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CONGRATULATIONS, BINTA

In the photo to the right, Rep. McGonagle (left) presented a citation to Binta Barry (center), who was recently naturalized as a U.S. Citizen. McGonagle was excited to congratulate her on this truly incredible moment. In the top photo, Rep. McGonagle presented Ms. Barry the citation at her work, The Scrubbing Board in Everett, which he was happy to visit in anticipation of their re-opening. Congrats to Ms. Barry and the Scrubbing Board!



Everett residents are presenters in Mystic Feast event

By Cary Shuman

Everett residents Katy Rogers, Martha Chason-Sokol, and Samantha Lambert were presenters at the Mystic Feast held March 31 at the Polish Political Club in Chelsea.

The Mystic Feast is a dinner-event intended to support local projects, according to Planning Committee member Karyn Alzayer.

Each guest at the dinner contributes \$20, with all funds being awarded to the person whose project presentation receives the most votes on the individual bal-

lots cast by the attendees.

“I just thought the idea was really cool,” said Alzayer, a 13-year resident of Everett who is originally from northern Ohio and moved here to attend Boston University where she received a Master’s degree in Music Education.

The Presenters

An award-winning photographer and owner of Katy Rogers Art, Katy Rogers presented an exciting proposal for an outdoor movie trellis, modeled after the one she had created in her backyard as a response to social distancing in 2020.

“By day, it is an ordinary trellis for growing vertical plants, but by night it can be transformed into an outdoor theater experience, creating a relationship between nature and technology,” related Rogers. “The goal is to attract people to outdoor spaces who may not ordinarily have access to them.”

Chason-Sokol of Art Lab Everett proposed the creation of a storytelling festival in Everett. Her enthusiastic presentation was well-received by the audience.

Lambert, a member of the Everett School

Committee, made an outstanding presentation for a photography project in coordination with Everett Community Growers.

The Rev. Elaine Mendez, pastor of the Revival Center church, made the winning presentation for a project that will showcase photographs by Chelsea photographer Darlene DeVita at the Revival Center. The photos of Chelsea landmarks and residents will be displayed on the walls of the church and help to further beautify the church’s interior.

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Malden Catholic High School holds chapel dedication

By Marianne Salza

Malden Catholic High School (MC) celebrated its new chapel with a dedication ceremony in honor of Brother Thomas Puccio, Director of Mission Integration, on March 19. Brother Puccio has ministered at MC for 36 years, and has been involved in all aspects of the school, from serving as Assistant Headmaster of Academics, to 26 years as the principal.

“It was a lovely ceremony,” Brother Puccio said humbly. “It was very moving for me. It was a great gathering of friends and supporters of Malden Catholic.”

A soft spoken leader, Brother Puccio is devoted to the institution and his Xaverian brothers, and participates at the school in every capacity. He photographed the recent Rolling Rally for incoming students, and prepared cheese for refreshments before a new teachers’ meeting.

“Brother’s hand is on



Jim Donovan, Board Chairman, Headmaster John K. Thornburg, Brother Thomas Puccio, and Margaret and Paul Chisholm during the Malden Catholic High School chapel ribbon cutting.

all aspects of the school community,” exalted Senior Director of Advancement Bob McCarthy, who performed opening and closing songs during the ceremony. “The level of dedication and commitment is unmatched. We are truly blessed by his presence every day.”

Father Paul Coughlin, pastor of St. Raphael Par-

ish, Medford, presided over the dedication and blessed the sacred space. Malden Catholic has had small, temporary chapels for the past six years as the school had been renovating and expanding to accommodate a division for girls. Now Malden Catholic has 765 students and a chapel that sits 50.

“The chapel is in the

main corridor of the building, which is terrific,” described Brother Puccio. “It gives the chapel great visibility.”

Brother Puccio currently teaches two theology classes and hopes to soon bring students into the chapel for prayer and reflection.

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Capturing the Spirit of the Competition

Victoria Fabbo receives major award at Miss Massachusetts USA Pageant

By Cary Shuman

Everett native Victoria Fabbo was the recipient of the Spirit Award at the Miss Massachusetts USA Pageant held March 26-27 at the Burlington Marriott.

The award recognized Fabbo for “promoting friendship and sportsmanship” during the entire pageant process. Fabbo was selected for the award by the other contestants and the pageant staff.

“I was honored to receive the Spirit Award because it made me think of my [Pop Warner] cheerleading coach, Kristin [Fulton], because I won so many spirit things with her, so it was nice,” said Fabbo.

Victoria, who was Miss Middlesex County, joined 70 contestants in the pageant, participating in evening gown and swimsuit competitions, and appearing at an interview con-



Everett native Victoria Fabbo, Miss Middlesex County, is pictured at the Miss Massachusetts USA Pageant held at the Burlington Marriott.

ducted by the pageant. “I had my evening gown and interview outfits made by Daumos Boutique in

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NAACP asks for DiPierro to resign

By Stephen Quigley

The latest call for embattled Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro to resign his office has come from the Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP. DiPierro has admitted having racist memes on his Instagram account.

The area NAACP branch serves the communities of Arlington, Everett, Malden, Medford, Winchester and Woburn.

Zane T. Crute, Presi-

dent of the Mystic Valley Branch of the NAACP stated, “we want to ensure that our elective officials are held accountable. We expected more of Councilor DiPierro.” Crute has led the area organization since 2017. The following statement was sent to the media and Everett elected officials:

The Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP, which covers six communities north of Boston, in-

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DiDomenico’s bill to end hair discrimination passes Senate

Special to the Independent

Last week, the Massachusetts Senate unanimously voted to pass legislation sponsored by Senator Sal DiDomenico and Senator Adam Gomez of Springfield that would end race-based hair discrimination in the Commonwealth. The bill—also known as the CROWN Act—prohibits the denial of employment and educational opportunities because of hair textures or protective hairstyles, such as braids, locks, and twists. The protection means that no school district, school committee, public school, nonsectarian school, or any equivalent school organizations, can adopt or implement policies that would impair or prohibit a

natural or protective hairstyle that has been historically associated with one’s race.

Hair discrimination remains a source of racial injustice with economic consequences for Black people. According to a 2019 study, Black women are 1.5 times more likely to be sent home from the workplace because of their hair. Currently in Massachusetts and many states across the country, it is legal to discriminate against a person in the workplace or schools because of natural or protective hairstyles. The CROWN Act corrects this injustice by making hair discrimination illegal in Massachusetts.

In his remarks on the bill

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ECC awards 26 local grants

The Everett Cultural Council’s (ECC) March meeting was dedicated to reviewing and voting on a large number of grant applications from community and area individuals and organizations to distribute funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The Council was able to approve funding for 26 of the proposals in amounts ranging from \$150 to \$5675 as noted in the chart below.

The Everett Cultural Council is seeking community participation and input for developing events throughout the City. We are always looking for volunteers to join us. For additional information please contact: Sioux Gerow via email siouxg@gmail.com.

Applicant	Project Title	Amount
Lyria Garcia	Waysland	1500
Gregory Cook	Wonderland Spectacle Co. Northern Strand	950
Leigh Baltzer	Puppet Story Time: Parlin Library	150
Latinos Unidos en Mass.	Multicultural Festival	5676
Sioux Gerow	Postcard Project I	1000
Boston Landmarks Orchestra	Music & Memory	1500
Robert Zammarchi	Elijah T. Grasshopper & Friends	750
Sevenars Concerts, Inc.	Sevenars 54th Anniv. Season	1000
Diane Edgecomb	Seasonal Storytellings:Summer & Halloween	950
Martha Chason-Sokol	DRAWING IN(ter)VENTION	1500
Greater Boston Stage Co.	Discounted Theatre Ticket program	1000
MA Educational Theater Guild	MA High School Drama Festival	750
Kendall Inglese	Kamishibai Story & STEM (3 events)	600
Rejane De Musis	Praticutucá - Music & Lit. for Children in Portuguese	5000
MUSIC Dance.edu	Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise for Seniors!	500
Delvena Theatre Co.	A Christmas Carol	575
Alex Leff	Cycle of Memory	1500
Davis R. Bates III	The Places You'll Go: Summer Reading Performance	500
Gregory Maichack	The Jellyfish: How to Pastel Paint	600
Karyn Alzayer	Everett Arts Map	800
Laura Sanchez	After Dark	1500
Art Lab Everett	Arts for Everett	1500
Edward L. Cope, Jr.	Impromptu Magic for Camping	450
Ethnic Arts Center, Somerville	Pt. 2-Everett's Immigrants-Past & Present-puppetry	1500
Karyn Alzayer	Everett Community Art Walk	1500
Matt York	Songs & Stories - The Highwaymen	650
	Total Granted	33901

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cluding Everett, is writing to demand the resignation of City Councilor Anthony DiPierro for his recent racist communications. He can no longer lead the diverse city of Everett in any capacity. We stand with members of the community in demanding that he to be held accountable for his behavior.

The facts as we understand them: Everett City Councilor Anthony DiPierro shared some despicable racist memes and text messages several months ago with some of his fellow City Councilors. While Councilor DiPierro has apologized, there is currently an investigation underway by Cathy Draine, the City of Everett Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. It appears that there were several additional racist communications with DiPierro and several other City Councilors, many of which contained the use of the N-word. His complete lack of respect for Black Americans cannot be tolerated. His frequent and consistent use of the N-word in his communications is systemic and we have no reason to believe that his apologies will change how he feels about members of the African Diaspora.

It is important to put this incident in a larger context: Everett has undergone a dramatic demographic transformation in the last few decades. Where twenty years ago, Everett’s non-white population was approximately 25%, today it is approximately 65% of the total population, and 80% of the school population is non-white. This diversity is not represented in Everett City Hall or clearly in the attitudes of some of Everett’s elected officials. Everett currently has the potential to make changes that could transform the city to reflect the diversity of its population. Paramount in working towards this transformation is re-

moving from leadership positions those who hinder progress through racist speech or behavior. The culture of Everett needs to change to reflect the city’s diversity and Councilor DiPierro is certainly not a catalyst for the kind of change needed.

A person cannot claim to be a leader of a community while at the same time expressing or tolerating racist and contemptuous attitudes that are an insult to a majority of the population that the person is claiming to lead. Councilor DiPierro has lost all credibility as a leader and should step down immediately. Should he refuse to do so, we strongly encourage and implore candidates of change to challenge in future elections Mr. DiPierro and any other officials who stand in solidarity with him.

Zane T. Crute
President, Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP

NEWS IN BRIEF

MIDDLESEX SHERIFF’S OFFICE EXTENDS CORRECTION OFFICER EXAM REGISTRATION

The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office is extending the registration period for those interested in taking the correction officer entrance exam to Friday, April 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Candidates may sign up for the free exam by visiting middlesexsheriff.org and completing the registration form. The exam is being offered on a rolling basis with prospective candidates able to select from one of nine sessions between March 28 – April 9. Those who pass the written exam will be invited to take the office’s fitness test on April 16.

Starting base salary for new officers is \$60,885 with the ability to earn over \$10,000 more in potential bonuses and overtime. Candidates who successfully graduate the BTA and complete a probationary period will also be eligible for a \$2,500 sign on bonus.

The 46th Basic Training Academy (BTA) is currently slated to begin in late summer.

All applicants must be 21 years of age at the date of the examination and be legally eligible to work in the United States in compliance with federal law. Candidates must also have a high school degree or equivalent and possess a valid motor vehicle license.

To learn more about the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office, please visit us at middlesexsheriff.org. Individuals with questions regarding registration may email recruitment@sdm.state.ma.us for assistance.

- Prospective candidates also have the opportunity to meet with members of the MSO during upcoming career fairs hosted by:
- Plymouth State University – March 31
 - UMass Lowell – March 31
 - New England College Criminal Justice Club – April 5
 - New Hampshire College & University Consortium – April 6
 - Curry College – April 6
 - Bridgewater State University – April 7
 - Massachusetts Maritime Academy – April 7
 - Salem State University – April 14


MVES OFFERS CULTURAL SPECIFIC MEALS AS PART OF MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) Meals on Wheels program delivers meals to people over 60 who are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals. MVES offers authentically prepared cultural specific meals including Chinese, Caribbean, Asian/Vietnamese as well as Vegetarian and Kosher meals. “As our

communities continue to grow and diversify, we know we need to follow suit to ensure that every culture has a seat at the table,” says Carla Castillo, Nutrition Program Manager. Two new cultural meal types--Russian and Haitian--have recently been added as part of the Meals on Wheels Program. Russian meals include signature dishes such as Beef pelmeni with caramelized onions and butter sauce, Kurnik (Chicken pie), Chicken Shashlik, Lamb Pilaf, and Beef Stroganoff. Haitian meals favorites include Eggplant Stew with yuca and Curried Chicken, Chicken Jambalaya, and Caribbean Roast Lamb.

Other various types of different meals include breakfast, lunch, supper and weekend meals. MVES’ hot and cold menu is varied and the meals are nutritionally balanced, cooked without added salt, and consists of an entrée, two sides, dessert, milk, bread and margarine. Medically tailored meals available include soft, ground, pureed, low-lactose, renal, and cardiac menus as well as carb controlled meals for people with diabetes.

If you or someone you love wishes to learn more about the MVES Meals on Wheels Program, please contact us at 781-324-7705 or visit mves.org/nutrition. Our team can assist you in determining eligibility for Meals on Wheels and other Nutrition Program offerings.



- LEGAL NOTICE -
CITY OF EVERETT

BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keve-rian 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: 27 Spalding Street
Map/Lot: E0-04-000043
Property Owner: V-10 Development
PO Box 638
Winchester, MA 01810
Person Requesting: John Tocco
Email: Ricky@VolnayCapital.com
Phone: 860-559-0245

PROPOSAL:

Applicant seeks a permit to construct a five (5) story, 7230 sq ft building with four (4) units and four (4) parking spaces on the first floor. The lot is existing within the Riverfront Overlay District. The proposed use shall be R2.

Reason for Denial:

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

1. The proposed four (4) unit multifamily struc-

ture is provided with four (4) parking spaces on the lot.

Section 17 (A) --- Off Street Parking: requires 2 parking spaces per dwelling unit for a total of eight (8) required spaces. The applicant must seek relief from the Board of Appeals in the form of a Variance of four (4) parking spaces.

2. Section 26(C)(2) ---Front Yard Setback: Sections 26(c)(2) requires a minimum front yard setback of ten (10) feet. The plan is showing the set back to be 0'. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a Variance.


3. Section 26 (C)(3) --- Side Yard: A total of thirty (30) feet, with a minimum of ten feet on either side. The applicant has 3'-4" on the left side and 0' on the right side. Relief in the form of a Variance will be required.

4. Section 26 (C)(4) ---Rear Yard: Twenty-five (25) feet. The applicant is showing 0' feet for a rear setback, relief must be obtained in the form of a variance.

5. Section 26 (C) (6) ---FAR (floor Area Ratio) Floor area ratio cannot exceed 2.25 to 1, however this may be increased to a maximum of 4 to 1 by the grant of a Special Permit. The applicant is proposing a Floor Area Ratio of 2.67.

MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 41 Oakes Street
Map/Lot: E0-04-000057
Person Requesting:
Mr. Francis J. LaRovere,
Mr. Matthew J. LaRovere
Mr. Timothy J. LaRovere,
Mr. Daniel J. La Rovere &
Mr. David LaRovere
492 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:

The applicant/owner seeks a reduce the size of the lot area from 8,428 square feet down to 5,154 square feet to create a new lot of 3,278

square feet that will be added to the lot at 33 Oakes Street.

Reason for Denial:

The building on this lot is a two (2) family dwelling which per the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance requires 7,000 square feet of land, the new lot if created will be 5,154 square feet in area.


Zoning:

Section 3 General Requirements paragraph 14 which states the following:

No lot shall hereafter be subdivided so as to reduce the area of any yard, court or open space to less than is required by this Ordinance for the lot involved, but such yard or court may include one-half of the width of an alley, railroad right of way, body of water, or another permanently open space along which it extends. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 145 Vernal Street
Map/Lot: B0-02-000134
Person Requesting:
Mr. Andre Matais
149 Vernal Street
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:

The owner/applicant proposes renovate an existing tow family house, built around 1900, and covert it to a three-family resi-

dence. The existing 6068 sf lot is located in a welling District. The lot is nonconforming.

Reason for Denial:

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

- The floor area ratio of the building will be .67, this will ex-ceed the allowed FAR by .17
- The plan reflects that there will be five parking spaces, this will be one car deficient as six would be required.

Zoning:

Section 3 General Require-ments paragraph C which states the following:

C. Existing non – conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and

a finding by the board that such extension alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood that the existing non-conforming use or structure. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional Requirements line c) states the followings. all other uses ----- 0.5 maximum floor are ratio) Ord. of 6-29-87: Ord of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002: Ord. of 11/13/2007) (variance required)

Section 17 (C) requires build-ings undergoing a change of use to comply with parking re-quirements set forth in Section 12 (A) (Multifamily dwellings = 2 spaces per dwelling unit) (Variance required)

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WE'RE ALL BACK IN THE USSR, INDEFINITELY

Ever since the 1950s, we Americans have prided ourselves on the success of our capitalist system, which has provided material wealth for generations.

Back in the days of the Cold War (from the end of WWII until the fall of the Soviet empire in the early 1990s), the success of the American economy stood in stark contrast to the economies of the Soviet Union and its Communist allies behind the Iron Curtain.

The shelves in our supermarkets always were full and there never were shortages of goods of any kind. The post-World War II era brought us a cornucopia of products. In addition, the nation's housing needs largely were met as we expanded into the suburbs.

In the Soviet-bloc countries however, their inefficient economies, lacking competition, provided fewer and inferior goods. A paucity of housing in those nations resulted in generations of families living together in small apartments in drab, high-rise housing complexes.

What brought to mind the Communist economies of that era was our recent visit to a department store chain (Macy's) at the end of February when we ordered a new couch and chair. We were told that we could expect our items to arrive in May, but just this past week, we received an email telling us that the expected delivery date now is late July.

This past weekend a family member was set to return from Florida (on Jet Blue), but his flight was canceled -- along with hundreds of others across the country. That was bad enough, but trying to rebook the flight via the phone or the internet proved nearly-impossible. The wait time on the phone was 241 minutes and the Jet Blue internet site was overwhelmed and kept knocking us off the site.

On top of that, we now have rampant inflation -- with no sign of it cooling off. In addition, we have been forewarned that the computer chip shortage is not ending anytime soon (so new cars will still be at a premium) and food shortages caused by the war in Ukraine will mean higher prices on just about everything.

The predicament in which we find ourselves is almost entirely self-inflicted thanks to a combination of trends of the past 40 years, most especially the offshoring of manufacturing jobs, "just in time" inventory controls, and overly-stringent government regulations for new infrastructure projects.

Today we are facing massive housing shortages (just as millennials are setting out on their own), food shortages, and chip shortages with no quick remedies in sight.

In many respects, our economy more closely resembles the 1970s-era USSR than the 1970s USA -- and it seems we will be stuck here for a long time to come.

AMERICANS ALSO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES

Although we may feel relief that the horrific images from Ukraine of the genocidal actions of Putin's army against the civilian population are half a world away, every American literally is on the front lines of this terrible conflict thanks to the interconnectedness that is the hallmark of the age in which we live.

It is estimated that 80% of America's critical infrastructure is controlled by the private sector, all but making a concerted national defense of our electrical grid, water systems, hospitals, and energy supplies nearly impossible.

Moreover, because almost all of these companies have abided by a penny-wise and pound-foolish business model which has precluded investment in defense against cyberattacks, almost every aspect of our life is vulnerable to disruptions by a determined cyberattacker.

So while it may be true that we are safe from a physical attack by bombs (unless Putin goes fully-nuclear), every American must be prepared for the inevitable cyber warfare that will be waged by Putin and other actors that could affect every aspect of our daily lives.

A WELCOME SIGHT IN BOSTON HARBOR

We were sitting in our home office Monday morning when we saw something we hadn't seen in more than two years -- a cruise ship (the Norwegian Pearl) sailing into Boston Harbor.

A half dozen or more cruise ships routinely sailed from Boston each week before the pandemic, but this was the first large cruise ship we'd seen since late 2019.

We looked up the Pearl -- which makes seven-day cruises from Boston to Bermuda (with a stop at Bar Harbor, Maine, on the return) -- and saw that its first cruise of this season is set for later this week.

Although a cruise aboard a large ship (the Pearl has a capacity of about 2400 passengers) is not exactly our cup of tea, so to speak, it was nice to see the colorful ship making its way past Graves Light, the Brewsters, Lovell's Island, and Deer Island along the main shipping channel of President Roads.

Hopefully, it's a sign that the worst of the pandemic is behind us and better days are on the horizon.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Bad jokes and slapping people

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

In a civil, polite society we shouldn't run around slapping comedians, politicians, radio or television personalities, or musical performers. The list goes on and includes everyone. Will Smith's stunt of slapping comedian Chris Rock at the 2022 Oscars was a bad idea. It was only by the grace of God and mainly the grace of Chris Rock that Smith was not arrested or sued. Before this is all over, Rock could still take him to court. At this point in time, it doesn't seem likely.

On the other hand, it was a bad idea for Chris Rock to use Will Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, in a joke that highlighted alopecia, the disease

that has been tormenting her. Diseases and disabilities are issues with which people struggle. The joke angered Will Smith. His feelings got totally out of control as he bounded on stage to slap Chris Rock. While many people understand how Smith must have felt and may have thought Rock deserved it, we still have to restrain ourselves.

I suspect there are people who probably have wanted to slap a politician or two. You can't do that because you would go to jail. Furthermore, that is the wrong way to conduct our behavior. What about Vladimir Putin? You couldn't get by with that in Russia. Regardless of how evil and heinous an individual is, if

you slapped him while walking down Broadway in New York City, a policeman would most likely arrest you. This is a far-fetched scenario even though most of the free world is ready for Putin to be totally removed.

If you have been working on your list of people to slap you might as well put it away. It won't work. You will eventually end up in jail, in court, or both.

We do have free speech in America. People can hurl words freer than hurling punches. Words can and do hurt. There are repercussions if you slander, malign or use your speech against others in a way that "hurts" them. However, television, radio, and political events frequently allow the rhetoric to go

way out of bounds.

An idea for us all is to control our tongues and our actions. Most of us have spoken before we thought. We may have reacted in a way without seriously considering the action. Too often a fast mouth or quick action may have brought regret.

There are lessons to be learned from this year's Academy Awards. Mainly, don't act like those people.

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.

McGonagle, joins colleagues in passing \$350 million bond authorization for local transportation infrastructure

State Rep. Joe McGonagle recently supported a \$350 million bond bill to help maintain municipal roads and bridges under the state's Chapter 90 program and to provide additional funding for several transportation-related municipal grant programs.

House Bill 4638, An Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges, will provide over \$690,000 to Everett to assist with the upkeep of its local transportation infrastructure under the state's Chapter 90 program, which is being funded at \$200 million for Fiscal Year 2023. The bill was engrossed on a unanimous vote of 156-0 in the House of Representatives on March 30, but still requires Senate approval and Governor Baker's signature.

"We had a pretty tough winter and it wasn't kind to our roads," said McGonagle. "This money will help us maintain their upkeep and repair them for the rest of the year. We also can use the money for other road related expenses and have the ability to apply for other transportation related grants. Overall, this money is necessary to keep Everett moving and I'm grateful to the House for their work on this."

McGonagle said the House bill also authorizes \$150 million in additional spending for five state grant programs that cities and towns can access for assistance in funding local transportation-related initiatives. Specifically, the bill provides for:

- a \$40 million increase for the construction, re-

construction, resurfacing, repair and improvement of pavement and surface conditions on non-federally aided roadways;

- a \$30 million increase in the municipal small bridge program, which supports the design, engineering, construction, preservation, reconstruction and repair of, or improvements to, non-federally aided bridges;

- a \$25 million increase for the Complete Streets Program, which provides technical assistance and construction funding to eligible municipalities seeking to provide safe and accessible travel mode options for people of all ages and abilities;

- a \$25 million increase for grants to municipalities for the prioritization and enhancement of mass transit by bus; and

- a \$25 million increase for grants to municipalities to expand access to mass transit and commuter rail stations.

McGonagle noted the Chapter 90 program is designed to help cities and towns address local transportation priorities by allowing funding to be used for a variety of construction purposes, including road resurfacing, sidewalk repairs, direction and warning signs, traffic signals, crosswalks, and street lighting. Other eligible construction projects include structural work on bridges, culverts, footbridges and pedestrian bridges, and retaining walls.

House Bill 4638 now heads to the Senate for its consideration.

Your opinions, please

The Everett Independent welcomes letters to the editor. Our mailing address is 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Our fax number is 781-485-1403. Letters may also be e-mailed to editor@everettindependent.com. Letters must be signed.

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“She [the Rev. Mendez] wants to show the joy of people and faces and children and the Tobin Bridge,” said DeVita.

The Rev. Mendez received \$830 in funding for her project.

“I feel very happy and it’s a pleasure to win the award at the first Mystic Feast,” said the Rev. Mendez. “But I’m a winner just by being here and being part of such a wonderful event that helps the community.”

Praise for the organizers

Rogers praised the organizers of the Mystic Feast. “It was exciting to see so many creative people in one place,” said Rogers. “I have worked on several projects with Mimi Graney in Chelsea and Karyn Alzayer in Everett. Their collaboration beyond city borders is a huge step in the right direction for the art community.”

Graney, a member of the Planning Committee member and event founder, said

the Mystic Feast was modeled after Feast Mass and Brooklyn Feast.

“We just thought it was a good idea that we would bring here,” said Graney.

Judging by the sizable turnout and camaraderie enjoyed among the attendees and presenters, the Mystic Feast has a very bright future.

“I think our first Mystic Feast was a success for sure,” said Alzayer. “I’m definitely energized for the next one.”



Chelsea School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera, candidate for state representative, and Everett School Committee member Samantha Lambert, who was a presenter at the Mystic Feast.



Darlene Devita, Sury Chavez, and Irene Karelina.



Karyn Alzayer, Darlene DeVita, the Rev. Elaine Mendez, and Bianca Bowman.



The presenters at the Mystic Feast, from left, Samantha Lambert of Everett Community Growers, Martha Chason-Sokol of Art Lab Everett, the Rev. Elaine Mendez of the Revival Center, and Katy Rogers of Katy Rogers Arts.

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Enjoying the Mystic Feast are (seated) presenter Martha Chason-Sokol, Sioux Gerow, and Dave Irish; (standing) Jerry Chason-Sokol, Karen McCune, and Kamal Markan.



The planning committee who did a great job organizing the first-ever Mystic Feast, from left, Karyn Alzayer, Mimi Graney, Kyle Browne, Edwardo Chacon, and Bianca Bowman.

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Dorchester,” said Victoria.

“They’re a mother-daughter team and immigrants from Cape Verde. It was really special meeting with them and getting to know them. They’re an amazing team.”

Victoria had more than 30 family members and friends in the audience at the pageant.

Inspired by her cheerleading coach Kristin Fulton

Victoria Fabbo attended the Webster and Keve-rian Schools in Everett before the family moved to Wakefield. Her older sisters, Bianca Fabbo and Nicole Fabbo, were captains of the Everett High School girls soccer team. Her younger sister, Gina, is a senior at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Her parents, Victor Fabbo and Karen Fabbo, previously owned Vittorio’s pizza restaurant on Lebanon Street, Everett.

Victoria said Everett is a close-knit community and was a great place to spend her childhood years.

“I think Everett has a real sense of community and family pride that you don’t see in other communities,” said Fabbo.

Victoria was inspired to enter the Miss Massachusetts pageant by her former cheerleading coach,



Miss Massachusetts USA contestant Victoria Fabbo receives the Spirit Award from 2021 Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Shannon Malloy at the pageant March 27 at the Burlington Marriott.

the late Kristin Ciarlone Fulton.

“COVID-19 was hard for everyone and losing Kristin was very hard for me,” said Victoria. “She always made us smile. She always had decorations for everybody. We all had our own outfits and accessories that Kristin made from scratch. And it just made us feel special as kids to receive something so nice. We so appreciated Kristin’s attention and kindness.”

Victoria, who stands 5-feet tall, said she truly enjoyed the Miss Massachusetts USA pageant experience. At the age of 28, she was the eldest contestant in the pageant.

“They did a great job running the pageant and I

made a lot of new friends,” said Victoria.

A registered dietician

Victoria Fabbo is a registered dietician who holds a Master of Public Health/ Dietetics from University of Massachusetts Lowell and Bachelor’s of Science (in Culinary Nutrition) and Associates of Science (in Bakery and Pastry Arts) degrees from Johnson and Wales University.

Fabbo works as a dietician at St. Joseph’s, Dorchester, and TAG Virtual Wellness.

“I hope to work on being a spokeswoman for nutrition and educating others,” said Victoria. “Nutrition is not really taught in school systems, and I feel it should be taught everywhere.”

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Massport announces the start of its 2022 cruise season with Norwegian Pearl

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is pleased to announce the start of the 2022 Cruise Season, the first full season in two years. Today, the Authority welcomes the first cruise ship to the Port of Boston, Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Pearl. The ship is making her maiden voyage to Flynn Cruiseport Boston, her homeport through November with weekly sailings between Boston and Bermuda.

The return of cruising to Flynn Cruiseport Boston supports the tourism recovery for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth. Flynn Cruiseport Boston generates \$135.5 million in annual economic impact and supports 2,200 jobs.

Massport is expecting a robust cruise season this year welcoming 125 ships from 19 cruise lines supporting the local travel and tourism industries. Flynn Cruiseport Boston will welcome 12 maiden calls, including the Carnival Legend, Norwegian Joy, and Sky Princess. For the first time, Flynn Cruiseport Boston will have



The Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Pearl.

four cruise lines offering five homeport ships and voyages:

- Norwegian Cruise Line: Norwegian Pearl starts April 4th
- Holland America: Zaandam starts May 15th and Nieuw Statendam starts August 3rd
- Celebrity Cruises: Celebrity Summit starts August 31st
- Royal Caribbean International: Voyager of the Seas starts September 18th

"We are delighted to welcome our cruise partners back to Boston and support the recovery of the travel and tourism industry in the City and the Commonwealth," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland.

"Our Great Cruise Comeback not only celebrates the return of our vessels and resilience of our team members worldwide, but also underscores the incredible partnership we have with our destinations around the world," said Norwegian Cruise

Line President and Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer. "To jumpstart the cruise season for Massport is another major milestone for the U.S. cruise industry and we're honored to commemorate that moment with Norwegian Pearl's inaugural voyage from Flynn Cruiseport Boston."

"Holland America Line is thrilled to once again sail from Boston on our Canada and New England cruises," said Gus Antorcha, president, Holland America Line. "Our sum-

mer sailings are popular with couples, families and friends that love the rich history of this region, while the fall foliage departures attract those looking for a bucket-list experience with the beautiful colors of the season."

Prior to the pandemic, Flynn Cruiseport Boston served a record 402,346 passengers on 138 ships in 2019. In preparation for the rebound in cruising, Massport installed a new state-of-the-art passenger boarding bridge at the cruise terminal last November. This new infrastructure improvement allows Flynn Cruiseport Boston to welcome larger ships this season that were previously unable to call Flynn Cruiseport Boston, such as Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Breakaway and Princess Cruises' Enchanted Princess. Since 2017, Massport has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Boston Harbor, to deepen the Reserved Channel, and expand the Turning Basin to 1,725 feet.

"We are proud to work with our cruise lines to ensure Flynn Cruiseport Boston remains the region's cruise gateway with diverse destination offerings that cater to passengers of all kinds," said Lauren Gleason, Deputy Port Director, Business Development. "With Boston Logan International

Airport located just across the Harbor, Flynn Cruiseport Boston provides convenient access to cruise passengers flying in to explore the City and the many destinations accessible from our cruise gateway, including the popular Canada-New England itinerary."

Massport is also announcing several new itineraries that either start or end in Boston throughout the 2022 season. In October, Celebrity Summit is offering a 12-day one-way cruise from Boston to the Caribbean and ending in Miami, FL. Vantage Cruise Line's Ocean Explorer will depart Boston on Oct 29th for a 10-day cruise along the East Coast and ending in Nassau, Bahamas. Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Seas is offering a 14-day "Arctic Crossing" cruise that starts in Copenhagen, Denmark and ends in Boston on September 18th.

For the full cruise schedule and additional information, visit FlynnCruiseportBoston.com and follow @FlynnCruiseport on Twitter.

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Budget for companion animals

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In May 2021, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) reported, “Close to one in five households acquired a cat or dog since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, which would account for approximately 23 million American households based on the 2019 U.S. Census.”

Some of these families have had animals in their lives before and understand the routine and potential costs that must be part of their budget for cats and dogs. However, they may not be ready for the sticker shock that increased demand for veterinary care, boarding, dog walking, pet sitting, pet food, grooming, and supplies has caused.

First-time pet guardians may never have considered some of the expenses they will face day-to-day, much less in an emergency.

Annual Cost Estimate

In 2021, the ASPCA® updated their annual cost of having a dog to \$1,391 and \$1,149 for a cat. This figure is for routine care and doesn’t include grooming, dog walking, pet sitting, additional travel costs, or emergency veterinary care.

What’s more, when you look at these totals, you should realize that this is a national survey and we live in one of the most expensive areas in the country. The site Upnest says, “Reports vary slightly, with the cost of living in Boston generally falling somewhere between 48% and 62% higher than the national average.”

Ways to Budget

The first step in creating any budget plan is to figure out what you spend currently and what additional costs you might face in the future. If you’ve adopted a puppy or kitten, you must consider how some expenses may increase over their lifetime. The food

bill for a large breed puppy will explode as they become fully grown.

And the reality is that as our pets age, their need for and cost of veterinary care increases. It is suggested that you schedule routine exams and basic chemistry screenings more often. Medications for chronic conditions may add to your expense for a senior pet.

If you’re returning to an office rather than working from home, you may have to budget for a dog walker or doggie daycare. Those who plan to travel will have to add funds to their travel budgets for animal care or the added costs to take your dog or cat with you.

Next, think about how you would pay for a significant one-time expense—for example, dental cleanings or emergency surgery. You might set up a pet emergency savings account and make deposits every payday to build up a safety net.

Pet insurance can help



The cost of feeding this adorable puppy will increase as he grows and grows!

defray some of the unexpected expenses. Some veterinary practices offer their own wellness plans or can help you choose an insurance plan that has worked well for their clients.

Ways to Save

Keeping your pets up-to-date on routine check-ups, medications, and vaccinations can save money in the long run. It costs

less to schedule routine care than to respond to emergencies.

Doing some things yourself can save big bucks. For example, brushing your animal’s teeth at least once a day can save thousands of dollars over a pet’s lifetime. Doing routine grooming can let you extend the time between professional spa days.

Finally, keeping your

dogs and cats at a healthy weight by reducing food and treats and giving them plenty of exercise will not only reduce your food bills but will also prevent expensive medical conditions.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Baker launches ‘HireNow’ employer grant program fr hiring and training

The Baker-Polito Administration launched a new hiring and training employer grant program, “HireNow,” which will help employers quickly hire and train new workers and get more people back to work. The new program provides eligible employers with a \$4,000 per employee grant, which can be used to cover training costs or as a signing bonus for new employees. By providing employers with these flexible funds to facilitate quick hiring, the Administration is focusing on addressing continued hiring challenges faced by employers and increasing labor force participation. Employers can learn more about the program and apply atwww.mass.gov/hirenow.

The program is open to all Massachusetts employers, including both for-profit and non-profit

entities (excluding federal, state, and municipal governments). Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta announced the launch of the program today at LabCentral, a Cambridge non-profit that provides support and working space for startups in the biotech and life sciences sectors. LabCentral plans to hire lab operations and other technical and administrative staff this year and will use funds from HireNow to support training costs.

“Our Administration is focused on supporting Massachusetts’ economic growth and getting more people back to work, and the HireNow program is one more tool at our disposal to meet employers’ workforce needs and grow our labor force,” said Gov-

ernor Charlie Baker. “The flexible funds from this program will be distributed to employers quickly to help them with training costs, tuition support and other needs. We are grateful to our partners in the Legislature for allocating the ARPA funds necessary to make this program happen.”

“We know employers are ready to grow and expand by hiring new workers, and we’re excited to deploy flexible dollars as part of the HireNow program to jump-start those efforts,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “Massachusetts’s economic recovery from the pandemic is off and running, but we know there are still persistent workforce challenges that we must address. To boost our local economies, it is critical that we help both for-profit and non-profit employers meet their

workforce needs and get more people back to work. We appreciate the partnership of the employer community as we developed this program and look forward to putting these funds to work alongside our existing, proven job-training programs.”

HireNow aims to address hiring challenges faced by employers that have been brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a recent analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics data, there are over 85,000 workers not participating in the labor market compared to pre-pandemic levels. Meanwhile, employers’ need for workers has continued to increase, with unfilled job postings up 20% compared to pre-pandemic levels and approximately 200,000 open jobs available across the Commonwealth.

The Administration is focused on addressing these challenges through a variety of efforts, including by expanding access and awareness to its existing apprenticeships, incumbent worker training programs, the Career Technical Initiative and more. Local MassHire Workforce Boards are also expanding resources to match employers and workers with training programs, and regions are hiring new staff members to serve as regional “Market Makers” to connect companies to graduates of new education and training programs starting up in their areas funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. These staff members will be regional points of contact to help match employers’ needs with both job-seekers and the skill-building programs needed to successfully fill open jobs. In addition, MassHire Centers are adding staff to work

directly with job seekers who want to enroll in new training programs to gain more skills.

The HireNow program will build on these efforts by providing resources directly to employers that make it possible to immediately hire new employees and provide them with necessary training to fill open roles. The program will be supported by \$50 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds.

“We are excited to add HireNow to our growing number of grant programs that aim to close job and equity gaps across the Commonwealth,” said Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta. “We hope these funds will encourage employers to expand their hiring strategy to include those with potential for learning and growing on the job, over a direct-skills match, as this will widen the candidate pool and help both jobseekers and businesses.”

“Getting people back to work is a key element of our strategy for economic recovery and the ‘HireNow’ program allows us double down on these efforts,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “I look forward to this program’s success not just in enhancing access to employment opportunities, but accelerating it.”

“HireNow will be an excellent complement to the Career Technical Initiative we launched two years ago which expands access to high-quality vocational programs for high school students and adults by creating three shifts, one during the regular school day for vocational students, one in the afternoons for students enrolled in their local high school, and one in the evening for adult learners

looking to change careers or upgrade their skills,” said Education Secretary James Peyser. “Employers will be able to recruit students from CTI programs, and use the HireNow grants to offer deeper training for their employees.”

Program Details:

- Employer Eligibility: Any Massachusetts employer who is in good standing with Department of Unemployment Assistance and Department of Revenue obligations and is not de-barred by the state is eligible (excluding federal, state, and municipal governments). Applications must be submitted by the employer, not an education or training partner.

- Application Process: Employers must pre-register online at Mass.Gov/HireNowby providing employer information. Following the employee’s hire and 60-day retention period, employers will submit a final application for funding. The Commonwealth will also approve the planned use of the funds (training costs, signing bonus, etc.) when approving the application.

- Eligible Hires: Hires must be made after March 23, 2022, be retained for a minimum of 60 days, and be placed in jobs that are at least 30 hours per week. New hires need to be Massachusetts residents employed in Massachusetts. There are also limits on compensation:

- Minimum eligible compensation: \$14.25 / hr (minimum wage)
- Maximum eligible compensation: \$42.50 / hr (~\$85K annualized)
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LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN RULES

CHELSEA - The City Council’s rules and regulations subcommittee is looking at amending two council rules that will help ensure greater safety and decorum within the council chambers.

Councillors Todd Taylor and Calvin Brown made suggestions to amend two council rules at the subcommittee meeting. One pertains to public speaking during the council meetings, and the other relates to behavior of the councillors themselves.

“The reason for this meeting was to revisit the rules of the council, especially as it pertains to decorum and proper etiquette during city council meetings,” said Taylor.

Taylor suggested changes to the public speaking rule that could lead to the removal of a speaker if they use obscenity, violent language, or slander a councillor.

“I’m all for people who want to get up and say I want to disagree with so and so about such and such,” said Taylor. “That’s democracy and that’s within the rules, but when you start getting up and making slanderous statements about people, that’s out of bounds and I think that should be prohibited.”

Taylor said there have been issues in the past where councillors have been threatened and the chambers have become chaotic.

“My intent on doing this is to be proactive and try to head off these types of situations,” said Taylor. “I can’t think of a situation where it would be okay for some member of the public to come up here and make slanderous statements against somebody. It doesn’t forward any kind of debate and they don’t allow it in basical-

ly any kind of legislative body.

“Legislative bodies have rules, and these are the particular types of rules that we are missing right now.”

Taylor said the council president should be able to stop someone from speaking if they are out of order, and have them leave the chambers if they do not obey the order.

Brown said there should be a system in place where someone who uses profanity or slanderous language is given a warning, and then asked to leave.

Brown said the council also has to look at its rules to make sure the councillors are setting a good example for the public.

“If you want respect, you have to give respect and you have to look at how the public is viewing us,” said Brown. “Do they view us as respectful?”

District 3 Councillor Norieliz DeJesus said she agreed that she wants the public to be disrespectful in the council chambers.

“But I want to be very mindful of the wording and the message that is sent,” she said. “When we try to implement something like this, we want to continue to encourage the community to come and speak their voice.”

City Council Clerk Paul Casino noted that many of the issues Taylor and Brown were speaking to fall under the duties of the council president.

“This isn’t really new,” said Casino, noting that there were several incidents years ago when the police had to be called to the council chambers to restore order. “It was the duty of the president to stop the person from attacking you and it was the duty of the president to prevent councillors from attacking each other.”

Casino said the council might want to be more specific about the powers

of the president when it comes to keeping up decorum in the council chambers.

Taylor said he would submit an amendment to the rules in writing for recommendation to the full council. He said his goal is to have safeguards in place for future councillors no matter where they stand on the political spectrum.

“I’m not worried about what people say, I’m not worried about my feelings getting hurt, that doesn’t matter,” said Taylor, who added that he and his family have been threatened with physical violence in the past. “What matters is that we can’t allow people to get out of control and talk violently or slander somebody or use obscenities in our house. We have to do something that actually constrains that type of behavior and punishes them if they don’t stop by people being asked to leave.”

FIRE SWEEPS THROUGH HOME

EAST BOSTON - Boston Fire Department investigators are still looking into the cause of an early morning fire that destroyed two floors of a triple decker on Meridian Street.

Firefighters battled the blaze at 363 Meridian St. for over two hours in frigid temperatures Tuesday morning.

Boston Fire got the call for a fire at 12:30 am and when firefighters arrived flames were already shooting out of the roof of the building.

Firefighters quickly contained the fire to the second and third floors of the three-family home.

However, the blaze displaced 19 residents, three of which are Boston Public School students.

The Red Cross was on

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The Winthrop High School Drama Society’s cast of “Everyman” during the opening number at the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild High School Theater Festival 2022.

the scene to help the displaced families and the MBTA brought in a bus to keep the victims of the fire warm throughout the early morning hours until they could find shelter.

“This morning in East Boston there was a fire in a triple decker apartment building located at 363 Meridian St,” said Senator/City Councilor Lydia Edwards in a statement. “We are still collecting information as we speak. We do know that they were able to get some clothing.”

Edwards said she and Eastie’s other elected officials will post a link to help with donations and coordinate with Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) in the next day or two.

“Again thank you to the brave men and women of the Boston Fire Department and the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services,” she said.

This was the second fire this year that displaced over a dozen residents.

Last month an early morning blaze ripped through three apartment buildings on Maverick Street.

The six-alarm fire took three hours and 100 firefighters to put out, with one resident being rescued by Eastie’s Ladder 2 from the second floor of one of the apartments.

That fire displaced 25 residents and families were helped through a community fundraising effort.

SMITH RUNNING FOR STATE REP.

LYNN - Tristan Smith, a life-long resident in the 8th Essex District, which includes the entire Towns of Marblehead and Swampscott as well as several precincts in Lynn, has announced his candidacy for the open State Representative seat being vacated by current State Rep. Lori Ehrlich, who has accepted a new position within the Biden Administration.

Smith, who is scheduled to complete his Juris Doctor Degree from Suffolk University School of Law in May 2022, grad-

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CITY OF EVERETT

BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149

To Whom It May Concern:
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday April 19, 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:
32 Everett Street
Map/Lot: D0-04-000181
Person Requesting:
Ms. Ava Kanta
Tan Chatchai
32 Everett Street
Everett, MA 02149
PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to construct a two-story rear addition 20’ x 40’ and convert the existing 2 family residence into a 3-family residence.
Reason for Denial:
• The existing building is non-conforming in that the right-side yard is only 3.8 feet.
• The FAR (floor area ratio) for the proposed use is 1.5.
• One of the proposed egress’

for the new addition is shown to be built in the right-side yard.
• The proposed plot plan indicates only 5 parking spaces where 6 are required.
• The proposed parking is shown to be in the front yard set-back.
Zoning:
1) Section 3 General Requirements paragraph C which states the following:
C. Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. (Ord. of 4-29-91)
2) Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements line 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 4 Dwelling District b) Dimensional Requirements line 6 which states:
6. Side Yard: a. Four (4) feet minimum with a total of sixteen (16) feet
4) Section 4 Dwelling Districts paragraph 17 Which states the following:
17. Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)
5) Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph K which states the following:
K. Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located.
MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

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April 6, 2022

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PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to convert the existing 2 family residence built approximately in 1894 into a 3-family residence by adding an additional floor.
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
• The existing building is shown to be non-conforming in that the front yard is only 5.9 feet the left side which is the corner is only 1.4 feet, Side Yard Total of 14.8 feet and the rear yard is only 22 feet
• The FAR (floor area ratio) for the proposed use is 1.5
• Parking is shown to be in the side yard (corner) setback.
• Parking is shown to be within 8 feet of a window on the first floor
• The proposed parking spaces are shown to be stacked parked
• Parking is shown to be backing out into the street
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Property Address:
19-21 Cedar Street
Map/Lot: B0-01-000073
Person Requesting: Mr. Charanjit Singh
Ms. Ranjit Kaur
17 Rock Valley Street
Everett, MA 02149
PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to convert the existing 2 family residence built approximately in 1894 into a 3-family residence by adding an additional floor.
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
• The existing building is shown to be non-conforming in that the front yard is only 5.9 feet the left side which is the corner is only 1.4 feet, Side Yard Total of 14.8 feet and the rear yard is only 22 feet
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For Reference of the Non-Conforming Structure Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional Requirements:
4. Front Yard: Twenty (20) feet minimum except where the average front yard of a least two (2) buildings on the same side of the street and within two hundred (200) feet of the lot are less than twenty (20) feet, and the front yard may be equal to the average of those buildings but not less than ten (10) feet. Porches may encroach ten (10) feet onto the required front yard. Stairs shall be excluded from any front yard restrictions. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
5. Corner Lots: Seven (7) feet minimum on one (1) side of the corner. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
6. Side Yard:
a. Four (4) feet minimum with a total of sixteen (16) feet
b. Garages and sheds—Two (2) feet minimum (Ord. of 6-29-87)
7. Rear Yard:
a. Twenty-five (25) feet minimum, except for open decks and porches which may encroach into the required rear yard providing that in no case shall the rear yard be less than fifteen (15) feet measured to any part of the porch or deck.
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements line C. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87;

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K. Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located.
Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph J which states the following:
Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle. The Board of Appeals, however, may by special permit modify this requirement and the dimensional requirements of paragraph (I) of this section, where a parking facility is under full-time attendant supervision
Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph M which states the following:
M. No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building.
Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph O line 4 which states the following:
4. Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway.
Building Inspector's Signature

Michael P. Desmond
Date: March 9, 2022
Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this refusal to appeal this decision
MARY GERACE – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

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uated from Swampscott High School in 2014.

During his time at Swampscott High, Tristan was a varsity track and field athlete, qualifying for the MIAA Divisional Meet in the 110m Hurdles his final year. He was also elected by his peers to be their student representative to the Swampscott School Committee in his senior year.

Tristan then went on to graduate from Salem State University, summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science in 2018.

During his time in academia, Smith has been a consistent and forceful advocate for national and international social advocacy, heading efforts which resulted in raising tens of thousands of dollars for several organizations using the online streaming platform Twitch.

The first two, in 2015 and 2016, raised money for Thirst Project, a youth-driven organization bringing clean water to drought stricken Africa, and the final two, in 2020 and 2021, secured funds for Know Your Rights Camp, whose mission is to promote the empowerment of minority communities.

When asked about why he has chosen to seek office this year, Mr. Smith responded, “public service is a tradition in my family. The truth is I’ve been taught my entire life that government can and should matter, and that improving the lives of others does matter. To me that means things as basic as educating our kids; caring for our seniors; ensuring that our local air and water remain clean; combating the effects of climate change; providing appropriate funds for public safety; and finally, making sure the entire Eighth District receives its fair share of state funds.”

Mr. Smith went on, “I know Rep. Ehrlich successfully did all that and more during her tenure as our State Representative, and I intend to do the same as our next State Representative.”

Mr. Smith is not the first

in his family to enter into politics. His father, former Democratic State Rep. Jim Smith represented Lynn serving four terms, and then ran for US Congress. His aunt Deborah Smith Walsh served on the Lynn School Committee, the Lynn City Council, and ran for the State Senate. His cousin Steve Walsh represented Lynn and Nahant as a state representative from 2005 to 2014.

Smith has been a member of the Swampscott Democratic Town Committee since he was a teenager. He has worked as a K-12 substitute teacher in the Swampscott Public Schools and last year taught constitutional law in Boston Public Schools through a fellowship program at Suffolk. He also currently serves as the head coach of boys and girls track and field and cross country at St. Mary’s High School in Lynn. During his time as head coach, the teams have witnessed a revitalization in student engagement as well as accolades. Most recently, the indoor track team qualified almost 20 athletes for the MIAA Divisional Meet, up from just two in Smith’s first year coaching.

“My experiences working in schools is what really drives my passion for public service,” said Smith. “I had so many opportunities growing up. When I think about the kids I’ve taught and coached over my career, I want every kid across the Commonwealth to get those same opportunities, because they all deserve it.”

Besides the issues noted earlier, priorities for Smith would include increasing our state’s investment in public transportation; providing equitable funding for K-12 public schools and public higher education; insuring care for our veterans; and implementing criminal justice reform.

Mr. Smith continued, “I’m running to be a full-time state representative, and I’m committed to devoting my time, energy, and talents to serving the

district.

Mr. Smith concluded, “Marblehead, Swampscott, and Lynn deserve no less.”

SECURE FUNDING FOR WONDERLAND COMMUTER RAIL

REVERE - U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey and Assistant Speaker Katherine Clark hosted a press conference March 25 to announce the \$4 million in congressionally directed spending they helped secure for the proposed Wonderland Commuter Rail Station and Blue Line Connector.

“I am thrilled to celebrate the \$4 million in congressionally directed spending that Assistant Speaker Katherine Clark, Sen. Warren, and I have been able to secure for the City of Revere,” said Markey. “We are today celebrating the renaissance of Revere. This \$4 million for Revere is a down payment on the long-awaited project that would vastly expand public transit access between metro Boston, Revere, and the North Shore connecting the Blue Line and the Newburyport-Rockport community rail line.”

Markey said a Wonderland commuter rail station will further enhance the transformation of Revere Beach and the City of Revere that has occurred during the Brian Arrigo

Administration.

“We are now getting closer and closer to the finalization and completion of this vision,” said Markey. “This \$4 million in funding is one of the key final steps in completing the vision of Revere being at the center of the North Shore for generations.”

Clark, who is now a resident of Revere, said during conversations with Mayor Arrigo, former senator Joe Boncore, and community leaders, she asked them, “What investments we could make that really make a difference in the lives of families in Revere, Winthrop, and the region?”

“And the Wonderland multi-modal connector was the resounding response,” noted Clark. “This project has it all: the transit benefits that will modernize the Commonwealth’s commuter rail network, improvements to regional connectivity, reduction in traffic and congestion on our roadways, a reduction of carbon emissions, and economic benefits to businesses throughout the Greater Boston region.

“Simply put this is a game-changer for our community and for the entire Commonwealth,” added Clark.

Mayor Arrigo said, “the \$4 million in funding will get the ball rolling on a project that the City of Revere has dreamt about for

several years.”

“A transit hub and a commuter walkway would alleviate the passage of traffic that affects Revere and our quality of life every day,” said Arrigo. “Today marks another great step on the path to a brighter future for not only our city but for our entire region.”

Sen. Lydia Edwards lauded the teamwork of federal, state, and local officials in the project, stating, “We ultimately are going to be able to create a regional traffic plan that makes sure that we not just move people, but we move economies, that we move futures generationally.

“This is a down payment not just on our infrastructure but on our green future and on our children’s future,” said Edwards.

Reps. Jessica Giannino and Jeffrey Turco also delivered remarks.

“As the state representative for the Sixteenth Suffolk District and a lifelong resident of Revere, I am very excited for this project and the opportunities that it will provide for the residents of my community as well as neighboring communities,” said Giannino. “Revere, along with gateway and environmental communities, has long faced the brunt of pollution and traffic congestion created by daily transit. This multi-modal

transit facility will ease the burden of both factors and improve the quality of life for the people of Revere.”

In his remarks, Turco drew upon the history of Revere, noting landscape designer Charles Eliot’s vision for “the first-in-the-nation public beach, Revere Beach, 126 years ago.”

“When you talk about this multi-modal transportation, the idea of while we’re building up these new condominiums and bringing new people into Revere, you also want to make sure we don’t lose the vision that Charles Eliot had for our beach,” said Turco. “We want to make sure that this beach is always open to the people. This multi-modal transportation is going to open up new possibilities for young Ed Markeys and young Jeff Turcos to come here to Revere Beach, not just from Revere, but from Lynn, Gloucester, Rockport, and Newburyport.

“I think it’s such an exciting opportunity for the people of this area. It’s visionary leadership. One-hundred-twenty-six years later, we’re still talking about Charles Eliot. In 126 years, we’ll be talking about Ed Markey and Speaker Clark for their visionary leadership to help make this project possible,” concluded Turco.

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

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Tell me something Good

The City of Everett and Everett Fire Department would like to recognize Mike Burzyk for his heroic act on Friday, March 25, 2022!

There was a fire on the back porch of a home on Bradford Street. Mike, a neighbor, extinguished the fire with a garden hose before our firefighters could arrive!

Due to this selfless act of heroism, he prevented what could have been a much larger fire and possible loss of life.

Thank you, Mike Burzyk! Brave citizens like you are what make our community great!



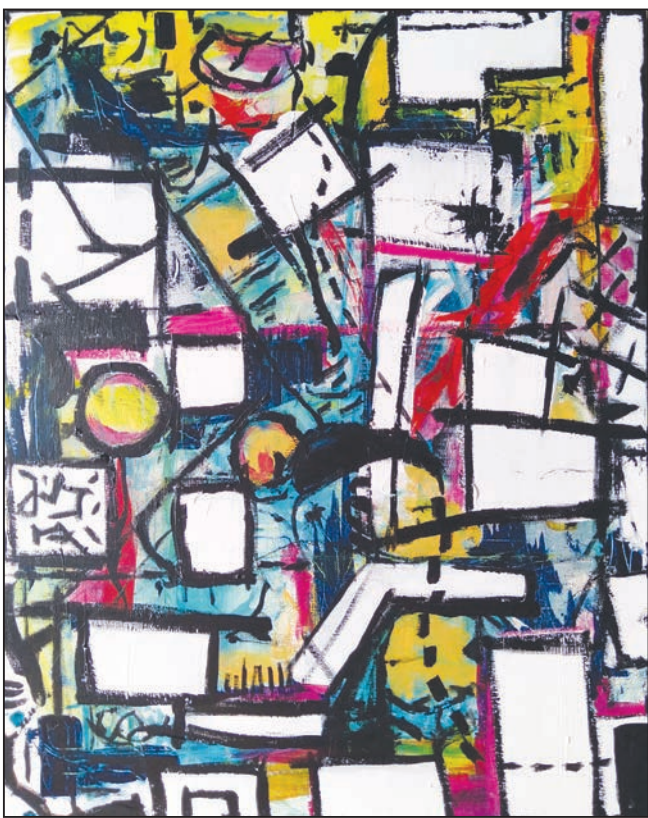
Pictured (left to right): Mike, his son Logan, and fiancé Julie. The Everett Fire Department gave Mike and his family a tour of the Central Station Fire House to say thank you!

ART IN THE AREA

LINES
CONNECTING
LINES LINKS
POETRY AND ART
IN MALDEN

“Lines Connecting Lines” is an exhibit of poetry and visual art charged with enhancing the enjoyment and understanding of both art forms. Poems will hang side by side with paintings, drawings, prints and photographs made in response to area poets’ work. The exhibit at Gallery UMA (145 Pleasant Street, Malden) runs April 7 through June 1, and the public is invited to a reception on Thursday, April 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

This exhibit is inspired in part by this year’s Malden Reads book selection “An American Sunrise,” by Joy Harjo. It is hosted by Gallery UMA, curated by Lisa L. Sears and co-organized with David Chia. This project was supported, in part, by a grant from the Malden Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported



Everett’s Sioux Gerow’s abstract painting ‘Map to Balance,’ mixed media piece on canvas.

ed by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Lines Connecting Lines Exhibit:

5 area towns represent-

18 artists total
Malden 9 participants
Medford 5 participants
Melrose 2 participants
Everett 1 participant
Saugus 1 participant

Dedication // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“The chapel is a space that’s open during the day for people to drop in if they’d like to have quiet moments,” said Brother Puccio. “The Theology Department will make use of it during various liturgical seasons throughout the year. Classes can come in for the Sacrament of Penance and team blessings. It will be a comfortable space for many uses.”

Funds for the chapel were generously donated by Paul and Margaret Chisholm, major benefactors who support the school annually. Brother Puccio was serving as principal when the Chisholm’s sons attended Malden Catholic in the 1990s. They developed professional and personal relationships with Brother Puccio, and appreciated their children’s experience at the school.

“The dedication of Brother Puccio, and the

benefits of a Catholic education create young men and women of character, leadership, and purpose. It’s not just academics; Catholic education is building the person,” McCarthy explained. “The Chisholms recognize and support that.”

During the ceremony, Margaret Chisholm shared her admiration and appreciation for Brother Puccio, who she believes demonstrates his Xaverian virtues with integrity every day.

“Brother Tom grounded his life in the belief that each person is unique, gifted, and loved by God. He has treated every student with endless patience and kindness, empathy and respect, and, at times, with firmness,” Chisholm reflected. “This beautiful chapel is peaceful and calming – a symbol for Brother Tom’s life of selfless service. It offers the MC community a serene place of welcome for all who seek guidance, solace, support, or encouragement.”

Brother Puccio was born in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in New Jersey, where he attended an Xaverian high school that began his interest in the consecrated community of laymen. Brother Puccio joined the Congregation of the Brothers of Saint Francis Xavier in 1968. When Brother

Puccio is not teaching, he enjoys photography, playing guitar, and attending school athletic events.

“I try to model good behaviors,” said Brother Puccio, who has been a Xaverian brother for 53 years. “We speak of five values that are important to us as a school community: humility, simplicity, compassion, trust, and zeal. I try to live that lifestyle.”

Brother Puccio has taught English and chaired the English Department at St. John’s Preparatory School from 1972-1986. He was the recipient of the Boston Archdiocese’s Cheverus Medal for service to the church, and Malden Catholic’s Theodore James Ryken Award for commitment to gospel values. Brother Puccio has been on the Board of Trustees at St. Joseph Regional High School, St. John’s Preparatory School, Xaverian Brothers High School, and Nazareth Regional High School.

“We are all grateful for Brother Tom and what he has done for the school in many different roles, every minute of the day,” expressed Dianne James, Chief Marketing Officer. “It [the ceremony] was a perfect celebration of him, his life, and his work. It is a venue for the school to enjoy a new, sacred space.”

EHS SOFTBALL
TEAM BLANKS
MALDEN, 7-0
BEHIND FUCCILLO
NO-HITTER

The Everett High softball team opened its 2022 season on a winning note with a 7-0 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Malden at Glendale Park this past Monday.

Senior Celeste Fuccillo tossed seven innings of no-hit softball, fanning 12 Lady Golden Tornado opponents and walking only three.

The Lady Crimson Tide grabbed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the opening inning. Lead-off batter Jayla Davila reached second on an overthrow at first and sophomore Emma Longmore followed by earning a base on balls.

After both runners advanced on a passed ball, Davila scored on a sacrifice fly by freshman Gianna Masucci, with Longmore moving to third. Everett’s clean-up batter, junior Kayley Rossi, then earned an RBI when she brought Longmore across the plate on a fielder’s choice.

Fuccillo breezed through the next three frames. She fanned the Malden clean-up hitter to start the second inning and made two assists for the next two outs. In the third, she whiffed two more Lady Golden Tornadoes and sophomore first baseman Bryana Mason made the final put-out unassisted.

In the fourth, after Celeste fanned the lead-off hitter, freshman third baseman Alexa Uga handled a grounder and made the play to first.

Fuccillo then fielded another bouncer back to the mound and tossed to first for the out after the ball hit her in the finger.

Everett added to its advantage in the bottom of the fourth. Freshman Emilia Maria-Babcock singled into the outfield with one out, stole second, and then raced home on a base hit into the outfield by Mason. Bryana, who took second on the throw home, then crossed the plate thanks to a hit into the outfield by Davila to make it 4-0.

The Everett defense preserved the no-hitter in the fifth when shortstop Masucci made an amazing stop and Mason stretched to grab the throw. Fuccillo closed out the inning with two more Ks.

In the Malden sixth, Celeste struck out the first batter, followed by an out on a grounder to Longmore at first, unassisted, and Fuccillo struck out the third Malden batter.

The Lady Crimson Tide put the game away in the bottom of the sixth. Junior Kristi Skane earned a walk, but was out on a fielder’s choice to second on a grounder by Babcock, who reached first. Emilia stole second and moved to third on a hit by Mason. Fuccillo delivered Babcock on a fielder’s choice to first and Mason scored on an error, with Davila reaching first. After Jayla stole second, she scored on a hit by Longmore for the seventh Everett run.

Fuccillo completed her pitching masterpiece in the seventh, striking out the Malden lead-off hitter and, after walking the next batter, fanning another Lady Golden Tornado.

EHS Roundup

Third baseman Uga made the final out on a grounder and throw to first.

“I am really proud of how the girls came out to get this win,” said EHS head coach Stacy Schiavo. “We have not had a long time to practice and only had one scrimmage, but they stepped up.

“Defensively, they showed a lot of talent, but we do need to work on our hitting,” Schiavo added. “We need a strong lineup from batters 1-9. We have two great pitchers and catchers, our infield is strong, and our outfield has speed to get to the balls.”

Poste and her crew were scheduled to meet GBL foe Chelsea yesterday (Tuesday) and will host non-league opponent Latin Academy on Saturday at Glendale Park at 11:00. They will entertain Lynn Classical at Glendale on Monday and trek to Lynn English next Wednesday.

EHS BASEBALL
TEAM BLOWS AWAY
TORNADOES IN
SEASON-OPENER,

The Everett High baseball team opened its 2022 season in resounding fashion with an 11-1 rout of the Golden Tornadoes of Malden Monday afternoon.

Crimson Tide starting pitcher Justin Longmore tossed six innings of nearly-flawless baseball, allowing just three hits and one run, while fanning eight Golden Tornado hitters.

Leading the way for the Tide offensively with key hits early on were Matt Turilli with two hits and four RBI; Longmore, who helped his own cause with three RBI; Frankie Velasquez with two RBI; Brian Gibbs, who had two hits and scored three runs; and Enrico Vega, who had a hit, two runs scored, and two stolen bases.

“It was a great team win where everyone contributed,” said EHS head coach Joel Levine. “We had great pitching, played great defense, and had timely hitting, which is always a recipe for a win.”

Levine and his crew were scheduled to meet Chelsea yesterday (Tuesday). They will travel to Lynn Classical this coming Monday and will entertain Lynn English next Wednesday at Glendale.

EHS BOYS
VOLLEYBALL WINS
SEASON-OPENER

Everett High’s revived boys’ volleyball team won its first match of the season last Tuesday, downing host Pioneer Charter School of Science, 3-2.

After being down 16-7 in the first set, senior Derrick Sands served Everett back to a draw, before the Crimson Tide eventually dropped the opener, 25-22.

“Our nerves and inexperience got the best of us early on,” said EHS head coach Mike Fineran. “Credit Pioneer’s athletes, too. They served strong and kept the pressure on us. Luckily, we relaxed and started playing as a team.”

Everett took the next two sets, 25-23 and 25-17, led by their captains, Caio Santos and Brandon Ho. Santos had 14 service points and five aces to go along with more than a dozen assists. Ho had five aces, four kills, and a

block.

Senior middle hitter Marcilio Melo ruled the middle, with five kills and three blocks.

“Our seniors have been tremendous, on and off the court,” said Fineran. “Some of them played when they were freshmen, the last time we had a boys’ team, and they’re the ones who lobbied the school to add the sport this spring.”

Everett looked to close out the match in the fourth set, but could not capitalize on a 23-18 lead, dropping the set 25-23, sending the match to a fifth-set tie breaker, which Everett captured 15-7.

“It was an exciting match, back and forth all five sets, and I’m glad we pulled out the win,” said Fineran. “It was a good learning opportunity for us as well: if you want to win, you have to play together, play smart, and play until the very end.”

Fineran praised freshman outside hitter Henrique Franca, who had three kills and four aces, and junior Dimitar Dimitrov, who had two kills, a key dig in the fifth set, and 13 service points.

Junior Said Soaib chipped in with a block and a kill. Sophomore Hyan Soares served an ace and senior David Gutierrez had a kill. Junior Philip Fonseca was a calming presence in the back row, and Sands made a number of key passes to set up the front row attack.

“It wasn’t perfect,” said Fineran. “But it was fun to be a part of.”

The Crimson Tide JV squad also won, 2-0, winning the first set 25-23 and the second 25-22. Sophomore Dawens Germain had three kills, two blocks, and two aces. Freshmen Dantae Bauer and Bryan Soares Gomes combined for 16 service points in the two sets.

Fineran and his crew traveled to Chelsea this past Monday and will travel to Malden next Wednesday.

BOYS TENNIS
TEAM OPENS
2022 SEASON

Although the Everett High boys tennis team came out on the short end of a 5-0 decision to Greater Boston League rival Medford in the season-opener last week, EHS head coach Greg Bluestein saw some positive signs from his squad that will bode well for the coming season.

“We lost the first match to Medford, but played with great improvement and positive energy in comparison to how we played last year,” said Bluestein. “There were some close sets that, as long as we all continue to work hard, could go our way in the future.”

Leading the way for the Crimson Tide in 2022 will be captain Dat Vu. Other members of the varsity squad are Atlan Linford, Johnny Pham, Landon Le, Jakob Teixeira, Mark Phan, Aleksandr Mustachia, Ricardo Contreras, Carlos Munguia, Gabriel Ponce, and Shishir Pokhrel.

Bluestein and his crew have a busy week on tap: They will host Somerville today (Wednesday) at the Rosetti Park courts; travel to Revere on Friday; and entertain Lynn Classical on Monday and Lynn English next Wednesday.

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