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EVERETT IS BACK IN SCHOOL



Pictured top, Students filled the schoolyard at the Webster School for their first day on Tuesday. Above left, Aubree Matrinko waited for school to start at the Webster. Above right, Fifth grade students wore coordinating "Class of 2022" T-shirts. Bottom, See more photos on Page 6.

EBNHC provides update on CEO transition process

By John Lynds

Boston Since East Health Neighborhood Center President and CEO Manny Lopes made the shocking announcement earlier this month that he would be leaving his post to serve as Executive Vice President at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Lopes and the Health Center's Board of Directors provided an update on the transition process.

Lopes and the board's chair, Rita Sorrento, reported after a series of dis-

cussions and interviews, the Board has voted unanimously to appoint EBN-HC Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and Executive Director of Neighborhood PACE Greg Wilmot as Interim President and CEO effective November 1, 2021.

"Since joining the health center in 2017, Greg has made a considerable positive impact on staff, patients, and the EBNHC organization, as a whole," said Lopes and Sorrento in a joint state-

ment this week. "Greg's leadership has contributed to a more than 48 percent growth in the Neighborhood PACE program, which now boasts a 95 percent satisfaction score - among the highest in the nation.'

Lopes and Sorrento said after his promotion to COO last September, Wilmot played a key role in helping to design execute EBNHC's COVID-19 vaccination which result-

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EBNHC COO Greg Wilmot to serve as interim CEO after Manny Lopes leaves at the end of October.

State awards \$716,500 for flood resilience project

City officials received additional good news in their fight against flooding in the low-lying areas of Everett and Chelsea from the state on Tuesday morning with the announcement that Everett and Chelsea will receive \$716,500 from the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant awards.

The announcement was made at a press conference in Easthampton, by Governor Charles Baker and other state officials.

The money is earmarked to raise the height of the seawall as part of the Island End River Flood Resilience Project in Everett and Chelsea.

The Island End River is where the storm water from the North and South Creeks drain.

Environmental fairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides made the announcement "We are here to celebrate the continued success to address the effects of climate change. We have seen severe climate in Massachusetts, with many communities dealing with flooding during the hot

and wet summer.' Baker, commenting on the program, said, "When we constructed this program, it was the first of its kind in the country. There is a lot of work to be done right now to face

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Infrastructure projects, pension funding on track

By Stephen Quigley

With more than 60 percent of the City of Everett lying below sea level and surrounded by marshes and tidal rivers, flooding issues for residents in certain low-lying neighborhoods have increased over the last few decades. Only two weeks ago, when more than two inches of rain fell in a span of hours, some Everett residents experienced severe flooding similar to that of many other residents in flood-prone sections in the neighboring communities Chelsea.

While little can be done to stop rising sea levels attributable to climate change, Mayor Carlo De-Maria announced that

Phase 3 of his infrastructure repair plan for the Malden and Island End Rivers are underway with an expected completion date of late 2022.

The mayor said the goal of the project is to alleviate, if not eliminate, the flooding that residents of Tremont St., Elton St., Valley St., Waters Ave., Bellrock St., Air Force Road, and homes around Rossetti Park have experienced for decades.

A primary reason for the almost-constant flooding in these neighborhoods is the infrastructure that was designed quite some time ago to allow 60 percent of the storm water to flow quickly from the North and South Creeks into the

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Holly Garcia earns national pageant title

Everett resident selected Miss. U.S. of America Role Model

By Cary Shuman

Holly Garcia is spending a lot of her time campaigning for the Ward 4 seat on the Everett City Council.

But Garcia did take a break from her busy schedule in August to compete as Ms. Massachusetts U.S. of America in the national pageant in Connecticut, and she won, taking home the title of Miss U.S. of America Role Model.

Garcia, 30, said she has been competing in schol-

arship-based pageants since she was five years old. The victory in the Aug. 8 pageant was her fourth national title.

"I'm very proud to bring the title back to Everett," said Garcia, who is the daughter of Debbie (Snow) Garcia and the granddaughter of lifelong residents Alfred and Francis Snow. Her great-grandparents were originally from Spain.

The Miss U.S. of America Role Model title was based on Holly's outstanding record of community service and her academic achievements.

Garcia is the chairperson of the Everett Citizens Foundation, a leader in the Girl Scouts, and a National Council delegate for the Girls Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, in addition to being a volunteer for various city events.

Garcia is a 2009 graduate of Everett High School following 14 years of perfect attendance in the school system that included her years the Lafayette School. "I never missed



Senator Sal DiDomenico, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Governor Charlie Baker get a look first hand at the EHS COVID vaccine clinic, that has the capacity of about 200 shots per day.

Baker lauds local schools for high vaccination rate

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With 74 percent of 16-19 year-olds and 61% of 12-15 year-olds living in Everett now vaccinated against COVID-19, Governor Charles Baker visited the vaccine clinic at Everett High School on Monday afternoon to con-

gratulate city officials for doing their part in fighting the pandemic.

"Having an equitable plan to combat COVID-19 has been the key," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who led a host of city officials in greeting the governor. "I am extremely grateful for our partnership with Governor Baker. He is always responsive and helpful as he has assisted the City of Everett during these unprecedented times. Thank you to Governor Baker and his administration for their

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TEAM CAPONE KICKS OFF **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!**



City Councilor and candidate for Mayor of Everett Fred Capone with long time supporters Ron and Kathy.



Candidate for Mayor Fred Capone serving ice cream to volunteers.

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Stacy and Mayor Carlo DeMaria are very grateful for all of the volunteers and their continued support. Rain or shine. Team Carlo comes out in force every day to knock on doors (right), hold signs, (above) and make phone calls. They thank all the volunteers for another productive month of campaigning!



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ed in over 100,000 doses administered in communities hit hardest by the pandemic.

"Additionally, in the wake of last year's national reckoning on racial injustice, Greg led EBN-HC's Racial Equity Project, bringing an intentional and strategic focus to the health center's efforts to address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as a healthcare institution, business leader, and community partner," they said. "We feel strongly that given his experience, background, and history at the health center, Greg is a strong, dedicated, capable leader and is well-prepared to support this transition."

Prior to November, Lopes and Sorrento said the Board will work closely with Wilmot to ensure he is familiar with key initiatives and to make introductions where necessary

"Concurrently, EBN-HC's Board of Directors will continue to develop and define next steps to establish a permanent replacement," they said. "We estimate that this process will take several months.'

Prior to joining EBNHC in 2017, Wilmot worked at AllWays Health Partners, a member of Mass General Brigham, where he led the organization's MassHealth Accountable Care Organization

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strategy and operations. Additionally, Wilmot previously served as Boston Medical Center's director of business development, where he partnered with clinical and administrative leaders at the hospital and across key partners to create new opportunities for growth and expand clinical services and quality goals. Wilmot also worked for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's Executive Office of Health and Human Services as senior advisor and director of strategy and performance management and held various operational and management roles at Blue Cross Blue

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Garcia / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 a day of school, from

preschool all the way to twelfth grade," said Garcia proudly. While a student at EHS, Garcia was a four-

year member of the varsity hockey cheerleading team. She has been the

coach of that team for the past four years. Garcia went on to receive her Bachelor's degree in Justice Studies from Southern New Hampshire University in. 2013. She also received a Master's degree in Psychology from SNHU in 2015. She is currently a third-year law student at Massachusetts School of

"I'll sit for state bar exam in February of 2022," she noted.

Law and will graduate in

December.

Garcia has been working as an ABA therapist in the Everett school district at the Webster School and the Webster School Extension for the past eight

She is a first-time candidate for public office. "This is my first running, but I'm very eager to contribute all of my skills if elected," said Garcia. "My big platform is that I want to be the voice for the citizens. I grew up here. I have had a great experience living here, and I want that to continue. I've



Everett resident Holly Garcia was crowned Miss U.S. of America Role Model at the national pageant in Connecti-

been meeting different people during the campaign. I want to help the elderly, the veterans, the families."

A lifelong contestant in scholarship pageants

Holly Garcia, who is 5-feet, 3 inches, previously won national titles as the USA Junior Ambassador Miss in 2013, Miss Petite America in 2016, and America's Leading Edge Ms. in 2020.

"I find the pageant experience to be very rewarding," said Garcia.

At the age of 5, she asked her mother if she could compete in the 1995 Little Miss Hampton Beach Pageant. "I got first runner-up and I was hooked," recalled Garcia. "When I was 18, I did 20 pageants. What I really try to stress with my titles is that pageantry is so much more than glitz and glamour. I use my crown as my hardhat, and I'm out there working hard to help others and be a role model for young girls who also want to give back and do better for their community.

"My friends would say if I'm not at work, school, or a gym, I'm out saving the world - that is what I try to do," related Garcia. "Everything I do is for others."

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Island End River in Chelsea, with the remainder to go into the Mystic River and into the harbor.

DeMaria started Phase One of the project, focusing on the cleanup of the Island End River culverts that were filled with silt and debris, as well as the invasive phragmites that had brought the drainage of the river to only a weak flow. With the repair made to the culverts near the Produce Center, DeMaria and his team attacked the problems on the North Creek. Again, culverts and piping meant to direct water away from homes were clogged and ineffective at removing water.

Today, DeMaria and his staff have started the South Creek Stormwater Outfall Restoration Project. This is the last phase of the multi- year project and focuses on clearing culverts that are clogged and repairing broken storm water pipes. Fixing these problems will allow the storm water to move quickly away from the neighborhoods and into the Malden and Island End rivers.

"Our goal always has been to alleviate all flooding in these areas in typical weather events and to get pretty close when the 100-year storms hit," said Everett Conservation Agent Thomas Philbin.

DeMaria pointed out

that the failure to keep up with the maintenance of this infrastructure was just one example of what has been a decades-long

Today, with a solid bond rating, DeMaria is looking at making the necessary infrastructure repairs to the city's streets, sewers, and public buildings.

problem.

"Most of our senior debt comes from the bonds that were issued to pay for the new schools that were built 20 years ago," De-Maria said. With this debt retired, DeMaria is looking to use the savings to fund needed projects and programs.

Moving cautiously to maintain the city's AA+ bond rating, DeMaria keeps a tight control on the spending of tax dollars. DeMaria said he balances the priority of the order of projects, knowing that he must answer to the taxpayers and voters for any increase in the tax rate or loss of quality of life.

The mayor noted that he earmarks between \$4 to \$5 million in the budget for new or resurfaced streets. sidewalks, and curbing. "The Elm Street and Ferry Street project alone will cost \$30 million," he said, adding, "We received a federal grant to pay the majority of the cost for this project."

One of the biggest areas of concerns for many communities is their un-

derfunded pension obliga-

"When I took office, less than 40% of the city's future pension obligations were funded," said De-Maria. "Today more than 62% percent of all pension costs are funded. And by 2031, 100% of Everett's pension cost will be funded, nine years ahead of the state requirement."

Looking at new growth and better uses of existing commercial land inside Route 16 also is a priority for DeMaria.

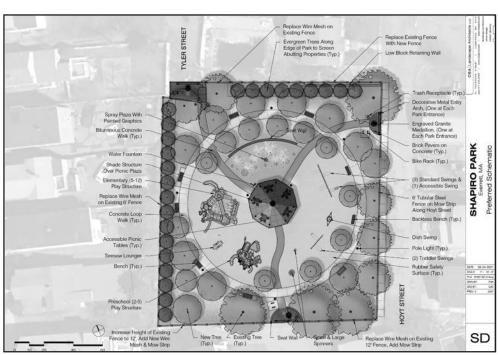
"This is where the large commercial development will take place, not in our existing neighborhoods," said the mayor. "These new developments have resulted, and will continue to result, in increased tax revenue."

DeMaria also highlighted the renovated Hancock St. and Central fire stations, while looking to future projects, such as the new police station that will be ready in five years and the renovated senior center that will be completed in two years, while continuing to maintain his fiscal handle on the city's finances that have kept the bond rating at AA+ for the past six years.

"There is a reason why Everett was named a top city to live in," DeMaria said, adding, "We have what present and future residents are seeking now.



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After hearing about resident concerns regarding the schematics and design of the new Shapiro Park, Mayor DeMaria and the Administration took action. The City of Everett used the feedback from the community meetings and worked with the architect to develop the new design of Shapiro Park. The park will include a splash pad, a shade structure over the picnic plaza, new play structure, new benches, accessible picnic tables and much more.

Residents to participate in Boston Marathon

Three residents from Everett will choose their own route on October 3 for the annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to "Walk Your Way" from wherever they are most comfortable—whether that be from their neighborhood, local park, favorite trail, or even a treadmill in their own home.

Marlene Escobar, Claire Kelly, and Stephanie Lafontaine, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer

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\$21 million to implement

climate change-resisting

Polito added, "There is a

lot of demand and need

from communities." She

noted that these grants

first require planning and

management by municipal

officials and then action

once the communities re-

ceive the funds to imple-

cities and towns partic-

ipating in the program,

there is stiff competition

to secure ample grant

funds to undertake flood-

"I'm grateful for the

funding that the cities of

Everett and Chelsea have

received for the Island

End River," said Everett

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center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$150 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30+ year history.

Walk Heroes matched with Jimmy Fund Walk teams to give participants an opportunity to connect with patients. Everett resident Stephanie Lafontaine is a Walk Hero for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk and will help inspire walkers as they partake in this year's virtual event. Images and stories of Walk Heroes will be accessible to inspire walkers. Stephanie was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer. Stephanie walks on Team IBC and is matched with Team IBC as well.

"Thanks to my amazing care team at Dana-Farber, and especially the Inflammatory Breast Cancer team, I was able to get through 19 months of treatment and continue following my passion for

and underwater photography," Stephanie writes. "While we can't see ev-

eryone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual program to give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in their own way," said Zack Blackburn, director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. "Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to defy cancer."

To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) to support a walker visit www.JimmyFundWalk. org or call (866) 531-9255. All Jimmy Fund Walk participants are encouraged to utilize the Charity Miles App to help with training and fundraising, engage with Dana-Farber patient stories and podcasts, and much more! Download the app here.

climate change. Today, warehouse facilities locat- complete the project enwe have given to 82 oth- ed in this area. We have titled, 'Island End River er communities more than electric generation facili- Flood Resilience Project.' ties, fuel storage facilities, and commuter rail service in that area. We need to act

> assist us in doing so." The following is the letter of congratulations to the city officials from Baker and Polito:

> now and this funding will

"We are pleased to notify you that the City of Everett has been awarded a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program action grant in the amount of \$716,500 to

We want to thank you for your commitment to implementing priority climate change adaptation actions identified through your MVP planning process, or similar change vulnerability assessment and action planning process. We want to commend application to our grant program and look forward to partnering with you on

From the Mayor's Office

Meet the team: Stephen Ramunno

Stephen Ramunno is an employee of the Police Department and has worked with the City of Everett for 5 years.

What do you do in the City?

"I am a Community Service Officer. As a Community Service Officer, my role falls under the umbrella of community services, youth resources, and school resources. Anything the City needs us to do, we do."

What is your favorite part about working for



the City?

"Being from Everett, born and raised here, I really enjoy being able to serve the community I very much call home."

What is the biggest les-

son you've learned from your role?

"Over the course of the pandemic, I've learned that you can't take anything for granted. Even in our tightknit community, people here still need help and it's nice to be in the position to do that."

What do you like to do when you are not work-

"Spending time with my dog, family, and friends, going to the gym, doing yoga, and meditating."

City of Everett's Transportation Planner Jay Monty accompanies team from MassDOT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass-DOT) conducted a Roadway Safety Audit of Revere Beach Parkway (Rt. 16) in Everett on Wednesday, August 25.

"Revere Beach Parkway is an exceptionally busy roadway in our community that needs to be improved," said Mayor DeMaria. "I am grateful to MassDOT for visiting Revere Beach Parkway to conduct this audit to assess the improvements that are needed. These enhancements would help our community safely travel throughout the City."

The audit was conducted between Lewis Street and Everett Avenue to formally identify and document safety issues with the roadway as it pertains to drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. It involved approximately 20 transportation specialists including planners, engineers, and public safety (fire/police) officials.

This is the first step towards making short-term improvements to the road including traffic signals, crosswalks, and sidewalks as well as potentially longterm improvements to the entire roadway. These improvements would enable safer for all users of the

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Massachusetts Department of Transportation conducted a Roadway Safety Audit of Revere Beach Parkway (Rt. 16) in Everett on Wednesday, August 25.

The City of Everett received notice that the potential project to reconstruct this section of Revere Beach Parkway has received approval from MassDOT's Project Review Committee. Because of this approval, the City may be eligible for up to \$15 million in federal funding to make the improvements. This is an important step in the right direction.

The proposed improvements on Revere Beach Parkway are crucial to maintaining safety and functionality in the City of Everett. This road has a long history of accidents at its major intersections cause of these accidents at these major intersec-

tions. It is substandard and conducive to speeding and crashes.

Sharing the road with non-automobile modes of transportation has become an issue. Pedestrian accommodations such as sidewalks at intersections are of poor quality or do not exist at all. For cyclist, there are no designated bike lanes for a safe ride.

As developments occur and new properties come to the area, Revere Beach Parkway will require safer and cohesive conditions. These enhancements to the road are necessary to accommodate new members of the growing community. This will accominvolving both vehicles modate future traffic and and pedestrians. One transit needs such as the anticipated expansion of is the roadway geometry the MBTA Silver Line to Everett.

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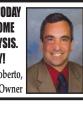
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following

Whereas a petition has been presented by: **Property Address:** 114 Spring Street Map/Lot: K0-06-000073 Person Requesting: Richard Beliveau **Nead Realty**

17 Ward Street Hingham, MA 02043

PROJECT PROPOSAL (the following has been previously Remove all existing structures and construct a new building with

363 residential apartments and up to 7,490 sf of retail space. The Mixed-use Building is proposed to consist of twenty-one (21) stories with 340 proposed parking spaces. The property is within the Commercial Triangle Economic Development District (CTEDD) zoning district.

Reason for Denial: Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning

Ordinance Appendix A as follows: REASON FOR REFFERAL BACK TO THE ZBA:

The applicant is requesting to amend the approved FAR,

the project shape, height or mass will not change. Floor Area increases are due to creating a more efficient design regarding structural changes.

Relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals has been granted to allow a proposed FAR 9 to 1 (nine to one). The amended FAR will be increased to 9.43, and will require

a finding that a change, extension, or alteration shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.

Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals MARY GERACE - Chairman

Roberta Suppa - Clerk **Board of Appeals** September 1, 2021

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ENJOY A SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

There's a temptation for people to splurge at the end of things. We all are familiar with the idea, "If this is the last, let's make it a blast!"

We don't have anything against that sentiment, but all too often that sort of mindset leads to risky behavior and tragic outcomes. If there is nothing else we have learned after being

in the newspaper business for more than 50 years, it is this: A person can do everything right and live by the book for their entire life, but all it takes is one mistake of judgment that can change everything, both for themselves and others.

Persons who otherwise might not have a drinking problem can indulge just a bit too much at an event such as an end-of-summer celebration and -- presto, in the snap of a finger -- they have killed or maimed themselves or others in a driving, boating, or other accident.

And then there are the problem drinkers among us who look for any excuse to "celebrate," which means getting hammered at a Labor Day weekend gathering, instantly making them a threat to the safety of themselves and others.

However, the usual excessive partying is not the only danger we face this Labor Day weekend. The Delta variant of COVID-19 is lurking everywhere and no one -- not even the vaccinated -- are safe from infection.

As we are writing this, the forecast calls for a sunny Labor Day weekend with pleasant temperatures in the 70s (a welcome respite after our washouts of the Memorial Day and July 4 holiday weekends), which means that we will be able to engage in our Labor Day activities outdoors where we can socialize safely -- though

But if our festivities are not outside, all of us need to be wary of gathering indoors unless everybody is

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

THE 13 SERVICE MEMBERS WERE TRUE HEROES

Every American was saddened last week upon hearing the news of the suicide bombing by a terrorist in Afghanistan that claimed the lives of 13 U.S. service men and women, 11 of whom were Marines and one each from the Army and Navy.

If any of our readers have not had a chance to read the personal stories of these brave and dedicated young men and women, we encourage you to do so. Their life-stories are inspirational and demonstrate the high-quality of the dedicated individuals who serve in our armed forces today. They were amazing young men and women who came from disparate backgrounds and from all across the country, but who stood united in their desire to show the world the best that America can be.

These 13 service members knew of the danger they were facing outside of the Abbey Gate at Kabul's Hamid Karzai Airport, yet they continued to process the hundreds of Afghan nationals who were seeking to come to the United States to flee persecution from the Taliban.

They did their duty in the face of danger for which they made the ultimate sacrifice.

Contrary to what the pundits and usual-suspect politicians are saying, the incredible effort by these 13 soldiers and their comrades that resulted in the airlifting of more than 125,000 of our Afghanistan allies stands as a testament to the ability of our military to complete its mission.

No other nation on earth could have accomplished what we did in Afghanistan over the past two weeks -and no other nation even remotely will be able to come close in the future.

Our military could have packed its bags and said, 'Good luck," when the Afghan government fled, but instead we made a herculean effort to get our people and allies out of the country.

The Supreme Sacrifice made by those 13 servicemen and women forever will stand as a reminder to the world of America's resolve and strength, which once again has proven that we are the greatest and strongest nation on earth by any measure.

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Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

A community must honor its seniors

By Councilor Fred Capone

Our Seniors have much to offer, a lifetime of experience and wisdom to share. Seniors should be respected and appreciated. My grandmother, Lena Navarro, inspired me to engage in public service. Active in numerous charitable organizations, her favorite volunteer effort was serving on the Everett Council on Aging. As a young man, I served on the Common Council and would often visit my grandmother and other seniors at the former Armory – now the Connolly Center. Whenever I visit the Center, I recall all

those wonderful memo-

Dale Palma, Director of the Council on Aging and an exceptional employee, does a tremendous job serving our seniors. However, there are many things we can do to improve the quality of life for our seniors. The Connolly Center should be updated to better serve their needs. We should constantly add and improve services, increase instructional and volunteer opportunities, and increase entertainment activities. Seminars to educate and inform our seniors should be conducted more frequently. Outdoor exercise

programs would offer a change of scenery and fresh air. I would like to enhance volunteer opportunities with the city to help seniors reduce their real estate tax burdens, and establish programs to assist seniors experiencing financial difficulties.

A significant concern for many seniors is lack of reliable, affordable transportation. Many seniors miss out on city sponsored events and incur difficulty running basic errands due to transportation issues. I would like to implement a senior shuttle that travels to key locations and special events within our city. Outreach services should

be expanded to those seniors who cannot travel. I would appoint a city liaison, dedicated exclusively to address issues facing our seniors, to help reduce frustration and confusion with regard to senior-related matters.

As your Mayor, no senior will lack the basic necessities to enjoy their Golden years and we will continuously find ways to enhance their quality of life. For other areas of concern or ideas, please visit my webpage at www. fredcaponeforeverett.com

Fred Capone is a City Councilor, and a candidate for mayor.

GUEST OP-ED

Afghanistan will never go away

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Afghanistan is an unending nightmare that will never go away.

We got Osama Bin Laden. We wanted to avenge the heinous deaths of September 11, 2001. We were all mad and we are still angry about what evil people did on that day. We will never forget. We could have covertly taken out Bin Laden and many more terrorists without all that our political leaders have done over the last 20

Thousands of parents lost their children in Afghanistan. Thousands of spouses lost husbands and wives. Children lost their parents. These precious Americans will suffer the rest of their lives over the loss of their loved ones.

The long Afghanistan war broke the hearts of Americans as 6,294 Mil-

itary and American contractors have been killed. Sixty-six thousand Afghan national military and police have been killed. Over 47,000 Afghan civilians killed. Aid workers killed. Journalists killed. The Afghanistan and Iraq war has cost Americans \$2 trillion. Financially it will never be over for most living Americans.

There are reports that the United States has committed to pay \$2 trillion more in health care, disability, burial and other costs for roughly 4 million Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans. America has a tough job caring for our own Veterans. For years we did a very poor job of providing good care for Veterans with physical and mental needs.

The estimated interest costs of these wars by 2050 is \$6.5 trillion.

There will never be an end to our 20-year nightmare war in Afghanistan. Families will suffer every day from the grief of the loss of loved ones who sacrificed their lives. Every year we all will pay on the trillions of dollars in debt created by the war. For the rest of most American's lives, we will pay on the trillions of dollars of money that we have committed to care for Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans. As we pay these huge obligations, Americans will struggle to pay for health care. Senior adults will be given minimal cost of living increases. American young people will be

Further, reports indicate that we have handed over to the Taliban approximately 22,000 Humvees, 8000 large trucks, 42,000 websites and blogs across pick-up trucks, 358,000 the United States.

buried by college debt.

assault rifles, 64,000 machine guns and 126,000 pistols, plus 155 mineproof vehicles. We have equipped them with billions of dollars of highpriced items that we will pay on forever. They will use American equipment to dominate a defenseless nation of people that will now be left behind to try to survive a revitalized Taliban.

We may be finally leaving Afghanistan, but Afghanistan, for our generation, will never go away.

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,

KALEIGH SNOOK RECEIVES CAPONE ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured from left to right are Atty. Michele Capone, Kaleigh Snook and Atty. Fred Capone.

Kaleigh Snook recently received the Law Office of Capone and Capone - Italian American Association Scholarship for 2021.

Kaleigh is a 2021 graduate of Everett High School. She was a fouryear member of the Ice Hockey team, and a threeyear member of the Field Hockey team, serving as Captain on both squads in her senior year. addition, Kaleigh was a four-year member of the softball team, a student ambassador and a member of the E Club. She is currently attending Uni-

versity of Massachusetts

at Amherst. Kaleigh in-

tends to pursue a career as a speech pathologist. She was selected for the scholarship based on her academic performance, community involvement and the strong personal statement contained in her application. The \$1,000.00 scholarship is contributed by the Law Office of Capone & Capone on an annual basis for deserving students. "We are so proud of Kaleigh and all accomplishments. She is an amazing young woman and we wish her continued success. Congratulations to Kaleigh

and her proud family."

said Fred and Michele.

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CARLO DEMARIA

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EVERETT

ON SEPTEMBER 21



A Note from Stacy DeMaria

Dear Neighbors,

Many of you know Carlo as Mayor, but to me, he is a husband, father, friend and confidant.

Over the years, I have been so proud of the dedication that my husband, Carlo, has shown to the City of Everett. Being married to a Mayor isn't always easy. You have to deal with long days and nighttime events and meetings. You learn to expect middle-of-the-night phone calls and missed dinners. You know that when you hear fire sirens, he will probably be putting on his coat to go check on the families and our firefighters, and when it snows, he will be out inspecting the plowing.

But it is hard to not be supportive when Carlo loves Everett as much as he does. I'm never more proud of Carlo than when he comes home after a day of long meetings, tired but energized by a new idea or progress.

My family truly lives and breathes the City of Everett. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

On September 21, I will be going to the polls to vote for my husband, Carlo DeMaria, for mayor. I am asking you to join me in supporting Carlo.

Sincerely, Stacy DeMaria





JOIN OUR TEAM!









M A Y O R D E M A R I A 2 0 2 1 @ G M A I L . C O M

EVERETT'S STUDENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Students throughout Everett returned to school on Tuesday morning. At the Webster, Principal Chris Barrett greeted students and their families as they gath-

ered. Students will be required to wear masks for in person learning until at least October 1, according to the mandate by Commissioner Jeff Riley, unless they have

an existing medical issue preventing the student from wearing a mask.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Principal Chris Barrett was at the Webster to welcome students and their parents back.



School Committee member Millie Cardello dropped her grandson Sammy off at the Webster School on Tuesday morning.



Jaylah Marinez and Jaclyn Gallison lined up at the Webster for the first day of school.



Kauan Alves and Laila Martignago waited for the bell to ring for the first day of school at the Webster.



Hunter Medairos and his friend Kaitlyn Merrero walked to school on Tuesday morning.



Kenny Ferullo masked up for the first day of school.



Mark Elton Duperrier and his father Berthony were welcomed by reading teacher Amy Morrill.

Giovanni Zampitella, Aubree Martinko, Nelson Carballo, Emily Perez, and Kethley Diossantos lined up outside of the

ON SEPTEMBER 21st VOTE STEPHANIE V. SMITH CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE



#10 ON THE BALLOT

MOTIVATED, APPROACHABLE AND HARD-WORKING
I'M EAGER TO GET INVOLVED, FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS, AND

READY TO DO THE WORK NECESSARY TO KEEP EVERETT AN **EXCITING AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY**



Students gathered in the school yard for the first day of school at the Webster.

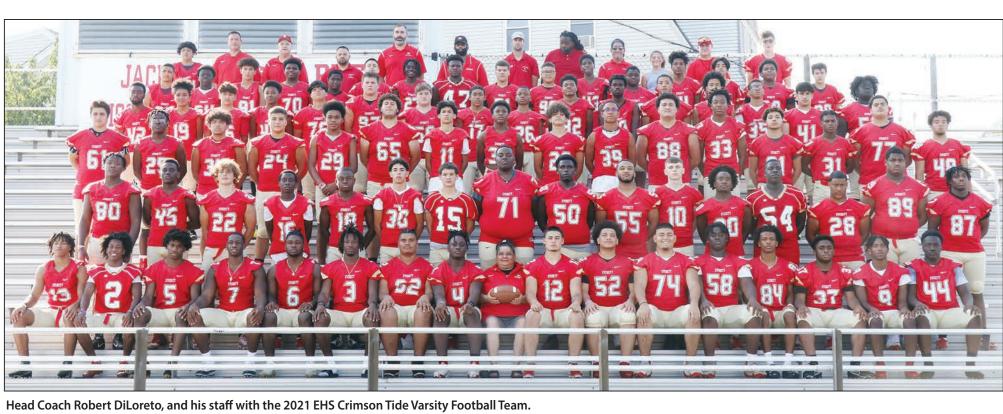
2021 EVERETT FOOTBALL

The Everett High School football team is continuing its pre-season practice sessions at Everett Memorial Stadium in preparation for its 2021 season opener Sept. 10 against Xaverian High School.

Coach Rob DiLoreto and his staff have been working with close to 100 athletes who will be partici-

pating in the football program this season. The excitement is again brewing

for Everett's many supporters, who have come to expect excellence from the hometown football team.





Head Coach Robert DiLoreto (second from left-rear), with his staff: front row: John Romboli, Greg Bluestein, and John Capta. Back row; Mac Powell, Robert DiLoreto, Chris Miller and Claude St. Juste.



The 2021 Crimson Tide Captains: front row: Jaylen Murphy, Jayden Clerveaux, Moses Seide; Back row: Jayden Biggi, Ismael Zamor, Darrion Green and Joe Murillo.



The backfield of the Crimson Tide: front row; Syeed Gibbs, Sebastian Bryan, Moses Seide. Back row; Fabieri Fabert, Darryl Monvil, Ismael Zamor, Cam Mohamed, Matheus Merino and Brian Gibbs.



The wide receivers of the Crimson Tide, front row; Karily Petion, Brian Gibbs, Richard Diaz and Johey Jacques. Back row; xx, Richie Malloy, JJ Costa, Frank Valasquez, Darrion Green and Jayden Clerveaux.



The 2021 Seniors of the EHS Crimson Tide.

Sports

EHS GIRLS SOCCER

Girls soccer got underway for area high schools on Sunday and the Everett Crimson Tide were among a multi-team field that participating in a Jamboree at Medford High School.



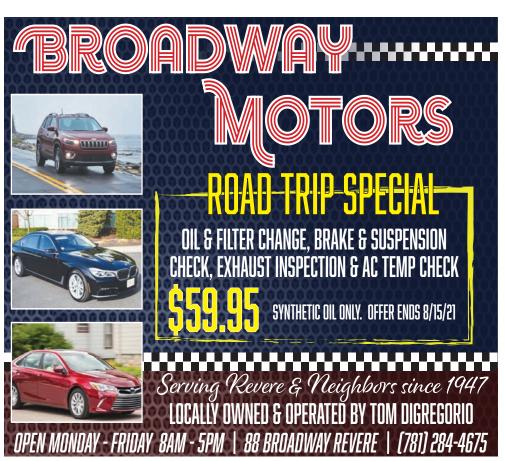
Citali Marquez Cortez (10), Leticia Zavala Ayala (13) and Caelle Gauvin (3) moving the ball down field.



Shyann Ambersley determined to get the ball to the goal.



Stephanie Azurda fights for the ball.



EHS Roundup

EHS FALL SPORTS **SWING INTO GEAR NEXT WEEK**

With the pandemic restrictions of 2020 hopefully in the rear-view mirror and a return to near-normalcy on the horizon, the Everett High fall athletic season is set to get underway next week. The boys and girls soc-

their 2021 campaigns against Greater Boston League rival Revere on Tuesday, September 7. Coach Pedro Blas and his boys will host the Patri-

cer teams will kick off

ots at 7 Acre Park at 4:00, while the girls, under the direction of first-year head coach Sheryl Steeves, will make the short trek to Re-"We're still in the pro-

cess of selecting the varsity team," said Steeves, a former star player for Everett High who served as the assistant coach under long-time head coach DeAnn Gallagher (who stepped down upon having a child recently).

The 2021 edition of the Lady Crimson Tide will be led by a pair of captains, Gitalia (Gigi) Boyce and Mariana Madrigal Orrego. "The pre-season has

been going well," added Steeves. "We played in a jamboree on Sunday. We beat Chelsea in the first game 2-0 and we lost the second game to Austin Prep 3-0." Steeves and her crew

were scheduled to engage in another scrimmage today (Wednesday) against Dracut.

After their season-opening contests with Revere on Tuesday, both the boys (away) and girls (at EHS) will take on Medford next Thursday.

Coach Brendan Hahesy and the EHS cross country team also will get going on Tuesday with a meet against Lynn English on the tricky course at Lynn Woods.

O'Donnell

and the EHS field hockey squad will open their season next Wednesday when they host Malden at 7 Acre Park. The EHS volleyball

Melissa

team under coach Jennifer Spayne opens its season next Thursday (September 9) at GBL foe Medford.

Coach Steve Gallagher and the EHS golf team are scheduled to host Revere on the Mt. Hood course on Monday, September 7 and will play at Medford on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

City Year Greater Boston to partner with Everett Schools

City Year Greater Boston, an education organization that helps students and schools succeed, announced the official launch of its expanding partnership to five K-8 schools in the Everett Public Schools district. Formerly City Year Boston, City Year Greater Boston will partner with George Keverian, Madeline English, Lafayette, Albert N. Parlin, and Whittier schools in the Everett district, and an additional 15 Boston Public Schools.

For over 30 years, City Year Greater Boston has partnered with schools, bringing together diverse young adults to serve full time in schools as AmeriCorps members, helping prepare students with the skills and mindsets to thrive in school and in life. This year, City Year Greater Boston will place 200 AmeriCorps members across 20 schools. Diverse, trained teams of City Year AmeriCorps members serve as student success coaches, helping students build on their strengths and cultivate foundational social-emotional, and academic skills, whether that's learning to work in teams, cope with frustration, or master fractions – skills that are important in school and in life.

"City Year is an ideal reflection of our Core Values of Integrate, Access, Empower, and Cultivate," said Superintendent Priya Tahiliani. "It has a proven track record in serving student populations like ours. Districts that partner with City Year see better student outcomes. And we are thrilled to be able to launch this partnership in all of our K-8 schools simultaneously." When learning environ-

ments shifted to remote in Spring of 2020, City Year adapted its service model to continue to meet the needs of students, teachers, and schools by supporting Google and Zoom classroom spaces, hosting online office and enrichment hours, and continuing to work with students individually and in small group settings. A 2021 case study by Motivation, Mindset & Equity

Consulting captured City

Year's ability to respond



AmeriCorps members in their red City Year jackets gather in front of Albert Parlin School.

George Keverian, Made-

line English, Lafayette,

Albert N. Parlin, and

Engines, we're committed

to supporting the commu-

nities where we live and

work," said Joe Nedder,

Chief Operating Officer

at Edelman Financial En-

gines. "As a board mem-

ber for City Year Greater

Boston, I have had the

privilege of seeing the

results of the great work

they do every year and

by sponsoring City Year's

'Whole School Whole

Child' program, we are

proud to be a part of sup-

porting their amazing

work to help students in

our local area develop the

tools and skills they need

to succeed in the future."

Each of the Everett

schools partnering with

"At Edelman Financial

Whittier schools

and adapt to distance and hybrid learning during the pandemic. Some key findings include:

Modeling a personalized approach to learning and development at all levels of the organization allowed for nimbleness and innovation during a global pandemic.

Prioritizing trust and strong relationships are the foundation for successful personalization of learning for young people.

Leaning into building strong developmental relationships proved critical for maintaining student engagement.

"I cannot convey how appreciative I am to have City Year in my class. Not only do they provide more engagement and allow for differentiation and targeted support, but City Year simply provides another caring and positive role model," one partner teacher shared. "With our school fully in remote learning...this cannot be understated. Our City Year team has helped to create a positive culture and a place where students feel welcomed and appreciat-Expansion Supported

by Edelman Financial Engines, Wellington Management Company and Comcast

To support this expansion, Edelman Financial Engines, Wellington Management Company, and Comcast have each committed \$100,000 to sponsor teams of AmeriCorps members in full-

time service at the Sumner G. Whittier, Lafayette and Albert N. Parlin schools for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Teams of AmeriCorps

members

will

serve

City Year Greater Boston will work with teams of eight AmeriCorps members and a full-time staff member. The first day of school for Everett schools is Tuesday, August 31st where students will be greeted by their City Year

AmeriCorps members.

"The City Year partner-

ship extends over a period of years, so our students can 'grow up' with the program," said Madeline English School Principal Theresa Tringale. "Students really benefit from extra support as they advance from third through eighth grade, when they need help in developing an understanding of who they are and how that will set them on a path of lifelong learning and success." In addition to its expan-

sion and subsequent name change, City Year Greater Boston will also announce a new Executive Director this fall.

News in Brief

TALK TIME AT RGB INTERNET RADIO TO HOST **EVERETT MAYORAL** ROUNDTABLE

Join us on Wednesday, September 15, at 7:00 pm. for a special TALK TIME talk show on RGB Internet Radio. We will be hosting the Everett Mayoral Candidate Roundtable LIVE! Our guests, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Councilwoman Gerly Adrien, and Councilman Fred Capone will discuss their plans to make Everett a better place to live and will also address resident concerns. Listeners are invited to call in or email questions or comments for the candidates. The roundtable will also be live streamed on Facebook.

It's a Night at the Roundtable with the mayoral candidates, and it's LIVE!

You won't want to miss this! Tune in Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm to TALK TIME! To listen to the roundtable discussion LIVE, download the FREE RGB Internet Radio app from the Apple or Google Play stores, or go to www.rgbinternetradio.com.

SEPTEMBER 11 **MEMORIAL EVENT**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will be hosting a memorial event commemorating the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on Saturday, September 11th. The event will occur outside of the Parlin Library on School Street and will begin at 8am.

"September 11 was a tragic day in our nation and I cannot believe that 20 years has passed by so quickly," said Mayor DeMaria. "The City of Everett is proudly hosting this memorial event not only to acknowledge the anniversary, but to recognize all the lives that were lost, especially those from Massachusetts. My heart continues to break for all of the victims and their families."

The memorial event will include a speaking program as well as music courtesy of the Everett High School Band and the Singing Trooper. During the memorial, there will be a moment of silence at 8:46am, the time the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center, to pay tribute and reflect on the tragedy. All members of the

community are encouraged to attend and join the City of Everett in commemorating the 20th anniversary.

CELEBRATES TO MARK BRAZIL'S **INDEPENDENCE** DAY Mayor Carlo DeMaria

CITY OF EVERETT

is pleased to announce that the City of Everett in will be raising the Brazilian flag to celebrate Brazil's Independence Day. The ceremony will occur on Tuesday, September 7 at 12:30pm outside of City Hall on Broadway.

"Raising the Brazilian flag on the Brazil's Independence Day is truly an honor," said Mayor DeMaria. "There are numerous members of our community that have moved to Everett from Brazil or have Brazilian heritage and I am proud to celebrate this day with

them. It is my hope that

our community can join together and continue to celebrate all cultures and traditions."

Brazil achieved independence in 1822 and this year marks the 199th celebration. Everett has a strong Brazilian influence and the City of Everett is looking forward to celebrating this occasion with the community.

DEMARIA TO HOST CITYWIDE COMMUNITY MEETING

is pleased to announce that he will be hosting a citywide community meeting at Rivergreen Park on 1 Rivergreen Drive on Wednesday, September 8 at 7pm to discuss the developments and improvements in the City of Everett.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria

"My Administration and I have enjoyed meeting with the community over the past few months," said Mayor DeMaria. "Throughout the ward community meetings, we have learned about the current issues that are affecting the residents. We listened to the feedback we received and have taken action to rectify situations. I hope that this citywide community meeting will help reflect the advancements that the City has made."

During the meeting, there will be a presentation of the Mayor's vision titled "Envisioning Everett" highlighting the progress that has been made in the City of Everett as well as the future plans.

All attendees that arrive before 7pm will receive a raffle ticket to win an iPad and Apple AirPods. To qualify to win, you must be present at the event by 7pm and be present at the end of the event for the drawing. 1 chance per attendee.

MAYOR DEMARIA TO HOST COMMUNITY **MEETING AT** 97 SUMMER STREET LOT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that he will be hosting a community meeting at the 97 Summer Street Lot on Thursday, September 9 at 6pm to further discuss its upcoming renovation.

"The 97 Summer Street Lot is a unique space in the community that it presenting us with many options of how to develop it," said Mayor DeMaria. "Although I had thoughts of building a park, I understand that not all the neighbors agree with this idea. My Administration and I are looking forward to meeting with community to gather feedback regarding this space." The 97 Summer Street

Lot is a vacant lot and has developed a conversation among residents and community members. The City of Everett is looking forward to listening to concerns and hearing community responses to a few different ideas.

HELPING HANDS FOR HAITI DISASTER

will be hosting a "Helping

Hands for Haiti Disaster

RELIEF DRIVE Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett in partnership with the North Shore Evangelical Missionary Church (NSEMC)

Relief Drive" on Sunday, September 19 between 12 - 5pm. The event will occur in Everett Square at the entrance of the School Street Municipal Parking "It was heartbreaking to

hear that there was another earthquake in Haiti on August 14," said Mayor De-Maria. "Partnering with the North Shore Evangelical Missionary Church to host this event will help so many people in Haiti. The City of Everett is offering our full support to our community members and their families." The drive is occur-

ring to help provide aid and support to those who have been affected by the earthquake in Haiti that occurred on August 14th. The earthquake had a magnitude of 7.2 and left many homeless, orphaned, and struggling to survive. During the drive, the

NSEMC will be collecting goods to send to Haiti. These goods include: Nonperishable Foods

- Canned Foods, Rice, Pasta, etc. • New or Gently Used
- Clothing Adult and Children Clothing for Warm Weather • Undergarments – Un-
- derwear, Bras, Socks • Linens – Towels,
- Sheets, Face Cloths, etc. • Health & Wellness
- Products Feminine Hygiene Products, Shampoo, Soap, Diapers, Baby Wipes, etc. • Medical Supplies -
- First Aid Kits, Band Aids, Pain Relievers, Alcohol, Ointment, etc. Electronics – Flash-
- lights, Batteries, Walkie Talkies, etc. The drive will be-

gin with a brief program where members of the Everett community and the NSEMC will be speaking and providing words of hope and encouragement. All members of the community are encouraged to attend and provide support to those affected by the earthquake.

SEPTEMBER SENIOR SOCIAL **PLANNED**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging have planned the monthly Senior Social for Wednesday September 15 at Anthony's Restaurant, 105 Canal Street, Malden. Our event begins at 11:45am. It is a Pizza Party. The menu planned is as follows; Minestrone Soup, Antipasto Salad, Pizza, Coffee, and dessert. You will also enjoy dancing to the song stylings of Ray Cavicchio. Ticket sales for this event are September 2,3,7,9 & 10 between the hours of 9am and noon. For additional information please call us at 617.394.2323 or 617.394.2260

CITY OF EVERETT ADOPTS TREE INVENTORY **SOFTWARE** MayorCarlo DeMaria

is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will be partnering with PlanIT Geo, a software company specializing in urban forestry and tree management, to manage the tree inventory throughout the community through their software program, TreePlotter Inventory. "The TreePlotter In-

ventory software will enable the City of Everett to maintain a proper inventory of trees," said Mayor DeMaria. "This technolo-

gy will allow us to mon-

itor the greenery in our

community and plant trees where the space permits."

The City of Everett received the Urban and Community Challenge Grant funds to complete the street tree inventory. Maintaining a street tree inventory is crucial to understand any city's urban community forest. The TreePlotter In-

ventory software will assist the City of Everett in monitoring and managing the trees in the community by overseeing the location of each tree. This software will also help identifying spots throughout the community where a tree could be planted. The City of Everett

has been proudly recognized as Tree City USA and would like to continue their efforts by planting and caring for trees in the community as well as monitoring their locations.

MONTHLY BLOOD **PRESSURE SCREENINGS AT** THE CONNOLLY **CENTER**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, The Council on Aging and Cambridge Health Alliance are thrilled to announce Blood Pressure Screenings have returned to The Connolly Center for seniors over the age of 60. Screenings will take place the fourth Monday of each month, beginning Monday August 30, that 10am. The Connolly Center is located at 90 Chelsea Street, Everett. CHA has arranged for a trained clinician to assist with this program. For additional information please call Camille at 774.360.7521 or 617.394.2323.

THE CITY OF **EVERETT MILLING** AND PAVING DATES ARE AS **FOLLOWS** The work is subject to

change based upon weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The following streets

are scheduled: Woodville Street, Preston Street, Albert Park, Peirce Avenue, Pearl Street, Beacon Street, Clark Street, Waverly Street, Chatham Road, Florence Street, Mead Street, Adams Avenue, Main Street, Newton Street, Windsor Street, Albion Street The streets will be

milled on the following Thursday, September 2:

Woodville Street, Preston Street, Albert Park Friday, September 3:

Peirce Avenue, Pearl Tuesday, September 7:

Beacon Street, Clark

Chatham Road, Flor-

Street, Waverly Street Wednesday, September

ence Street, Mead Street, Adams Avenue Thursday, September 9-

Main Street Friday, September 10-

Main Street Monday, September 13:

Newton Street, Windsor Street, Albion Street **"AGING**

BACKWARDS" AT THE CONNOLLY CENTER Mayor Carlo DeMaria

and The Council on Aging are very excited to welcome back Everett's own, Jill Tiberi Martin, to The Connolly Center for a new

class" Aging Backwards"

every Thursday at 11am

beginning September 16.

is a full body workout, created by Miranda Esmonde –White. It aims to release tight muscles, rebalance joints, restore your body, relieve pain, and stimulate your cells to increase energy and your immune system. This program is available to seniors aged 62 and over. For additional information, please 617.394.2323 617.394.2260

This slow paced program

A MESSAGE FROM THE ELECTIONS **OFFICE** The City of Everett is

looking for Poll workers! Poll workers: • Must be a registered

- voter in Massachusetts • Willing and able to go to any precinct given to
- Assure that the election laws of the state are
- followed • Ability to sit for long hours
- Bi-lingual preferred On the day of the elec-

tion, you must report to the polling place by 6:30 am and remain until after the polls close at 8:00 pm. The current pay starts

at \$200 per election and there is one mandatory training - training typically lasts one hour and we offer a morning and afternoon session for your convenience. If you are interested,

please contact the Election Commission office at 617-394-2297 or stop by Room 10 at Everett City Hall for an application.

END OF SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

The rain washed away the Independence Day celebration but as promised, the City will host an End of Summer Extravaganza on Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. in Glendale Park. There will be live entertainment, food and fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Free admission, and rain date of Sept. 4.

ZION CHURCH TO HOLD **BLOCK PARTY** Zion Church Ministries,

757 Broadway, invites all to join them on Saturday, September 18, from noon to 3 p.m. for their Annu-Community-in-Unity Block Party. Enjoy free food, entertainment, a Gaming Truck, activities for children, free health screening, giveaways, and more. It's time to have some fun, so mark the calendar and come celebrate at the Community-in-Unity Block Party.

CLINIC AT NEIGHBORHOOD **PARKS** Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce

PFIZER VACCINE

that the City of Everett in partnership with Curative will be distributing Pfizer vaccines to the community at local parks beginning on Thursday September 9 between 4-7pm. "The City of Ever-

ett has been committed to vaccinating the entire community," said Mayor DeMaria. "Our continued partnership with Curative has allowed our residents to get vaccinated by simply visiting their local park. We are proudly continuing to bring these vaccination sites into our neighborhood parks to help members of the community receive the vaccine and be protected from

Each vaccine clinic will

COVID-19."

appointment is needed. The schedule for the vaccine sites is as follows: September 9 -

be a walk-up site and no

Swan Street Park, 4-7pm September 16 – Glendale Park, 4-7pm

September 23 Meadows Park, 4-7pm

Residents ages 12 and over are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Please be advised that the Pfizer vaccine is a two-dose vaccine. Once the first dose is administered, Curative will provide more information regarding the second dose.

EVERETT SENIORS ON THE **ROAD AGAIN**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging have planned a long awaited trip to Maine for our annual Lobster Bake for Wednesday September 22, 2021. Our luxury Silver Fox coach will pick us up at The Everett Stadium Parking lot at 8:30am. Our first stop is the famed Stonewall Kitchen, where you will have time to browse through the many jellies, jams and other onsite made goodies. Our next stop is the fabulous Foster's for a traditional Down East lobster bake. Our meal includes, New England clam chowder, Steamed mussels and Maine Clams, Fresh lobster (or chicken) baked potato and dessert. After our feast, we will stop at When Pigs fly artisan breads, and then to Yummies Candy emporium, featuring over 10, 000lbs of bulk candy. packed sweets and vintage products. Reservations must be made in person with our trip coordinators Hazel McNeil and Carol Dello Russo, at The Connolly Center August 9 through August 13. Please make checks payable to The City of Everett. For additional information

COVID TESTING SITE CONTINUES

please call 617.394.2323

or 617.394.2260

The Stop the Spread COVID-19 testing prowill continue through October The City of Everett's COVID-19 testing site will remain at Rivergreen Park at 1 Rivergreen Drive in Everett. Below please find the schedule:

Testing times include: Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday,

noon to 6 p.m. Cataldo Ambulance

Services will continue to administer these tests. This is a walk-up only site. No appointment nec-**MEDITATION FOR**

SENIOR CITIZENS Mayor Carlo DeMaria

and The Council on Aging are happy to announce Mindful Meditation for seniors at The Connolly Center. The schedule is as follows; September 3 at 8:30 a.m. This class is designed for you commune with your inner self, promoting self-awareness and the well-being of mind body and spirit. Please join Anna Noble from East Boston Health for this rewarding class. Reservations are required by calling 617.394.2260 or 617.394.2323. Class size is limited to 20 peo-

Please Recycle

MVES Nurses work as part of Interdisciplinary Team in caring for individuals

They say home is where the heart is. Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) nurses know this holds true for so many older adults so in turn they work tirelessly to help keep consumers living safely in their own homes in the 11 communities served by the agency. Nurses are a key component of the MVES interdisciplinary care team and work dayto-day in coordination with the other professional caregivers employed by MVES as well as healthcare providers in shortterm rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, adult day health centers, and other organizations throughout the region.

"Our nurses strive every day to provide the very best care for consumers and they offer vital support, resources and education to family caregivers," says Roza Budilovsky, nurse manager for MVES. "No two situations are the same so our nurses work hard to ensure that each individual care plan is customized to the unique needs of each consumer

we serve." Not only does MVES play an important role in supporting older adults living at home, they serve as a critical bridge in helping consumers to return



Diane Manganaro of Melrose is a family caregiver for her mother Sarah Pollack, also of Melrose, who is 100 years old and has been with MVES for over 15 years.

home safely after a hospital or short-term rehabilitation stay. "Our nurses are able to support even very complex cases where consumers are dealing with myriad health concerns or housing challenges," stresses Budilovsky. She points out that her team adapted quickly to the added challenges of providing in-home care during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic by leveraging additional technology and increased

communication. As part of the interdisciplinary team, MVES nurses act as a care advisors and work in partnership with MVES care managers and each individual to complete a comprehensive needs assessment and a person-centered care plan that addresses the older adult's specific needs, personal goals, and necessary services. The care team will continue to work with

the individual on an ongoing basis for as long as services are needed.

Diane Manganaro, a family caregiver from Melrose, shares that her mother Sarah Pollack has been with MVES for over 15 years and remains living independently in the single family home Diane grew up in, also in Melrose. "It's a huge testament to the nurses and other team members at MVES that at 100 years old, my mother has been able to remain living in her beloved home," Manganaro says. "The nurses and other professional caregivers have helped make my mother's home safe and put in roundthe-clock supports to enable her to stay at home - home health aides, adaptive equipment, Meals on Wheels and much more. There have been so many things MVES nurses have been helpful with and their comprehensive approach has brought me tremendous peace of mind as my mother's primary caregiver."

The longevity of MVES nurses' tenure and their passion for working with older adults adds tremendous value to the agency, Budilovsky shares. "Our nurses are deeply committed to helping people age in place safely and with dignity. I am constantly impressed with their dedication, knowledge and responsiveness," she states.

"I am so grateful to have reached out to MVES for help with my mother," Manganaro adds. "Without them, I am not sure where we would be right now. I strongly suggest contacting MVES if you need help with an aging parent or loved one. They are truly lifesavers."

To learn more about Mystic Valley Elder Services programs, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

September is designated Suicide **Prevention Awareness Month**

September is Suicide Awareness Month and for many the subject of suicide is off limits. They believe the mere mention of suicide around friends and family can cause suicidal thoughts for them. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Approximately 47,500 Americans died by their own hand in 2019, making suicide the 10th leading cause of death in this nation. Suicide rates in the US have climbed 33% in the last decade. One of the ways to reduce that number is by talking about suicide and suicidal ideation, which can spur meaningful conversations about mental health and potentially save

Even more concerning is that suicide and suicide attempts among our nation's youth (ages 10-24) are on the rise. According to information released last year by the CDC, 19% of youth had seriously considered attempting suicide, 16% had made a suicide plan, 9% had made a suicide attempt, and 2.5% had made a suicide attempt that was significant enough to require

medical treatment. Join the conversation, and reach out to those who have been personally affected by suicide, raise awareness, and connect those struggling with suicidal ideation to professional counselors and treatment services that can help them.

If your child or some-

one you love is struggling with depression or thinking about suicide, get help now. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), is a free resource, available 24 hours a day for anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. The Crisis Text Line is a free 24/7 text line where trained crisis counselors support individuals in crisis. Text "Jason" to 741741 to speak with a compassionate, trained Crisis Counselor. Confidential support 24/7, for free.

The Jason Foundation (JFI) is another available resource. Although September is set aside as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, JFI works toward suicide prevention all year long. JFI is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth suicide through educational programs that equip youth, parents, educators, and the community with the tools and resources to identify and assist at-risk youth. Many times, young people exhibit clear warnings signs prior to an attempt. By knowing the warning signs and knowing how to help, you could save a life. Visit The Jason Foundation's website to learn more about youth suicide, the warning signs, and how you can help make a difference. JFI has never charged a school, community, or individual for the use of their programs or resources. http://www.jasonfoundation.com

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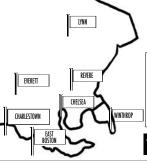
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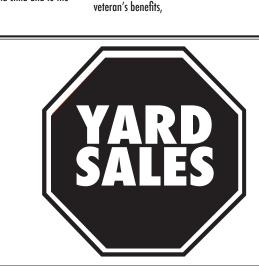
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News and Notes

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

Mystic Side Congregational Church **422 Main Street** Everett, MA

Immaculate Conception Parish

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

Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar;

Secretary Barbara Can-

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows: Saturday (Sunday Vig-

il) 4 p.m., Sunday a.m., 9 a.m. (Family Mass), 11 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. 12:15 p.m. Spanish

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the Chapel.

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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tireless efforts helping our residents receive their vaccines."

Everett Public School Superintendent Priya Tahiliani singled-out the Cambridge Health Association (CHA) and Tufts Medical for organizing the clinics. "We had to make sure that our schools were safe," Tahillani said of the School Department's outreach program and joint effort with CHA and Tufts.

Baker thanked De-Maria for his kind remarks and also singled-out State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Rep. Joe Mc-Gonagle for their tireless efforts during the last 18 months of the pandemic.

Baker pointed out that he has implemented new vaccine incentives, rang-

afternoon.

ing from Stop and Shop gift cards, for all who get the shot.

"We are working with over 100 schools to make both shots of the vaccine available to students and their families," said Baker. "Our goal is to ensure that everyone who is eligible to get the shot is able to do so."

Baker pointed out that state-affiliated workers knocked on more than 15,000 doors in Everett alone in order to get residents vaccinated. The governor also noted that teams were available to deliver the vaccine to those who could not get to a clinic.

After October 1, communities can lift the mandatory mask requirement for students inside schools if they achieve an 80% vaccination rate.

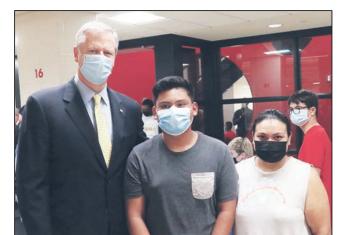
Baker concluded his remarks, saying, "Everett is a community that is doing



Superintendent of Everett Public Schools, Priya Tahiliani talks to MJ Philippe about the vaccine clinic at EHS.



Cambridge Healh Alliance (CHA) took the reins and administered the Pfizer vaccine. Katrina Rosenberg is shown administering the vaccine at EHS cafe.



Governor Baker with EHS students getting the Pfizer vaccine, Jared and Sandra Arias.



The Joint Committee for Children's Health Care was on hand at the EHS Vaccine Clinic, shown are Samia Bennett and Monica Ulysse.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria addresses the tv cameras and the audience at EHS last Monday afternoon.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria greets Massachusetts Governor Char-

lie Baker in the hallway of Everett High School last Monday

Governor Charlie Baker, Superintendent Tahiliani, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Senator Sal Didomenico are greeted inside the FHS Covid vaccine clinic



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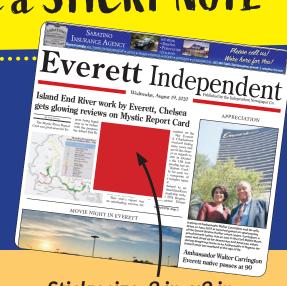
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