn affordable for working class families and seniors, while ensuring transparency and inclusivity in local government. Danh is also committed to supporting Lynn's youth around high quality education and programs that high-

light Lynn's vibrant arts community.

"I am honored to receive such a powerful endorsement from the Commonwealth's strongest advocacy organizations when it comes to diversity, inclusion and equity in public office. As the only female candidate for Ward 6, and Lynn's first Asian American and Pacific Islander candidate for City Council, I understand and recognize the importance of elevating marginalized populations, and have made this effort a core pillar of my campaign."

The Preliminary Election is September 3rd, 2019. For more information about Cinda Danh or to get involved with the campaign, visit: <https://www.cinda-forlynn.com>.

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other pot shops do. She said her product will come from growers around the state and locally.

All proposed shops must be vetted by the city's Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review

Committee. So far the city has granted six shop openings, with eight allowed in the city. Before opening, the shops also have to be licensed with the state Cannabis Control Board.

Another pot shop, the Harvest Club, LLC, 461 Broad St. (the old Lynnway Auto Sales) withdrew its proposal with no reason cited.

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Breed Middle School.

The committee consists of Vanessa's former St. Mary's teammates Erica Sonia Richard, Colleen Clancy Bransfield, Janelle Bruno Hegarty, and Sarah Fitzgerald McCabe, along with Nicole Oak, Jeff Walsh, Tori Albano, Joe Masucci, and Jim Kefalas.

Vanessa's parents, Vinnie and Karen, her sister, Angela, brother, Joe, and sister-in-law, Jen,

will be at the tournament.

Erica Richard remembers the "off-the-field" Vanessa Masucci fondly.

"Outside the game, Vanessa was the funny girl that made friends with everybody, was always happy, and always had a smile on her face," said Richard, who is now the head softball coach at Lynn Classical. "At gametime, she was dialed in, cheering everybody on, pick-

ing everybody up. She was very competitive."

Ten teams will compete in the slow-pitch, double-elimination tournament, with the championship round set for Saturday night. There will be a home run derby Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Also on Saturday, there will be children's activities including a special bouncy house, face-painting and an appearance by Princess Elsa.

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LYNN CITY COUNCILOR, WARD 6

Fred Hogan has the spirit to serve Ward 6. As Fred stated, “We are Ward 6 that includes everyone”.

The next few weeks will be the big drive to have more people involved before the primary election. “We are doing a lot of campaigning, such as sign holdings, knocking on doors, leaflet drops, and meeting more people in Ward 6”, said Fred.

You can call Fred Hogan, “Mr. 24-7 Ward Councilor”. He is on top of every issue and will proceed to resolve it as quickly and for the best possible result. Fred responds back to his constituents either by phone or directly in person. He is the people’s person for Ward 6. His strong work ethic is a proven quality about his true character.

Fred is determined to make Ward 6 a safe area to reside. He and his family have lived in the Ward for over three generations. He is a stand-up individual who has been involved in community youth programs, organized Stop the Violence in Lynn, and has worked to improve Ward 6 each and every day for the past 25 years.



School Committee Member Donna and Former Ward 7 Councilor Harry Coppola with Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.



Dave Cameron and Terry Ward meets Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.



Ward Councilors for Fred Hogan: Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, Ward 5 Councilor Diana Chatkoutis, and Council President and Ward 3 Councilor Darren Cyr.



The Hogan family for Ward 6: John Hogan (brother), Kayla Hogan, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Kito Hogan (wife) LaShaunda Hogan, and Steve Daly.



Campaign staff members April Anderson and Deirdre Dorgan with Fred Hogan.



Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan thanks Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard and State Rep. Peter Capano for attending the reception.



Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi and Friendly Knights of St. Patrick Chairman William McDonald back Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.



Attending Fred Hogan’s Fundraiser – Ward 4 Councilor Richard Colucci, Councilor-at-Large Hong Net, and School Committee member Michael Sattlewhite.



Shannen Kidney and Fred’s daughter, Lashaunda Hogan.



Seymour McKenzie and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.

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LYNN DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE SUMMER PICNIC



Lynn Officials attend annual picnic – Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh, 11th Essex District State Rep. Peter Capano, Council President and Ward 3 Councilor Darren Cyr, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Ward 5 Councilor Diana Chatkoutis, Councilor-at-Large Brian Field and Buzzy Barton, and Ward 4 Councilor Richard Colucci.



Lynn Democratic City Committee registration table – Treasurer Jane Cahill, Laurie Walsh, Emcee Drew Russo, and Joseph Scanlon.



Ready to enjoy the annual Democratic picnic – Maureen Sullivan, Kelley Bourgeois with Donald and Betty McNeil.



Former Rotary President Steve Upton with Kathy Albee and Maureen Kidney.



Lynn Democratic members – Alfred and Agnes Ricko who serves on the MA State Democratic Committee meets Janet and Mark Brings.



Lynn Democratic Committee Members Peter Cipriano and Coco Alinsug with Tyler Carlton and Phil Kelley.



U.S. Senate candidate Shannon Liss-Riordan with her staffer, Emma Crowley.



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LYNN DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE SUMMER PICNIC



All smiles – Mehreen Butt and Vicky Poulos, a member of the Lynn Democratic City Committee.



Lynn School Committee Members – Lorraine Gately, Jared Nicholson, Donna Coppola, and Michael Satterwhite with his daughter, Arianna.



Ward 6 Candidate Cinda Danh with her staff members, Darlene Vu and Stephanie Raymond.



Michelle Fine, Debbie Friedlander, and Joseph Durant of the Organization of State Engineers and Scientist meet Secretary of State William Galvin and 8th Essex District State Rep. Lori Ehrich.



Three Generations at the grill – John, Jay, and Jayla Walsh.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

STUDENTS HELP WITH DESIGN OF PLAYGROUND

REVERE - When the students at the Paul Revere School return from their summer vacation on Aug. 27, they will find a newly rebuilt playground located behind the school.

And it's likely that they will like the design very much: the students themselves helped with the design of the playground, having submitted drawings for the new playground during a "Design Day" Monday in the school library.

Mayor Brian Arrigo and Project Manager Elle Baker joined representatives from KaBoom! and Keurig Dr. Pepper at the design session for the playground, which is named Consiglio Della Russo Park.

The playground is the result of the city's partnership with KaBoom!, a national non-profit dedicated to providing children with a safe and exciting to play, and Keurig Dr. Pepper (the K-Cups king and the soda company merged one year ago), who is the funding sponsor for the project as part of its "Let's Play" initiative launched in 2011 that promotes active play for children and families.

Keurig Dr. Pepper will pay for the new playground equipment for the park which will be available for use by Paul Revere students during school hours and all children after school and on weekends.

Arrigo said during the city's ongoing master planning process (Next Stop Revere), the Paul Revere School playground site was identified as one for investment and improvement.

"Following our conversations with Principal Donna Bonarrigo and school administrators, the City Council, in advance of getting the grant, appropriated the money and we're in line for over \$200,000 that will help pay for it," said Arrigo.

The mayor said he was impressed by the students' suggestions for the playground equipment.

"I'm excited to see the students give shape and form for some of what we're going to see on the playground," said Arrigo. "I can't wait to see the look on their faces when we get it built and it's the first day of school and they're opening up this beautiful, new playground behind the Paul Revere School."

Derrick Dixon, project manager for KaBoom! who really lit

up the room with his enthusiasm for the endeavor, said two of the students' most requested items for the new playground were tire swings and bounce-associated equipment. Other student-generated ideas included long slides, a wiffleball court, a basketball court, and a trampoline.

Paul Revere School Principal Donna Bonarrigo said the new playground will make a huge difference in the students' daily recess time. There are approximately 475 students enrolled at the school.

"We are so thrilled - it's going to make a huge difference to our school community," said Bonarrigo. "The fact that the city acted so promptly to pull in KaBoom! and bring in the grant, and get this playground built in a short turnaround time, is really impressive. It's going to be ready for the start of school and we're excited."

Baker said the city has collaborated with KaBoom! on two previous projects at Curtis Park in 2017 and Costa Park in 2014.

"KaBoom! is an amazing organization and they've connected us with Keurig Dr. Pepper company, a generous corporate sponsor that is promoting safe and active play spaces and making this project possible for our city," said Baker.

Baker is seeking 100 volunteers from the city for a community "build the playground day" on Aug. 23. She is also seeking volunteers to help unload the playground equipment on Aug. 21.

ZBA DENIES SPECIAL PERMIT

CHELSEA - In a split decision, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) denied a request for a special permit and variance for a proposed eight-unit, four-story, market-rate condominium project at 254 Spencer Ave.

In a 2-2 vote, ZBA members Arthur Arsenault and Marilyn Vega-Torres voted to okay the project, while members Hugo Perdomo and Joseph Mahoney voted to deny approvals, siding with the recommendation of Planning Director John DePriest.

DePriest stated that the conversion of the existing two-family house to eight units was too large for the site, and that the developers did not meet the hardship requirements to gain approval for the special permit and variances.

While the Planning Depart-

ment recommended no more than five units on the parcel, a number of neighbors and city officials came out in support of the project Tuesday night, much as they had done last month when the project was approved by the Planning Board.

"I would hate to see these units be abandoned, it is kind of an eyesore right now," said District 3 City Councillor Joe Perlatonda.

Perlatonda noted that the City has recently approved larger, affordable housing projects, such as at the old Midas site, and that 254 Spencer Ave. sits next to the 34-unit Acadia affordable housing development.

"The neighbors want this, I want this, and I don't think it should be limited to five units," said Perlatonda. "It's a great project, and I don't see why we wouldn't want it right now."

Richard Lynds, the attorney for developer Ricky Beliveau, said the four-story condo building would fit into the neighborhood by serving as a transition from the taller, five-story Acadia development on one side to the triple-deckers on the other side of 254 Spencer Ave.

To make the project work financially, Lynds said Beliveau needs the eight units at market rate. He said Beliveau would be investing \$2.5 million into the project, with units selling for about \$500,000 each.

"Ricky believes in the City of Chelsea," said Lynds. "For him to make this type of investment shows where his mind is and where his wallet is."

As the special permit and variance failed to garner the necessary vote, several of the supporters who attended the meeting voiced their displeasure to the board members and DePriest.

"We are going with what the law is in the books," said Mahoney.

After the meeting, Lynds said he and Beliveau will regroup to see what their next steps are for 254 Spencer Ave.

"It's too early to tell what we will do right now," he said. "We will look at all of our options."

Lynds said he was surprised by DePriest's staunch vocal opposition to the project.

"This was an opportunity for good, market-rate units," said Lynds.

JEWISH NURSING HOME TO BE RENAMED

CHELSEA - Chelsea Jewish Lifecare has announced that the

Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home, the flagship property of the organization, will be renamed The Katzman Center for Living in honor of Elliot and Donna Katzman.

The Marblehead couple, who made a significant donation to Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, have longstanding ties to the nursing home, the city of Chelsea and to the healthcare organization.

"We are enormously grateful to Elliot and Donna Katzman for such a generous gift," said Chelsea Jewish Lifecare CEO Barry Berman. "I have known the Katzman family for many years and am thrilled to have their name attached to the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home. Their support and friendship mean the world to us."

Elliot Katzman and Donna (Frangiamone) were classmates at Chelsea High, and will soon celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Both are Salem State alumni and the proud parents of sons and daughters-in-law Matthew and Katie, and David and Emily. They are even prouder grandparents to granddaughters Nora, Maggie, Julia and Clara. Elliot, a general partner at Commonwealth Capital Ventures, a private venture capital firm, has built some of New England's most successful technology companies.

"Donna and I are truly thankful for the love and kindness that Chelsea Jewish Lifecare has shown our family," said Katzman. "Our involvement began when my grandmother was a resident of the nursing home over forty years ago. Ten years ago my parents moved to the Cohen Florence Levine Estates Assisted Living where today my dad, Myer, still enjoys being a part of this caring community. Donna's mom, Mary Frangiamone, is a resident of the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home. We want to pay tribute to the mission of the organization's founders and the extraordinary leadership of Barry and Adam Berman."

Adam Berman, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare president, noted that the nursing home has played a significant role in the organization's history.

"The Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home is very near and dear to my heart," said Berman. "We are honored to have Elliot and Donna involved with this special residence and we truly appreciate their substantial contribution."

Founded in 1919, the non-profit Chelsea Jewish Lifecare is one of the largest provid-

ers of senior healthcare services in the region. The Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home, soon to be The Katzman Center for Living, underwent a dramatic \$16 million renovation in 2016.

COUNCIL VOTES DOWN CHURCH REQUEST

EVERETT - On June 24, Councilors debated at length about the petition of a local church owner to have donation bins on his property.

Council voted against this request by a tally of 7-3.

Pastor Denis Hernandez from Ministerio Monte de Sion (Mount Zion Ministry) at 108-144 Spring St. spoke before Council to request a new open-air parking license for the church property. The church owners want to use the space to house donation bins as well as trucks that can transport donations. The new license would not affect the church parking available for parishioners.

The item had been put forth for a Council vote by the Committee on Community and Business Development, which recommended favorable action. The license would be subject to general restrictions, including compliance with all local zoning ordinances. Had it been approved by Council, the next step would have been for the request to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and possibly the Planning Board.

However, the request gave pause to several Councilors due to its vagueness.

Hernandez wasn't able to answer Council's specific questions regarding the donation bins, possibly due to a language barrier. He couldn't tell Council who would be donating, what would be donated and where donations would be going.

Councilor John Hanlon was hesitant and wanted assurance that the Clerk or the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) would be able to inspect all donation bins in the city.

"We had major problems before with people filling up containers and shipping them out," he said. "I'd like to trust people all the time, but I want to be able to say we know exactly what's going on."

Councilwoman Rosa DiFlorio, who chairs the Committee for Community and Business

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Development, called the request "too broad."

"I'm not against the church, donating or charity, but unfortunately it's just not the right place for it," she said. "We don't know what's going to be there. Is there going to be food? Are we going to have rats? There's nothing that specifies what's going to be there."

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said that Council could write specific conditions into the license.

"These types of centers are important for donation purposes, especially when a country gets hit with a storm," he said.

Councilor Wayne Matewsky mentioned local apartments and hotels that could consider donation bins and box trucks an eyesore.

"This is something that should go to the Planning or Zoning Board before we vote on it," he said.

But Councilor Michael Marchese felt that wasn't necessary.

"Forget about the Zoning Board, let's make a decision right here," he said. "We rezoned this area recently. We shouldn't be putting that crap there. A church is one thing. I wouldn't welcome this into the city of Everett."

Councilor Fred Capone motioned to send the request to the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as the Planning Board, but only himself and Councilors Hanlon, Matewsky and Napolitano voted in favor of this.

Next, the Council took a vote to approve the request outright. The request was voted down by Council 7-3, with only Councilors Fred Capone, Michael McLaughlin, and Peter Napolitano voting in favor of it. (Councilor John McKinnon was absent from voting, though Clerk Cornelio noted that he had opposed the request in committee.)

COUNCILOR SEEKS TO BRING BIKE INFORMATION TO PUBLIC

EVERETT - At a recent City Council meeting, prior to the summer recess, Councilor Fred Capone suggested that the City work with the Police Department in order to bring bicycle safety and regulation information to residents, whether through live classes or televised programming on ECTV.

"I've been pushing bike safety for five years," he told the Independent. "We need to educate

folks about the rules of the road for bikes."

The councilor cited things like always biking with the flow of traffic, wearing safety gear and dressing in brightly colored clothing.

Councilor Capone said he has seen not only minors but adults biking recklessly, and is afraid that "someone's going to get hurt or die."

He claims that it is especially prudent now that Everett has taken steps to strengthen its cycling infrastructure, entering into contracts with two different bike-share companies, Lime and Bluebikes.

"It's irresponsible if the City provides ample access to bikes but then neglects the obligation to ensure that cyclists understand the rules of the road," said the councilman. "Without providing some safety information, serious injury or even a fatality is a real possibility."

Councilor Capone said he has asked the administration and the police department to take up the issue of bicycle safety in Everett for over four years, but that his request has "fallen on deaf ears."

The councilor is not alone in his thinking.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin also believes that bicycle safety needs to be taken seriously.

"We as a community need to do more on bike awareness and education of safety on riding," he said.

Bike awareness means not just educating cyclists about road rules, but educating drivers about how to keep bikes safe on the road.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 783 cyclists were killed in traffic accidents in 2017, with three quarters of these occurring in urban areas.

New York City Mayor and Presidential hopeful Bill De Blasio is currently calling for new bicycle safety measures when three cyclists died in the final week of June, bringing that city's cyclist death toll to 15 just this year.

New York's new measures include steep fines for driving or parking in a bike lane, not obeying pavement markings and not yielding to cyclists while making turns.

De Blasio promises to also crack down on cyclists biking the wrong way, biking through red lights and distracted cycling. City officials have proposed license plates for all bikes, knowing that traffic cameras can catch cyclists disobeying road rules even when

a police officer isn't present.

In Chicopee, Mass., a female cyclist lost her life on July 3, prompting town officials to recommit to bicycle safety initiatives.

Councilors in Everett are hopeful that they can take a lesson from New York and Chicopee and take action before any cyclist fatalities occur.

•Laws for Cyclists

According to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, cyclists must obey the rules of the road. These include obeying traffic laws; using correct hand signals when stopping, slowing and turning; yielding to pedestrians; keeping one hand on handlebars at all times; wearing an approved, fastened helmet if under 16; using reflectors before sunrise and after sunset; and meeting all standards of cycle equipping and modification.

•Laws for Drivers

Motorists in Massachusetts are responsible for knowing how to interact with cycles on the road. This includes yielding to oncoming cyclists when making left turns, checking for cyclists before opening their doors when parked and remaining a safe distance from cyclists when passing.

Disobeying traffic laws when it comes to bikes is punishable by fines just like any traffic violation. A comprehensive list of the bicycle laws in the state of Massachusetts can be found at mass-bike.org/laws.

SOCIAL CENTER RECEIVES GRANT FOR NEW WINDOWS

EAST BOSTON - Mayor Martin Walsh announced that the East Boston Social Centers and 17 other nonprofit organizations across the city would share in \$550,500 in grant funding through the City's Partners with Nonprofits Program (PNP).

The funding will allow the Social Centers and others to make public facility upgrades and on-site physical improvements, and will help them leverage more than \$1.7 million in capital improvements.

"I am proud that the Partners with Non-Profits program invests directly in organizations that offer so much to the people of Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "The commitment of the community service organizations receiving these grants is what helps make our city so strong. This program is an important tool we use to ensure that these organizations are able to continue their

work that benefits our neighborhoods and our residents."

Executive Director of the Social Centers Justin Pasquariello said his agency would be using the funding to remove and replace windows at the Central Square location.

"The City of Boston's Partners with Nonprofits program continues to provide critically needed funds for maintenance of our facilities, and we are deeply grateful to Mayor Walsh, Chief Dillon, and all who have made this possible," said Pasquariello. "This investment in window replacement will help us prevent water damage to our building and will improve our building's energy efficiency--enabling us to continue to provide highest quality services to the nearly 600 people we impact on a typical day."

Since 2014, the Partners with Nonprofits program, operated by the City's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), has awarded more than \$2.8 million in grants to neighborhood non-profits.

The program provides funding of up to \$40,000 for capital improvements, such as handicap accessibility upgrades, code repairs, or other infrastructure renovations, to neighborhood-based non-profit organizations through a competitive Request for Proposals process. Grants are made possible by the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

DeMARCO TO FILL VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

WINTHROP - The Town Council unanimously selected Rob DeMarco to fill the seat vacated by Councilor at-Large Mike Lucerto.

DeMarco was the only one to put his name in for a nomination since Lucerto resigned June 12. Lucerto stated he sold his house and was moving to Salem. This also came on the heels of several absence from council meetings.

DeMarco, a third-generation Winthropite, ran against Lucerto in 2017, but came up short despite garnering more than 1,700 votes.

"My first plan is to listen and keep my mouth shut," DeMarco said. "I think people do too much preaching of what they would like to see. I see my job as being a voice of the people and doing what the community wants. My first job is to listen to the com-

munity." DeMarco has been involved in youth sports and flag football at Ingleside. He serves on the Park Committee and has taught Catechism classes at St. John's. "I think I'm fairly well-known all over the town and I'm not going anywhere," DeMarco said. "I'm really humbled and honored by the opportunity to serve my town."

RESIDENTS UPSET OVER ZONING MESS

WINTHROP - For months the Center Business District (CBD) has been an area of concern for residents and town leaders, and with a developer interested in placing 30 residential units on Somerset Avenue, straightening out the zoning mess is crucial.

Town Council President Ron Vecchia said this has been clumsy since day one and he wants the Zoning Board of Appeals to come to a meeting and explain what happened.

At the center of the center issue is a "map" and a "line". The Zoning Board made it a little clearer on June 27 for one house at 20 Cottage Park Road, which was thought to be Residential A, but determined to really be mixed use.

At the July 2 Town Council meeting, the topic came up again with former Council President Tom Reilly (who helped draw up the town's charter) and his wife Donna Segreti-Reilly, who read a statement about getting citizens involved in the government process.

She stated that the 2014 process to re-define the Center Business District did not reach out to abutters and she has specific concerns.

"A petition put forth on May 27, 2018 was never heard or addressed," Segreti-Reilly stated. "It was about forthcoming building projects in Winthrop Center."

Tom Reilly, said when Terry Delehanty was Town Manager in 2017-2018, there were no single or multi-family homes in the Center District.

"The time to figure this all out is when there's not a developer involved," Reilly said. "There is a clause in the Charter for petitions, I helped write the Charter, I want a forum, discussion and the involvement of neighbors. I'm fed up! The council needs to stand up and take charge!"

After the Zoning Board meeting it appears the developer of 10-25 Somerset Ave. will seek to build four-story structure without a variance.

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JOHN 'JAY' WALSH RECEPTION

LYNN CITY COUNCILOR, WARD 7

Opening remarks from State Representative Peter Capano described Ward 7 Councilor John "Jay" Walsh as the "Nuts and Bolts" candidate. Jay has a vision for the city to move ahead into a new future; he takes care of the utmost concerns for his constituents as well as for the city.

Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh said, "If there is an issue on the streets, I will be there to correct the problem. I am a dedicated person who really cares. My phone is on all the time to respond to a problem. I work well with the City Council. We are meeting the many challenges facing us and we will pull through".

When looking around the room, many people are from West Lynn showing an acknowledgement for Jay. He is here for them by being accessible and by doing the job required as a Ward Councilor.



The Walsh family – John Sr., Jill, Jayla, Jay, Laurie, and Josh.



Charlie, Katie, and Roman Gallo at Jay Walsh's reception.



Thomas Dill of Lazy Dog Grill in Lynn meets Councilor Jay Walsh.



Former Lynn Councilor Joe Scanlon with Democratic State Committee Member Agnes Ricko.



Mayor Thomas McGee meets with Ward 7 Councilor John "Jay" Walsh.



North Shore Labor Council President Jeffrey Crosby and Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh.



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Cousins support Jay- Courtney Sullivan, Sue Sullivan, Jay Walsh, Lauren Pelusi, E.J. Ward, and Judy Currier.



Frank and Felicia Rooney with Lynn City Councilor Jay Walsh.



Ward 7 Residents Maureen and Charlene Kennedy greets Councilor Jay Walsh.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAME CHANGE GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING



Joining the morning GLCC gathering – Nathan Raustad of Wayne Alarm Systems in Lynn and Jacqueline Earley of Earley's Hair.

The Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce changed its name to the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce. A business resource fixture since 1914, Executive Director Colin Codner sees a new vitality appearing within the area and promoting a new commerce image. The GLCC mission is repositioning itself regionally as the North Shore begins to see an economic growth.

As Colin Codner explained the importance of the name change is, "The newly named Greater Lynn

Chamber of Commerce's goal to focus on regionalism. We encompass the Southern Essex County area which is a portion of the northern metro Boston area".

Regionalism can become the driving force toward a modern socio-economic development. It begins by incorporating the surrounding towns into the commerce core of the region. The renaming of the chamber will be a greater mainspring for the businesses in this area.



Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce Members – (L-R): GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner, Jerome Thomas, Nathan Raustad, Jacqueline Earley, GLCC Board Chairman Richard Wood, Emily Wood, GLCC Membership & Events Coordinator Samantha McHugh, GLCC Operations Manager Christine Neal, Kevin Dillon, William McClory, Carrie Cabot, and Joseph Scianatico.



Attending the morning GLCC new identity announcement – Kevin Dillon, GLCC Chairman Richard Wood, Emily Wood, William McClory, and Carrie Cabot of Creative Collective.



Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce staff – Membership Coordinator Samantha McHugh, Operation Manager Christine Neal, and GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner.



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