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EARTH DAY AT RIVERGREEN PARK



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 200 community members celebrated Earth Day at Rivergreen Park on Saturday. Residents gathered to clean up the area, plant seeds for pollinators, and install bat nests.

KATY ROGERS PHOTO

Right, Maria Portilo cleans debris along the waterfront. See page 6 for more photos.



Local leaders met with Sen. Warren over electrification of commuter rail

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria met on Friday, April 22 with Senator Warren and his fellow municipal and state leaders to discuss the electrification of commuter rail. The meeting was held in the McGee Building on the North Shore Community College Campus in Lynn.

DeMaria was joined at the meeting by Mayor Nicholson of Lynn; Mayor Cahill of Beverly; Mayor Driscoll of Salem; former Mayor McGee of Lynn; and representatives from Mayor Brian Arrigo's office from Revere. Senator Brendan Crighton moderated the meeting. He was joined by his legislative colleagues Representative Paul Tucker, Representative Jessica Giannino and Representative Sally Kerans. Also in attendance were staff from Senator Markey's office and Congressman Moulton's office.

The purpose of the meeting was to identify ways in which leaders at the federal, state and local level can collaborate to increase the availability of commuter rail options along Eastern Massachusetts and the Northeast corridor of the Commonwealth.

All of the elected offi-



Shown are (left to right) Mayor Cahill of Beverly, Mayor Driscoll of Salem, Mayor Nicholson of Lynn, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, former Mayor McGee of Lynn, Representative Kerans and Representative Giannino.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria advocates for more transit options for Everett.

cials were in agreement with the benefits that could be realized across the region with the expansion of commuter rail and the addition of infill stations along the corridor. Senator

Warren noted the potential to create additional housing opportunities with the expansion of rail options. DeMaria reminded those in attendance that trains pass through the City

Everett, but its residents don't get the benefit of that transportation option. DeMaria also shared with the group the important

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Council divided over public participation

By Stephen Quigley

The public participation portion of the City Council meeting on Monday night turned out to be a major test for Council President John Hanlon both to keep order at the meeting to process city business and to adhere to the council's rules.

Hanlon pointed out to the nine members of the public who wanted to speak at the meeting that the rules of the council permit a total of 10 minutes for public participation.

After the first two speakers addressed the council for more than 10 minutes combined, Hanlon announced that the public participation part of the meeting was closed.

However, the speakers who had not addressed the council did not go quietly into the night.

Councillor Stephanie

Smith noted, "I am not in favor of closing public participation."

Hanlon then called for a 10-minute recess saying, "The 10 minutes is up and it is over."

Returning from recess, Hanlon tried to move forward with council business, but was unable to bring order to the meeting. Ultimately, after proceeding with two matters on the council's agenda, Hanlon called for another 10 minute recess saying, "I am not going to put up with this."

Upon returning from the second recess, Hanlon seemed to backtrack and allowed the remaining speakers to address the council. Many of the speakers who then addressed the council reiterated the same areas of concern that they previously had raised in past

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Everett Little League opens 2022 season on Saturday

By Cary Shuman

The Everett Little League will hold its opening day parade and ceremonies this Saturday, April 30.

League President George Castiello said that players and coaches will assemble at the old Everett High School and walk in the parade to Sacramone Park where Mayor Carlo

DeMaria is scheduled to throw out the first baseball of the new season.

Vice President Jacqui Bullens will lead the Opening Day speaking program. State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Joseph McGonagle are among the invited guests.

More than 200 boys and girls are competing

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Reverend Myrlande DesRosiers honored by French government

Special to the Independent

Reverend Myrlande DesRosiers, MPA; J.D.; MDiv., founder of the Everett Haitian Community Center has been named "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" by the French government for her work in promotion of the French language and francophone culture. Created by Napoleon in 1808, and codified as an order of merit by decree in 1955 by President René Coty, the Order or Academic Palms is bestowed to distinguished academics and teachers, and is one of the oldest civil honors given by the republic of France. On behalf of the French Republic, Ambassador Philippe Etienne wrote "[T]his distinction is a testimony of the rec-



Reverend Myrlande DesRosiers.

ognition of the French authorities for the action you have taken in favor of the promotion of the French language and culture in the United States."

Rev. Myrlande DesRosiers is a graduate of the Suffolk University

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EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Congresswoman Pressley visits EHS

Special to the Independent

Showing total command and genuine engagement in classroom, small-group, and one-on-one settings, U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley enthralled the students and staff she encountered during a three-hour visit to Everett High School (EHS) on Thursday, April 14.

Pressley visited EHS during its special Charity for Children with Hair Loss event, which was conceived by student and cancer survivor Sarai Velez. Dozens of students, teachers, and staff donated their hair for children with cancer and alopecia (an auto-immune disease that attacks hair follicles). Pressley is one of the nearly seven million Americans who live with alopecia, and she has used her position to positively raise awareness and compassion about the physical and emotional toll the disease exacts.

“At a time of national hardship and uncertainty, I continue to be inspired by the compassion and aspiration of our students—and my visit to Everett High School last week only affirmed that,” said Congresswoman Pressley. “I had the opportunity to discuss public service with AP Government students, participate in Sarai’s event for children with traumatic hair loss, and with a group of Everett students with disabilities about dis-



The Everett Public Schools extends its deepest gratitude to U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley for visiting Everett High School on Thursday, April 13th. The Congresswoman spent more than three hours at EHS, visiting an AP Government class and holding an intimate discussion with the members of the Youth Disability Empowerment Club. In between, she met dozens of students and staff, took countless photos, and thoroughly engaged everyone she interacted with. From left: School Committee member Marcony Barros, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, U.S. Rep. Pressley, and School Committee member Samantha Lambert.

ability advocacy. My heart is full and I remain optimistic about the future of our Commonwealth and our country. Thank you to Superintendent Tahiliani for hosting me and I look forward to my next visit.”

Said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani: “The Congresswoman fully engaged with everyone she met. It is not an exaggeration to say that our students were in awe of her. And we cannot thank her enough for making this a genuinely impact-

ful day for the entire EHS community.”

Pressley, who represents the 7th District of Massachusetts, was welcomed to Everett High by administrators and students, including seniors Shawn Shiek and Breetika Maharjan and sophomore Emerson Pineda Chacon. The first stop was Carolyn MacWilliam’s AP Government class, where Pressley spoke to students about her path to Capitol Hill and answered questions. Among the things

she talked about are the work she has done to change the voting age from 18 to 16 and the historic confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first Black woman to the Supreme Court.

The day ended with an intimate discussion between Pressley and the students and advisors of the Youth Disability Empowerment Club. Themes included community, advocacy, transformation, and joy.

In between, Pressley spent considerable time inside the EHS Gymnasium, where Sarai’s charity event was in full swing. In addition to haircutting stations where people could donate their hair, the festivities included arts and crafts, a manicurist, a therapy dog, yoga, a photo booth, and food from vendors and desserts made by the EHS Culinary Arts Department. The Congresswoman interacted with dozens of students, teachers, and staff, and was gracious in taking photographs and selfies.

“It was a great day at EHS,” said Superintendent Tahiliani. “Thanks to Sarai for coming up with this thoughtful way of supporting students, and to the EHS and district leaders who helped plan and set up the activities. And I hope and trust that Congresswoman Pressley had as much fun being at Everett High as we had hosting her.”

Sarai Velez’s Haircut for a Cause

Sarai Velez, a popular and talented student-athlete, at Everett High School, led “Sarai’s Haircut for a Cause,” an event held April 14 at the high school.

Velez, who has gallantly battled cancer, led the effort that brought awareness to the hair loss that medical patients often suffer during their treatment phase.

Supt. of Schools Priya Tahiliani and EHS Principal Erick Naumann led the strong showing of support by the high school for the cause.

Sarai Velez thanked the faculty and students for their support of the charitable endeavor.

Gladys Valle, EL Department Chair at Everett High School, best summed up the amazing support that Sarai Velez received from students and faculty on Twitter, stating, “Today



Jenna Christopher (right), hairstylist at JM Hair Studio of North Reading is pictured with EHS student Neeysa Denning, who donated her hair for medical patients who suffer hair loss during the treatment phase.

was an absolute success. A shutout to EHS staff and students. I’m proud to be part of such a loving and giving community and so excited to be part of an awesome event for an important cause.”



Everett High School English Language Arts Department Chair Ryan McGowan, is pictured with seniors Sarai Velez and Celeste Fuccillo, star pitcher for the Crimson Tide softball team, at the event.

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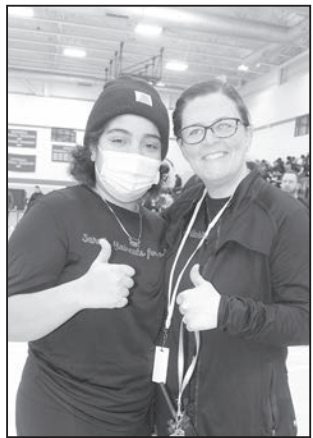
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Deadline for entries will be Friday, April 29th.

Entries will be published with winners selected in the May 5th, & 6th issues



Everett School Committee member Michael McLaughlin and Everett High School teacher Mary Gerace.



Sarai Velez, who has competed for the EHS field hockey team, is pictured with WHS Director of Athletics Tammy Turner at the event held in the school gymnasium.



Everett High teachers Sabrina Mendez, Christopher Wright, and Julie Ann Whitson, wearing Sarai’s Haircuts for a Cause attire in support of EHS student Sarai Velez.



Everett High School Vice Principal Andrea Tringali, Supt. of Everett Schools Priya Tahiliani, and EHS student Sarai Velez, who led the event that brought awareness to medical patients who suffer from hair loss during treatments.



Clockwise from front left, ELS Department Head Gladys Valle, Everett High freshman Emilia Maria-Babcock (who was celebrating her 15th birthday), nail technician Jennifer Collins, and Lisa Reardon, owner of ManiPro.



Members of the 2021 GBL champion Everett High School football team turned out to support Sarai Velez’s Haircut For A Cause event April 14 at the high school.



# School Committee postpones action on fuel surcharge request

By Stephen Quigley

The Everett School Committee has yet to decide whether it will approve a fuel surcharge fee totaling almost \$75,000 that has been requested by the schools’ bus company, Malden Transportation, Inc.

While all members have agreed that the local company has performed, and continues to perform, at a high quality, the fuel surcharge that Malden Transportation is seeking, almost \$75,000 because of increased fuel costs, is not in the current school budget and is not listed as a payable charge in their contract.

“I am pleased with Malden Transportation, but I do not want to set a precedent and this is best left for when we renegotiate,” said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani.

During the discussion, it was brought out that Malden Transportation operates on a seven percent profit margin, and if the added fuel costs are not reimbursed by the city, the profit margin could fall as low as 5.5 percent.

Upon hearing this information, School Committeeman Marcony Barros said, “This is not about a company closing. This company is concerned about profits. We gave them help during the pandemic.” Barros was referring to how even though the schools were closed and no bus services were being performed because of the pandemic, the Everett School Dept. honored the contract.

“What about the teachers who drive to work?” Barros asked his fellow members.

When asked how the \$75,000 -- which, if approved, would have to come from the School Dept.’s general fund -- would be used if the committee does not approve the request, Tahiliani noted that any surplus money in the department’s budget goes into the stabilization fund that helps fund shortfalls in paying for students’ needs.

Committee woman Cynthia Sarnie said she wanted to know whether Malden Transportation had received money from the Payroll Protection Plan during the same period that the School Dept. was fulfilling its obligations on the contract during the pandemic.

“The company ought to be heard,” said School Committeeman Michael McLaughlin.

On a 5-2 vote, the committee sent the matter to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

In other news, the committee was informed that the Parlin Junior High

might sooner become more handicapped-compliant pursuant to the ADA guidelines. The members had asked during the last meeting to postpone some of the repairs in other projects proposed in the current school budget under the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and to fund immediately the \$2-\$3.5 million in repairs to the Parlin School to make it handicapped-accessible sooner than what had been proposed in the original plan.

In another CIP-related matter, Assistant Supt. Charles Obremski, in his CIP presentation at the April 4 meeting, noted that many of the plans call for trying to add classroom space from under-utilized areas such as storage closets and offices in the local schools in order to alleviate the issue of overcrowding in the city’s schools.

It was noted that the high school has exceeded its capacity of 1,800 by almost 400 students and the George Keverian School is no better, with 950 students in a building built to educate 650 students.

Obremski told the committee to ease the overcrowding that eight modular classrooms could be added at the Keverian School to accommodate 200 additional students at a cost of almost \$2 million.

However, Sarnie asked whether there are other buildings either that the city owns or could rent to help ease the overcrowding quickly, rather than spending the money on modular classrooms. Obremski noted that there are ongoing discussions with city and school officials.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### AGING WISELY EVERETT GARDEN CLUB WILL MEET EVERY FRIDAY

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce the Aging Wisely Everett (AWE) Garden Club will be meeting every Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Edward G Connolly Center located at 90 Chelsea Street in Everett. The program will be running from April 22, 2022 to October 14, 2022.

Each meeting will begin with 10-15 minutes of discussion about general garden issues or concerns, followed by an activity. Some proposed activities for each meeting include: prepping beds and tilling soil, companion plant discussion and planting, planting/flower bomb making, planting and decorating plant markers, and rock painting garden. Activities for each meeting may change based on gardener feedback and availability of guests.

For any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Camille Defendre at 774-360-7521 or cdefendrealexandre@challiance.org.

### VETERAN MARKED GRAVES AT BOTH THE WOODLAWN AND GLENWOOD CEMETERIES TO GET FLAGS

Mayor DeMaria, in collaboration with the City of Everett’s Commissioner of Veterans Services, Jeanne Cristiano, will be placing United States flags on Veteran marked graves at both the Woodlawn and Glenwood Cemeteries in honor of Memorial Day. We are asking our residents to please consider taking a couple hours from their busy schedule to help with the flag placement.

We encourage residents to take part in this special task of honoring those who served in our nation’s armed services and are now laid to rest. Many of these heroes gave

their lives for our freedom while on active duty.

If you haven’t had the opportunity to join us before for this effort, it is a truly humbling experience to be reminded of the sacrifices that the men and women from our community were willing to make to defend our nation and our freedom. Placing these flags is a small, but important way for us to thank these individuals who have gone before us for their service.

Volunteers will be asked to meet at the following locations and times:

Monday, May 16, Glenwood Cemetery, 8-11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17, Woodlawn Cemetery, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

If a rain date is needed for either date it will be on Wednesday, May 18th.

If you are able to participate, please contact Jeanne Cristiano at Jeanne.cristiano@ci.everett.ma.us.

### SMOKE ALARM EVENT MAY 14

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett is partnering with the American Red Cross to hold the Sound the Alarm Event on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will be installing free smoke alarms to those who make an appointment.

Seven people die every day from a home fire, and working smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a fire in half. We are hoping to help change that by installing free smoke alarms in as many homes as possible. Preparing for an unpredictable disaster like a house fire by ensuring your home has properly working smoke alarms is an important precaution to take.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-564-1234 or you can learn more by visiting [www.SoundTheAlarm.org/MA](http://www.SoundTheAlarm.org/MA) for English speakers and [www.ActivaTuAlarma.org](http://www.ActivaTuAlarma.org) for Español.

### STREET SWEEPING UNDERWAY

Please be reminded that the 2022 Street Sweeping Season began on April 1. Please be sure to check the signs on your street for parking restrictions in your neighborhood. Street sweeping is essential to eliminate issues and costs related to trash and debris getting into the underground sewage system.

Please be aware that vehicles that do not comply with this ordinance may be subject to ticketing and towing. Please call 311 with any questions. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please be aware that beginning on Monday, May 1st, we will be towing vehicles that are not in compliance with the street sweeping rules.

### CITY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce throughout the week of April 18, all City Hall employees received Active Shooter training led by Everett Police Department Employee: Officer Stephen Ramunno.

Throughout the training, the importance of being aware of not only your surroundings but also of the people around you was emphasized. ALICE, the safety program in discussion, stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. These aspects are critical for survival during an active shooter emergency. This is an important training that any public building should undergo in order to keep not only employees, but also guests and vendors who visit Everett City Hall safe.

This is just the first step in our safety plan. As a result of the training, the City will be taking additional steps to protect our employees and those visiting City Hall.

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To Whom It May Concern:  
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 530 Second Street**  
**Map/Lot: K0-01-000099**

**Property Owner Jam Realty**  
**530 Second Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**Applicant: Mr. Zachary Richards PE**

**Bohler Engineering**  
**45 Franklin Street 5th Floor**  
**Boston, MA 02110**

**PROPOSAL:**  
The applicant seeks to demolish the existing structure and construct a Six (6) Story Seventy (70) foot high 106-unit apartment building.

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Violations:  
• The Front Yard in the Apartment District on the provided plot plan indicates a distant of Seven (7) feet with only Six (6) of landscaping  
• The Front Yard in the Business District of the provided plot plan indicates a distance of Seven (7) Feet and only Six (6) feet of landscaping

• The Rear Yard in the Business District on the provided plot plan indicates a Seven (7) foot rear yard  
• The Corner Lot (at Second and Revere Streets is only Three (3) feet  
• As part of the development is located in an Apartment District

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(10 units) the minimum lot requirement is 14,000 square feet where only 3,953 square feet exist.

• The Floor Area Ratio is shown to be 4.2

• The proposed building number of 6 stories and 70 feet in height are not compliant in the Apartment or Business Districts.

• The Parking is non-compliant and be handled by the TDM Zoning:

• Section 5 Apartment District: Line 5. Front Yard:

a. Twenty (20) feet minimum of which ten (10) feet shall be used for landscaping.

• Section 6 Business District: 4. Front Yard:

None required, except when used for residential purposes there shall be a ten (10) foot minimum of which no less than five (5) feet shall be used for landscaping. (Ord. of 6-29-87)

• Section 6 Business District Rear Yard: Line 6. Rear Yard: Twenty-five (25) feet minimum unless the lot extends from one (1) street to another street, in which case no rear yard is required, except for any residential use which shall require a ten foot minimum. (Ord. of 6-29-87)

• Section 5 Apartment District B. Dimensional Requirements:

b. Four thousand (4,000) square feet plus one thousand (1,000) square feet per unit up to a total of ten (10) units, then five hundred (500) square feet per unit for all units in excess of ten (10) units. (Ord. of 6-29-87)

• Section 5 Apartment District line 4. Height:

Four (4) stories, not to exceed sixty (60) feet maximum. Penthouses shall not be subject to four-story limitations provided the total height of the building including penthouses does not exceed sixty (60) feet. Total floor area of church spires, belfries, cupolas,

chimneys, radio and flag poles, water tanks, hose towers and

penthouses shall not exceed in aggregate twenty-five (25) percent of the floor area of the first floor, and provided that such church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles, water tanks and hose towers, penthouses and shall not be more than fifty (50) percent higher than the average height of the roof of the main structure. (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-11-88)

• Section 6 Business District line 3. Height:

a. Four (4) stories, not to exceed sixty-five (65) feet maximum, but not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles and gas holders, which shall not exceed thirty-three (33) percent of the floor area of the first floor, and provided that such church spires, belfries, cupolas, chimneys, radio and flag poles and gas holders shall not be more than fifty (50) percent higher than the average height of the roof of the main structure. (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-11-88)

• Section 6 Corner Lot Line 8. Corner Lot:

None required except seven (7) feet required when residential use. (Ord. of 6-29-87)

• Section 5 Lot Area B. Dimensional Requirements line 2 All other residential: Floor area ratio, 1 to 1 maximum (Ord. of 6-29-87)

• Section 6 Lot Area Line 2. Lot Area:

a. Residential----1.5 to 1 maximum floor area ratio.

• Section 17 Off-Street Parking: line 2

Multifamily dwellings

2 spaces per dwelling unit. {See Section 35 for the Transportation Demand Management Board of Appeals

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address:**

**13-15 Francis Street**

**Map/Lot: L0-06-000025**

**Person Requesting: Mr. Sanderson Nascimento**

**123 Pleasant Street**

**Wakefield, MA 01880**

**PROPOSAL:**

The owner wishes to convert the existing two (2) family dwelling into a three (3) family dwelling. The plot plan submitted indicates that six (6) parking spaces are proposed. The lot is 5,827 square feet and lies in the Dwelling District. The rear porch will be extended along the side of the dwelling which will increase the existing non-conformity.

Reason for Denial:

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett

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Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

• The Floor Area Ratio is above the allowable (.5) the FAR on this project is at .72 or .22 above the allowed FAR. A variance will be required.

• The plan is showing a driveway of only 12 (twelve) feet, parking for more than 5 (five) cars will require a driveway of 18 (eighteen) feet to allow ingress and exiting at the same time. A variance will be required.

• The required side setback is a minimum 4 (four) feet with a total of 16 (sixteen) feet for the Dwelling District. The plan shows the rear deck will be built within the 4 (four) foot side offset; this will require a special permit to increase the existing non conformity

Zoning Ordinance Sections

1. Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses:

A. Uses. Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, of for other than the following specified purposes:

1. A single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance may be

converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided that the following standards are met:

Any addition shall comply with the front, side and rear yard requirements and height limitations of the Zoning Ordinance.

Where the existing building is already non-conforming, any alteration shall not increase the existing non-conformity. Parking in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance shall be provided for any additional dwelling units.

(Ord. of 4-29-91)

2. Section 4 Dwelling Districts

b) Dimensional Requirements: Line 2 Lot Area

c. All other uses-----0.5

maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91

Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)

3. Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 5. “All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to allow ingress and exiting at same time.”

4. Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements (6) Side yard (a):

“Four (4) feet minimum with a total of sixteen (16) feet”

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### OUR DRIVING IS WORSE THAN EVER, SO THIS IS NO TIME TO REDUCE TRAFFIC STOPS

Pundits and some politicians recently have been calling for a reduction in the enforcement of minor traffic offenses by our police.

We respectfully, and strongly, disagree.

Thanks to a number of factors, our roadways are more dangerous than ever. In 2020, there were 38,680 deaths on U.S. roadways, the most since 2007, even though pandemic precautions had dramatically reduced driving because people were staying at home.

In 2021, overall traffic fatalities continued to rise at a record pace. Nearly 32,000 people were killed in vehicle crashes in the first nine months of 2021, a 12 percent increase from the same period in 2020, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

It was the highest number of fatalities during the first nine months of any year since 2006 and the highest percentage increase during the first nine months of a year in the reporting system’s history.

Why are Americans driving more recklessly than ever?

We believe a number of factors are at play, including an increase in drug and alcohol use during the pandemic, the decline in the use of seat belts, a huge increase in distracted driving because of the use of electronic devices, and a general disdain for societal restrictions that have spilled-over into a disregard for speed limits, stop signs, etc. on our roadways.

The rise in motor vehicle deaths follows other pandemic-era trends: Alcohol sales have soared, drug overdoses have set new records, and homicides have seen their biggest year-over-year increase on record.

In light of these alarming trends and statistics, suggesting that our police should curtail traffic-law enforcement is nonsensical.

We realize that routine traffic stops often are fraught with peril, both for the officers and for members of the public, as happened once again with the recent tragic shooting of a Black man by a white officer in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

However, in an interview with 60 Minutes on Sunday, the new mayor of New York, Eric Adams, noted that we must do more to ensure that effective police enforcement is coupled with respectful, non-abusive police behavior. Those concepts are not inherently mutually-exclusive.

Moreover, said Adams, “If you don’t have public safety, everything crumbles.”

The ancient Romans put it this way, “Let the safety of the people be the highest law of the land.”

That is as true today as it was 2100 years ago -- and that is especially true on our streets and highways.

### PUTIN’S UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE

If you listen to chatter of the pundits and politicians, there seems to a debate about whether Russia is engaging in genocide in Ukraine.

Obviously, we aren’t experts in international law. So we looked up the definition of genocide according to the Genocide Convention, which came together in the aftermath of WWII.

Genocide is defined as any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group:

-- Killing members of the group;

-- Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; or

-- Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part.

Putin is perpetrating all of these acts upon the people of Ukraine. From the outset of the invasion, he said that Ukraine “is not even a country” and that Russia needed to “de-Nazify” it -- codewords for obliterating Ukraine and its people.

Russian forces are indiscriminately bombing, murdering, torturing, starving, and raping civilians. Russian forces have herded hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian citizens onto trains and forcibly transported them to central Russia, where they await an uncertain fate.

The ceaseless bombing campaign against non-military targets has the only goal of wiping Ukrainian cities and towns from the face of the earth. Russian soldiers even have been going into libraries and destroying any books written in the Ukrainian language.

In short, Vladimir Putin is the 21st century equivalent of Hitler and Stalin, both of whom were genocidal sociopaths.

We hope and pray that our government and the rest of the civilized world will do everything conceivable to stop Putin’s barbarous genocide of the Ukrainian people.

# Independent Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Finding hope and life before death

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Most of us have wondered about life beyond the grave. Many today are in search of life before the grave. Given what many people traditionally believe about heaven, eternity and life beyond, it would certainly seem very valuable to think about a life beyond. However, what about life here?

The Ukrainian people wake up every day to fight, survive or hide another day. They fight for life and freedom. Why? Life and freedom are worth something.

How much are life and freedom worth? What does it mean to you to hug your spouse or loved one? How much do you enjoy laughing with family, friends or at a funny tv show? How good does it feel to do something you enjoy? Cooking a meal, music, reading, your faith

assembly, grandkids or enjoying a sunny or rainy day. Life is living and enjoying our living.

God didn’t make us to be miserable. We make ourselves miserable. Sick-ness makes us miserable. Addictions destroy us and others. Death of the people we love zaps us and creates major voids in our lives. Yet, life can only be lived forward and often this is where we get stuck. Too often we put our cars in park and start watching the world go by us. We look in the rear view mirror. Life is whizzing by and we can’t seem to get our foot back on the accelerator to start moving again. This becomes a very stagnant and unhappy way to live. Actually, it’s not a life at all.

Living before you die must have some routine. Go to work. Go someplace. Do something. It

doesn’t have to be exotic or glorious. Often routine is the same thing every day. There is some peace in routine. When our routine and entire lives are shaken, like what is happening in Ukraine, then every minute is about surviving another day.

Survival mode for you may be doctor’s visits. Making a plan for the next five years or year of your life. Reconnecting to some family or a friend or two. Making peace with the past and embracing today.

The key word for life is hope. Peace is another key word but peace doesn’t exist without hope. If we have hope we can look forward to life. We hope we have enough health. We hope we have enough money. The people of Ukraine have hope they can overcome Russia. This keeps many of them

going. Many have fled the country in search of hope.

Find the hope you need to embrace the rest of your life. Hope in family friends, hobbies and much more is good. Just be very aware, even they may disappoint you. Mainly, find hope in you. God didn’t make junk. Too often, life, events, mistakes, and sometimes even people we are close to make it difficult for us to see our worth and it tarnishes our spirit.

Hope is an inside job that starts now.

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

### Baker-Polito Administration awards \$527,000 to equip municipal emergency response vehicles with Automated External Defibrillator

The Baker-Polito Administration announced grants to empower local municipalities to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for public safety and first responder vehicles. \$527K of state and federal funding will equip 246 vehicles serving approximately 70% of the Commonwealth’s cities and towns. The Everett Fire Department received \$2,500.

This grant opportunity was made possible by state legislation authorized by Chapter 24 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2021, An Act Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022.

“Our administration remains committed to making sure local public safety officials have the tools they need to save lives,” Governor Charlie Baker said. “Providing first responders with immediate access to an AED will improve cardiac patient care and improve emergency response. We thank our partners in the Legislature for their support of this program.”

“Emergency responders bring their training and expertise to scenes where every second counts,”- Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito said. “t Our administration continues to focus on equipping local public safety departments with training, safety equipment, programming, and operational support.

Complimenting the experience of first responders, AEDs create an opportunity to positively change a too often fatal outcome.”

An AED is a medical device used to support people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, which is the abrupt loss of heart function in a person who may or may not have been diagnosed with heart disease. An AED analyzes the patient’s heart rhythm and, if necessary, delivers an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. A study from the American Heart Association found that 350,000 people suffer sudden cardiac arrest outside of the hospital every year in the U.S.

“Because of actions we took in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget to invest in more AEDs for first responders, the people of the Commonwealth now have more widespread access to life-saving emergency care, saving precious minutes when time is of the essence,” State Senate Ways and Means Chair Michael J. Rodrigues (D-First Bristol and Plymouth) said. “Thank you to Senator Fattman, Senator O’Connor and my Senate colleagues for their steadfast advocacy and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for their support of this grant program to help municipalities secure life-sav-

ing AEDs for their public safety and first responder vehicles.”

“It is critical that all of our first responder have access to AEDs,” State Senator Patrick O’Connor (R-Plymouth and Norfolk) said. “Cardiac events can happen to anyone at any time, and through the advocacy of a number of constituents who know the importance of these devices all too well, more residents will receive the help they need.”

“In districts like mine, the first to respond to emergencies are the police which is why this legislation is critically important,” State Senator Ryan Fattman (R-Worcester and Norfolk) said. “By placing an AED in police vehicles, we are providing a stronger life-saving opportunity on the front lines. I am extremely thankful and proud of our efforts and

those of Senate Ways and Means Chair Rodrigues and Senator O’Connor for supporting this legislation and to the Greenwood and Ellsessar families for turning personal tragedy into a force for good.”

OGR received significant interest from municipalities for this grant opportunity. As part of its competitive process, OGR recommended funding for all 246 applicants. Although the total funding requested exceeded the allocated state funds, Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy authorized the use of federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds to meet the \$27K difference and deliver AEDs to all grant applicants. support all requests. Of the 246 awards, 12 applicants received federal JAG funding.

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environmental benefits that come from reducing reliance on motor vehicle travel by giving residents an option for cleaner, electric rail options.

The group has been meeting over the past several months to collectively advocate for MassDOT and the MBTA to develop a strategic plan for the expansion of these transit

options. The group agreed to continue with these advocacy efforts to take advantage of the historical level of federal funds available to the Commonwealth. Both Senator Warren and Senator Markey’s staff agreed to continue to advocate for federal funds to support these types of transit initiatives.

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EVERETT GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE OPENING DAY

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Opening day for Everett Girls Softball was a success! With the first pitch being thrown by First Lady of Everett Stacy DeMaria, State Representative Joseph McGonagle, and the Founder of Everett Youth Softball, Karen LaMontagne.

The coaches and volunteers of Everett Youth Softball come out year after year and teach these young women lessons well beyond the game of softball. They teach them about teamwork, dedication, commitment, and perseverance. Thank you to all who volunteer their time for our youth.



Stacy DeMaria threw the first pitch.



Irya Shrestha.



Corina Coppenrath.



Olivia Volpicelli.



Adalyn Walsh.



Josephine Louis.



Julietta Fabrizio.



Coach Stephanie Mattuchio and Caroline Gianatassio.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle and Stacy DeMaria honored Karen LaMontagne (center).



Coach Brendon Gianatassio and Adalyn Walsh.



Anne Stewart, Peter Sikora, and Lisa Kelley.



Ava Volpicelli.



Juliette Rombolli, Amara Louis, Emily Deliere, Alessandra Foster, and Arabella Cvitkusic.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle, Richie LaMontagne, Karen LaMontagne, Karen LaMontagne Sylvain, and Stacy DeMaria.



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Vinnie Oliva, Christina Oliva, Mia Oliva, Emilia Maria-Babcock, Robin Babcock, Sarah Tiberii, and Jim Tiberii.



Everett Girls Softball kicked off on Sunday.



OVER 200 EVERETT RESIDENTS TURNED OUT FOR EARTH DAY CLEANUP EVENT

On Saturday, April 23, more than 200 members of our community came together to celebrate Earth Day at Rivergreen Park and Everett’s waterfront. Together we planted trees, cleaned trash/debris, cut invasive harmful plants, mixed and spread wild-flowers, cleaned our brand new dock for our Crew team, built bird and bat houses, mulched, and built homes out of sticks for wildlife.

The best part about the event was the sense of community and teamwork. Members from local social organizations such as LUMA, Elliott Family Resource Center, the Nepalese Community, Portal to Hope, the Red Cross, the Mystic River Watershed Association, the Universal Church, JC-CHE, the Everett Crew Team, City employees, the BSC group, students, and so many more joined together for one purpose, Everett’s environment. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

Check out the huge Osprey nest that our team built and we put in place on Saturday on one of the islands off Rivergreen!



Sophia Gentile removing a log.



Volunteers offered a hand at Earth Day.



Mayor DeMaria assisted in installing an osprey nest.



Alexandra Offiong.



Manuel Rivera volunteered at Earth Day.



Councilor Al Lattanzi and Tom Maloney worked on bat houses.



Felippe Santos volunteered at Earth Day.



Asima Memic and Bobby Barrett.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



School Committee member Mike Mangan.



Kristina Gilbert and Karen Buck.



Ella and her mother Gina Rupakheti planted wildflower seeds.



Yanis Higoun with giant net.



Lindsey Carle and Kelley Rice.



Residents enjoyed boat rides.

A butterfly is perched on a green leaf. The background is a soft-focus green field.

We are proud to have been part of the Earth Day clean up event at Rivergreen Park, working alongside all the wonderful Everett volunteers!

~ Mayor Carlo DeMaria and family

A group of people, including Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his family, are standing together for a photo. They are indoors, and there are plants in the background.



OBITUARIES

Walter Cardillo, Jr.

Educator and owner of CSI Security

Walter Cardillo, Jr. of Saugus, formerly of Everett, passed away suddenly on April 23. Walter was born on December 4, 1958, to the late Walter and Evelyn Cardillo (DeNunzio) of Everett.

He was the devoted husband of 37 years to Denise (Griffin) Cardillo of Saugus, loving and proud father to Kristina and Kimberly Cardillo, brother of Paul Cardillo of Everett and best friend of his loyal granddog, Leo, who was always by his side. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Formerly and proudly of Everett, Walter was a graduate of Malden Catholic High School and furthered his education at Salem State College. He was an educator for over 30 years. Dedicated founder and business owner of CSI Security. Walter had a passion for travel. He could often be found enjoying many summers on the lake in Amesbury, ski trips in Colorado and weekend getaways to New York. A most dedicated Boston Celtics fan, Walter and his wife were season ticket holders for 25 years. Walter most treasured time spent with his



wife, Denise at the Celtics games and enjoying dinner out with his three favorite girls.

Walter will be greatly missed by family, friends and all that knew him.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Walter’s visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark Street (Corner of Main St.) Everett, today, Wednesday, April 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. His funeral will be from the funeral home on Thursday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 487 Broadway, Everett at 10 a.m. Burial to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Walter’s memory to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

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Graduate School of Government and Law, and an ordained pastor having studied Ministry and Pastoral Care at the Andover Newton Theology School. Additionally, she is a Fellow at the Tufts Health Literacy Institute and a frequent lecturer and collaborator at the Harvard University Department of Languages. “I started my work promoting Francophone because it called me, it had been a passion for me since my childhood, and I felt a personal duty to endeavor to share the Francophonie with the world,” said Reverend DesRosiers. The Reverend’s work in promoting francophonic began in the 1990’s, and she has since made this mission one of

the many pillars of the Everett Haitian Community Center’s (“EHCC”) work. EHCC’s Emerging Bright Stars Academy provides an extra-curricular program for youth to connect with their Francophone roots by learning the French language and exploring the diverse cultures chat make up the beauty of the francophone community. EHCC has fostered a relationship with the French Consulate of Boston, and both regularly collaborate to organize events across Greater Boston to promote francophonie.

EHCC became a citizen ambassador and for the first time brought the Consulate of France co the city of Everett to cel-

ebrate the international month of francophonie, marking a milestone in the movement to promote francophonic in the city. In his remarks to the public during the first ever celebration of Francophonie in the city of Everett, French Consulate General Arnaud Mentré recognized Reverend DesRosiers for her work on an individual level and with EHCC regarding the promotion of francophonie, stating “[W]e are very grateful for all you’ve done to promote the French language amongst the Haitian community here. Today the Everett Haitian Community Center is the central institution for francophonie in Everett.” Professor Karen

Truman; PHD of Harvard University’s Department of World Languages declared “Congratulations! For the past three years, my French students at Harvard University have participated in a cultural exchange with the children of the Haitian Center under the direction of Mrs. Myrlande DesRosiers. It is truly an honor to be able to work together and to connect my students to a community of engaged learners in Boston.”

EHCC would like to congratulate Reverend DesRosiers on this incredible and well-deserved achievement. The future of francophonie in Everett is bright, and we are proud to be a pare of the global francophone community .

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council meetings.

The topics ranged from asking Ward 3 Councillor Anthony DiPierro to step down over the issue of racist memes he had forwarded to others, to the mayor’s longevity pay, to homeless persons in the area of Ferry Street and Broadway, and to potholes in the streets.

One of the speakers included Sandy Juliano, a local real estate broker and former resident, who said, “I am vested in the community. I do not sleep here and so I don’t vote here, but people want answers.”

Despite Hanlon’s admonition that he will follow the rules going forward, it is almost guaranteed that many of the same people will be at the next City Council meeting and will speak on the same issues in two weeks.

In other business before the council, the following appointments submitted by Mayor Carlo DeMaria were approved:

An order recommending confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the Everett Fire Department: Brian Ramunno, Michael

Doyon, Jessie King, Jonathan Menendez, Patrick Neary, and Ian Tweeddale;

An order recommending confirmation of the reappointment of Jon Norton to the Conservation Commission for a term of three years expiring April 1, 2025;

An order recommending confirmation of the re-appointment of Rita Hashem to the Conservation Commission for a term of three years expiring April 1, 2025;

An order recommending confirmation of the reappointment of Maeve

Kernan to the Conservation Commission for a term of two years expiring April 1, 2024;

An order recommending confirmation of the reappointment of Eamon Kernan to the Conservation Commission for a term of two years expiring April 1, 2024; and

An order recommending confirmation of the re-appointment of Daryl Colson to the Conservation Commission for a term of one year expiring April 1, 2023.

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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday May 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition.  
Whereas a petition has been presented by:  
**Property Address: 535 Second Street**  
**Map/Lot: K0-01-000099**  
**Property Owner Jam Realty**  
**530 Second Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**  
**Applicant: Mr. Zachary Richards PE**  
**Bohler Engineering**  
**45 Franklin Street 5th Floor**  
**Boston, MA 02110**  
PROPOSAL:  
The applicant seeks to demolish the existing structure and construct a Four (4) Story Sixty foot high 27-unit apartment building. Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:  
Violations:  
• The Front Yard in the Apartment District on the provided plot plan indicates a distant of Seven (7) feet with only Seven (7) of landscaping  
• The Rear Yard on the provided plot plan indicates a Seven (7) foot rear yard  
• The minimum lot in the Apartment District shall be 22,500 square feet and the plot plan indicates only 13,684 square feet  
• The Floor Area Ratio is shown to be 2.2 in the Apartment District and the Business District  
• The fence acting as the barrier between the abutting properties is shown to be Eight (8) feet in height.  
• The Parking is non-compliant and be handled by the TDM Zoning:  
• Section 5 Apartment District: Line 5. Front Yard:  
a. Twenty (20) feet minimum of which ten (10) feet shall be used for landscaping  
• Section 5 Apartment District Rear Yard Rear Yard: Twenty-five, (25) feet minimum. (Ord. of 6-29-87) and Section 6 Business District Rear Yard 6. Rear Yard: Twenty-five (25) feet minimum unless the lot extends from one (1) street to another street, in which case no rear yard is required, except for any residential use which shall require a ten foot minimum. (Ord. of 6-29-87)  
• Section 5 Dimensional Requirements (1) Residential dwelling units, except one- or two-family units, which will be subject to Section 4, Dimensional requirements.  
b. Four thousand (4,000) square feet plus one thousand (1,000) square feet per unit up to a total of ten (10) units, then five hundred (500) square feet per unit for all units in excess of ten (10) units. (Ord of 6-29-87)  
• Section 5 Line 2 All other residential: Floor area ratio, 1 to 1 maximum (Ord. of 6-29-87) Section 17 paragraph L line 2 L. All properties which about such parking lots shall be protected from headlight glare by either: 2. A wall, barrier, of fence of uniform appearance at least five (5) feet high, but not more than six (6) feet above finish grade, or above the roof level if on a roof. Such wall, barrier or fence may be opaque or perforated, provided that not more than fifty (50) percent of the face open.  
• Section 17 Off-Street Parking: line 2 Multi-Family Dwellings –2 Spaces per Dwelling Unit (See Section 35 for the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance)  
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Phil Antonelli - Chairman

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on the 19 teams in the youth league, according to Castiello, a long-time and highly respected leader in Everett youth sports. There are four Major, four Minor, five Farm, and six T-Ball teams.

“We’ll be meeting at the old Everett High School at 10:30 a.m. and stepping off for the parade at 11 a.m.,” said Castiello. “We should be at Sacaramone by 11:30 or quarter to twelve.”

Following the ceremonies, the league will hold four consecutive games beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The league will begin its in-house regular season schedule Monday. Everett teams will play some inter-city games against Somerville Little League.


Castiello said playoffs will be held following the regular season. Everett’s Williamsport All-Star team will compete in the District 12 Tournament against Somerville, Melrose, Malden, and East Boston.

Castiello, 74, is a 1967

graduate of Everett High School. He has had a long-storied career as a Little League and Pop Warner coach and administrator. He has been a loyal supporter of Everett High sports, most recently having observed Crimson Tide softball coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo’s 300th career victory at Glendale Park. Stacy’s father, Al, was an Everett Little League coach for 47 years, and there is a plaque dedicated in his honor adjacent to the concession stand at Sacaramone Park.

Officers and Board Members

The Everett Little League officers and board members for the 2022 season are: President George Castiello, Vice President Jacqui Bullens, Player Agent Joe Young, Treasurer Marc Freni, Secretary Lisa Harr, Safety Officer Brian Savi, Umpire-in-Chief Michael Guida, Major League Director Jimmy Schafer, Minor League Director Marc Harr, Farm League Director Steve Murphy, T-Ball Director Jimmy Striker, Equipment Manager Stephanie Smith, Concessionaire Rosa Torres, and Information Officer Tiffany Mulligan.

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EHS BOYS IN TENNIS ACTION AGAINST REVERE

Given the whipping wind and a temperature barely 40 degrees, most people would have declined the invitation

“Tennis, anyone?” But weather conditions didn’t matter Wednesday, April 20, as the Revere and Everett boys donned coats

and sweatshirts to brave the elements in a scheduled Greater Boston League matchup at Rossetti Park in Everett.



Everett’s Third singles player Nilaehro Pal.



Everett’s No. 1 Singles player Carlos Mungia.



Everett’s first Doubles team Atlin Linford (left) and Johnny Pham.



Everett’s Second singles player Aleks Mustacchia.

EHS Roundup

EHS GIRLS TRACK TEAM DEFEATS MALDEN, 87-48; SET MANY PERSONAL RECORDS

The Everett High girls outdoor track and field team put their vacation week to good use with an 87-48 victory over Greater Boston League rival Malden last Wednesday. The Lady Crimson Tide won nine of the 14 individual events and also captured both of the relays. Senior Lakisha Kirnon was a double-winner for coach Jehu Cimea’s squad. Lakisha took top spot in the 100 high hurdles with a clocking of 18.9 seconds and grabbed first in the long jump with a leap of 15’-1”, which was a personal record (PR). Kirnon also grabbed second place with a leap of 4’-6” in the high jump, which was another PR. Lakisha’s outstanding overall performance led the Lady Crimson Tide with 13 points on the day. Teammates who also won their events and achieved a PR were junior Nyla Crowder in the 100 dash in 13.75 and senior Alyssa Hurley with a javelin toss of 72’-2”. Other first-place finishers for the Lady Crimson Tide were: Sophomore Layla Betancur-Cardona in the shot-put with a throw of 25’-5.5”; senior Rejeana Guillaume in the 200 dash in 29.8; senior Natalya Anaya in the

800 in 3:03; sophomore Laneya Smith in the 400 dash in 1:12.2; and sophomore Malaica Guillaume in the 400 hurdles in 1:25.3. Second-place finishers who added three points to the Everett side of the scoresheet were: senior Elysse Datchene in the 100 dash in 14.1; junior Luca Jean Noel in the mile with a PR time of 7:11.3; junior Ida Bittaye in the 100 hurdles in 20.1; freshman Alisha Lafontant in the 400 dash in 1:13.9; Rejeana Guillame with a PR long jump of 14’-9”; Malaica Guillaume with a triple jump of 28’-4.5”; and sophomore Tiana Allen with a PR throw of 60’-1” in the javelin. Contributing single points to the Everett winning total with third-place efforts were: Victoria Macao with a PR in the javelin of 56’-8”; Smith in the discus with a spin of 57’-2”; Hurley with a shot-put toss of 23’-11”; Nicole Brandao in the long jump with a flight of 13’-10.5”; senior Gigi Boyce in the 200 dash in 30.7; sophomore Ariana Reed in the 400 dash in 1:18.2; sophomore Suzanna Maharjan in the two-mile run with a PR of 16:40.8; and freshman Jossycah Emmanuel in the 400 hurdles in 1:32.8. The 4 x 100 relay quartet consisted of Bittaye, Crowder, junior Jessica DeSouza, and Boyce. They ran a time of 56.5. The winning 4 x 400 foursome who defeated

their Malden counterparts by an eight-second margin with a clocking of 5:11.2 were Malaica Guillaume, LaFontant, Anaya, and junior Selma Moutaouakkil. Cimea and his squad are scheduled to be back in action when they host GBL foe Chelsea tomorrow (Thursday). **FUCCILLO SPINS A PERFECT GAME AND A NO-HITTER FOR EHS SOFTBALL TEAM** Amidst all of the exuberance in the past week surrounding the 300th career victory of veteran Everett High head softball coach Stacy Schiavo, her star pitcher, Celeste Fuccillo, tossed a pair of no-hit games within a span of three games over six days. Celeste’s most-impressive performance was a perfect game against Greater Boston League rival Lynn English in which she struck out 11 enemy batters in five innings -- the contest ended early because of the mercy rule -- which means Fuccillo got 11 of the 15 outs via a strikeout. Five days later, Celeste spun another no-hitter in a 21-1 rout of Somerville (which marked Schiavo’s 300th win) in which she fanned seven and walked only one. The lone Somerville run was unearned when a Lady Highlander reached on an error, stole second, and eventually scored on a ground-out. Leading the way for the

Everett offense in the win over English were Kayley Rossi with a single and a double and Kristi Skane and Emma Longmore with a base hit apiece. In the big Somerville triumph, Skane had three hits, including a home run. Emilia Babock had a single and a double, Gianna Masucci had two doubles, Longmore had two hits, Bryanna Mason had a single and triple, and Rossi added a double. Schiavo and her crew have a busy week. They took on Medford this past Monday and will make the short trek to Malden today (Wednesday). They will entertain non-league opponent Weymouth on Friday at Glendale at 4:00 and then entertain Chelsea on Monday. They will travel to Lynn Classical next Wednesday. **EHS BASEBALL TEAM TOPS GR. LAWRENCE, 13-9** The Everett High baseball team earned a 13-9 victory over Greater Lawrence behind the pitching and hitting of junior Matt Turilli. Matt picked up the win on the mound and contributed mightily to his own cause at the plate with five RBI and two base hits. Omar Marshall, Brian Gibbs, and Nordeivy Santana also had multiple-hit games for the Crimson Tide. Everett then came out on the short end of a tough 2-1 decision in ex-

tra innings to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Somerville. Marshall turned in a stellar pitching effort in going seven-plus innings. Omar also provided all of the Everett offense, accounting for the Tide’s only two hits and scoring the lone run. In an 11-1 loss to Revere, the Everett bats once again were quiet. Frankie Velasquez had an RBI single to cut the deficit to 2-1 in the third inning, but that would prove to be all the offense that Everett would muster on the day. Revere broke open a 4-1 game in the sixth thanks to a combination of Everett miscues and timely hitting. The loss dropped Everett’s record to under-.500 for the first time this season at 3-4. Coach Joel Levine and his crew were scheduled to host Medford this past Monday and to entertain Malden today (Wednesday) at Glendale at 4:00. They will make the short trek to Chelsea next Monday and return home to face Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

Everett captured six of the individual events: junior Patrick Bien Aime in the 400 dash in 58.4; senior Wensley Monpremier in the 800 in 2:29.2; senior Lilian Pochot in the long jump with a flight of 19’-7.75”; senior Donovan Gaskins with a shot-put toss of 38’-9.75”; senior Jared Celestin with a discus spin of 91’-0”; and senior Seth Sylvain with a javelin throw of 97’-5”. Adding three points to the Everett cause with second-place performances were: Gaskins in the discus (85’-6.5”); Adail Costa Fernandes in the triple jump (33’06”); Pochot in the 200 dash (25.4); Shinay Aristhene in the 100 hurdles in 19.4; Samuel Desir Mafouana in the mile (5:39.1); and Mompremier in the two-mile in 11:57. Contributing single points with third-place finishes were: Adam Penaflor in the 400 hurdles (1:08); David Huezo-Erazo in the two-mile (14:35.5); junior Fludy Moise in the 400 dash in 59.6; and junior Reklav Lageroy in the 200 dash in 26.5. Senior Darryl Monvil added a half-point in the 100 dash when his sprint of 12.7 tied a Malden competitor. The Crimson Tide will host GBL archrival Chelsea tomorrow (Thursday).



CITY OF EVERETT PLANTS 25 NEW TREES

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett has received 25 out of the total 75 expected trees to replace old and rotted ones

throughout the City. This is part of the City’s partnership with the Tree City USA program to make Everett an eco-friendlier community.

More trees planted throughout the City will provide many benefits to the community. Cities are getting hotter as the climate gets warmer, and

more planted trees will help cool rising temperatures in an urban City like Everett. Trees will also produce and improve oxygen levels and help

cleanse our air from toxic pollutants. Having healthy trees placed throughout the City is a good way of reducing both stress and anxiety.

Residents can expect our Department of Public Works to be replacing dead and rotted trees throughout the City in the coming weeks.

COURTESY PHOTOS



The trees arrived on a flatbed truck.



Department of Public Works employees ready to get the trees in the ground.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

TOWN MANGER GETS CONTRACT

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council has given a three-year contract to the new town manager, Anthony Marino.

Council President James Letterie said the Council and Marino agreed to the contract during an executive session. The Council then voted unanimously to approve the contract in open session before Letterie and Marino officially signed it.

Marino, 51, will begin as Winthrop town manager on May 23. He has been the Ipswich town manager for the past four years.

Letterie said Marino will receive a salary of \$205,000 per year for the length of the contract.

“I’m looking forward to being the town manager of

Winthrop,” said Marino. “I was excited to apply for the position, and I had a great interview process with the Council, and I’m excited to get started on May 23.”

Marino has begun collaborating with Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty on job descriptions for the vacant Winthrop positions of chief financial officer, treasurer, and assessor.

Marino has met with several Winthrop department heads, including Supt. of Schools Lisa Howard.

Marino grew up on the South Shore in the town of Pembroke. “My father [Leo Marino] was a Boston firefighter and moved us down there from Dorchester when I was 3 years old,” said Marino.

Marino served in the

United States Navy for four years and received his college degree from Bridgewater University. He resides in Lynnfield and is married with two children ages 28 and 11.

Letterie said he is pleased to bring Marino aboard and happy with the contract.

“A great deal is when both sides get what they want and this agreement is absolutely that,” said Letterie. “Tony gets to come work for a town that he already has a passion for and has been on his radar for a while, and Winthrop gets a town manager that has all the attributes we have been looking for.

“Tony has a great skill set, personality, and that blue-collar work ethic that will be able to lead us out of stagnation,” Letterie added. “I am in-credi-

bly excited to get started working with Tony.”

LOOKING AT PROGRESS BEING MADE

CHELSEA - Chelsea Black Community/Chelsea Young Adult Alliance held the first of its virtual community conversations recently to discuss the progress made within major city departments since the Black Lives Matter movement of 2020.

The meetings will allow each department to publicly discuss its efforts to address disparities, highlight progress made in the last two years, and share plans of action and goals to reduce community and systemic inequalities over the next three months.

The Tuesday, April 12 meeting focused on education, with a presentation from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta and district Director of Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Dr. Aaron Jennings.

Abeyta and Jennings highlighted the equity and diversity efforts the schools have undertaken under the past two years, including increasing staff diversity, creating affinity groups for students and staff, hiring a coordinator for culturally responsible teaching, and creating a pipeline program to help both students and parents become teachers in the district.

Jennings spoke about the district equity audit he undertook soon after com-

ing to the Chelsea schools in October of 2020, as well as the establishment of the Black Students Unite and the Latinx Students Unite groups within the schools.

“It’s been a real delight to see their leadership and hear their voices in that space,” Jennings said of the student groups.

Jennings also stressed the importance of working together with HR director Christine Lee to make sure the district increases the diversity of its teachers and leadership. He also played videos from several Chelsea High School students who spoke about the importance of having teachers of color within the schools.

“They teach us how to empower ourselves and how to look out for ourselves, and they know the kinds of situations that we are in, especially as students of color,” said Javin Diaz, a sophomore at the high school.

Many of the CBC/CYAA and community members who took part in the forum praised the educational leaders for the progress the district has made in racial equity and diversity over the past sev-

eral years.

“I’m seeing things like the addition of the coordinator for culturally responsible learning and that’s amazing, that’s something that I’ve not even heard of before,” said Jayde Umembaba, who also praised the school’s efforts to increase diversity across all levels and create affinity groups for students and staff.

Long-time Chelsea resident and educator Sharon Caulfield likewise praised the school district for the dynamic changes it has undertaken in the past several years.

While Jennings and Abeyta took the praise in stride, they both said there is still much work to do in the schools and in the city.

“I feel like this work is just beginning,” said Abeyta. “Aaron is an office of one, and while we are proud to have the best equity officer, he can’t do it all himself. We all own this work; this is the tip of the iceberg and there is still so much work to do.”

Additional CBC/CYAA community conversations in April include virtual meetings on city management, public safety, public health, and housing.

EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS APPOINTED



During the recent Everett City Council meeting, Everett firefighters (left to right) Ian Tweeddale, Jessie King, Chief Scott Dalrymple, Michael Doyon, Brian Ramunno, Jonathan Menendez., and Patrick Neary (Not pictured) were appointed. Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett thank these men for their bravery and choosing to help keep Everett safe. Stay safe and best of luck!

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, in collaboration with the Everett Adult Learning Center and Parlin Memorial Library, held its first free class, on Saturday, April 16, to teach English as a second language. Students at the program began to learn English and also brought their children to participate in fun activities such as creating, and coloring, pictures. When the class finished, the children were surprised with an Easter egg hunt outside of the library. There were plenty of eggs filled with chocolate for all the kids to find. The City of Everett would like to thank the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) for awarding the grant funding to make this class possible and remain free to participants.

EHS STUDENT RIVERA NAMED OUTSTANDING VOCATIONAL STUDENT



David Rivera Sandoval, a senior in the Marketing Pathway and a talented artist and photographer, was recently honored as Everett High School’s 2021-2022 Outstanding Vocational Student. He joined other students from around the state at a special awards banquet on April 14th at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Above, David accepted the Vocational Award from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Deputy Commissioner Regina M. Robinson.

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