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MAYOR DEMARIA'S HOME BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM TRANSFORMS SEVERAL HOUSES IN EVERETT NEIGHBORHOODS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is happy to announce that through the City of Everett's new Home Beautification Program, several houses around the city have been beautifully transformed into renovated homes. Thirty-four houses have been completely updated to city standards and several more will be under construction starting in the spring.

"Everett has some of the most beautiful architecture and historic homes in the Commonwealth. It is important to maintain the old buildings that have made up the city landscape for decades," Mayor DeMaria said. "I am very grateful to the residents for improving their homes. Together, we are beautifying the city, one house at a time."

The goal of the Home Beautification Program is to improve a property's value and the value of surroundings properties, enrich the appearance of a neighborhood and create a healthy and safe living environment.

The City of Everett began the program in April to enforce the Massachusetts' sanitary code. City's Inspectional Services Department has issued 184 letters to residents whose homes violate regulations. The City recommends home improvements such as new paint, repairs to broken gutters and sinking porches, removal of overgrown vegetation, etc. The residents are advised to clean up any structural elements that may be dangerous to passers-by.

Through funds from the annual Community Development Block Grant, the City of Everett's Community Development and Housing office offers financial assistance to help qualified individuals make the necessary fixes to their houses.

"Not only does the Home Beautification Program improve curb appeal," said Mayor DeMaria, "it encourages residents to protect their investments. Renovations raise the homeowner's property value as well as those of neighboring houses."

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