

On Saturday June 11, ArtLabEverett offered a free Arts for Everett at Sacramone Park. Artists Martha Chason-Sokol and Sioux Gerow offered sculpture or printing projects for the twenty community participants. This summer program is made possible through grants from The Everett Cultural Council, Mass Cultural Council and Everett Citizen's Foundation. The next free Arts for Everett takes place on June 25 at Sacramone Park. For the full schedule of Free Art in Everett Parks by ArtLab Everett, visit www.artlabeverett.com. Pictured are Everett residents making sculptures and printmaking at Sacramone Park.

Summer movie nights on “Old Ironsides” start June 24

USS Constitution and the USS Constitution Museum and the USS Constitution Museum will host a series of free public Summer Movie Nights aboard the Ship this summer, beginning Friday, June 24. “Old Ironsides” crew will screen each movie on a projector for guests aboard the Ship’s top deck. The events will be first come, first served due to space. General seating is available, and guests may bring their own chairs and blankets to use while viewing the movie. Prior to the screenings, Museum educators will offer free, all-ages activities and Public Historian Carl Herzog will discuss the Ship’s history as it relates to the movie being shown that evening. Movie titles, dates, and times for the Summer Movie Nights are avail-

able on the Museum’s website. All guests age 18 and older are required to show a valid state or federal-issued photo I.D. or passport to board the Ship. About the USS Constitution Museum The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. For more informa-

tion, visit usscm.org. About USS Constitution USS Constitution is the world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855. The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship’s mission of promoting the Navy’s history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence. USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents. The ship earned the nickname of “Old Ironsides” during the war of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the Ship’s wooden hull.

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pointed by a unanimous vote to the Cultural Council for three years, expiring in May, 2025. Councilor Richard Dellisola, Jr. said he wants the temporary speed bumps to be re-installed on Chestnut and Clarence Sts. to Elm Street to Woodlawn. Dellisola noted that the speeding has started up again in this area and residents are concerned. The matter was referred to the Traffic Commission. An order by Councilor Stephanie Martins to remove the Chairperson of the Licensing Commission caused considerable debate among the councillors. Martins was seeking to have the chair removed because of what she charged was his inappropriate treatment of minority business owners in the city. The full text of Martins’s order stated: “That the administration consider removing the chair of the Licensing Commission due to his unfair treatment and targeting

of black and brown businesses in Everett.” However, Smith was vocal in her rebuke of Martins’s order, stating, “This item is inappropriate on the calendar.” Councilor Michael Marchese noted, “The chair runs a clean ship,” and Dellisola added, “There is no evidence to sustain this charge.” The councillors voted not to send the matter to the mayor’s office and then unanimously voted to send the matter “back to sponsor,” which effectively kills the motion. The council delayed taking action on four orders pertaining to the FY 2023 budget, which totals \$239,396,734, with a specific eye toward three of the budget line items: the Water and Sewer and Enterprise Fund Budget for \$21,825,523; the Everett Community TV Enterprise Fund for \$589,400; and the 2023 Capital Improvements Plan for \$31,394,800. Action on all four items

was postponed until the next council meeting on June 27 to give residents more time to study the requests. Martins said she wants a meeting with the police and Animal Control Officer to discuss the issues relating to emergency animal control calls. “This is an on-going issue,” Martins said. “Someone should show up in an emergency.” The matter was referred to the next council meeting. Councilors approved a grant for \$38,280 for the purpose of providing utility relief to residents during the pandemic. Smith sought to clarify the procedure for residents to apply for a grant. She was told that residents should call 311 and speak to a counselor. Documentation is needed and there will be a cap on the amount that can be paid, as well as the list of utility companies for which residents can submit their bills. The program does not apply to water bills.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MAYOR DEMARIA ANNOUNCES TAI CHI FOR SENIORS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging are pleased to announce the return of Tai Chi for seniors at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street) on Tuesdays at 11am beginning July 5.

Our instructor, Everett’s own, Judith King will lead the way to mindfulness, balance coordination, and movement using ancient Tai Chi techniques. Judith is an accomplished instructor with many years of experience to share with you. This is a great way to ease into a regular fitness routine. Whether as

beginner or advanced, this class may be for you. As always, please consult your doctor or medical professional before beginning any exercise routine. For additional information, please call The Connolly Center at 617-394-2323 or 617-394-2260

Six candidates file spending limit statements

Six candidates for statewide office whose opponents chose to participate in the state’s public financing program, by agreeing to spending limits, have filed the required statements declaring the maximum amounts their campaigns will spend in the primary election. Though they did not decide to participate in the state’s public financing program, the six candidates below were still required to declare a self-imposed spending cap, displayed next to their names, because they are opposed in the primary by candidates who agreed to participate. Governor (Statutory limit: \$1.5 million) · Christopher Doughty: \$6 million. The limit for Doughty’s Republican primary opponent, Geoffrey Diehl, now increases to \$6 million from the statutory limit. Lieutenant Governor (Statutory limit: \$625,000) · Kimberley Driscoll: \$2 million. Because a Democratic opponent, Eric Lesser, set a self-imposed spending limit of \$5 million, all candidates in the race have the same spending limit, \$5 million. · Eric Lesser: \$5 million. The limit for Lesser’s Democratic primary opponents, Tami Gouveia and Kimberley Driscoll, is now \$5 million. · Kate Campanale: \$1.5 million. The limit for Campanale’s Republican primary opponent, Leah Allen, now increases to \$1.5 million from the statutory limit. Attorney General (Statutory limit: \$625,000) · Andrea Joy Campbell:

\$3 million. Because an opponent, Shannon Liss-Riordan, set a self-imposed spending limit of \$12 million, all candidates in the Democratic race have the same spending limit, \$12 million. · Shannon Liss-Riordan: \$12 million. The limit for Liss-Riordan’s primary opponents, Andrea Joy Campbell and Quentin Palfrey, is now \$12 million. Five of the state’s 20 party-affiliated statewide candidates decided to participate in the state’s program for public financing of campaigns by filing spending declarations with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. The state’s system for public financing offers public funds, depending on availability, to statewide candidates in return for their agreeing to spending limits, which vary according to the office sought. For example, gubernatorial candidates agree to limit expenditures to \$1.5 million for the primary campaign (June 8 – Sept. 6) and \$1.5 million for the general election campaign (Sept. 7 – Nov. 8). In return, each gubernatorial candidate who is participating is eligible for up to \$750,000 for each of the two campaign periods, if funds are available. The amount of money in the State Election Campaign Fund that will be available to participating candidates will be determined in early July. OCPF estimates the amount of available funds at approximately \$1 million in 2022, to be divided evenly between the primary and general

election campaigns. One candidate for governor agreed to limit spending and participate in the public financing program: Republican Geoffrey Diehl. If the Diehl Committee is certified, meaning if it has applied and submitted to OCPF the minimum threshold of \$75,000 in qualifying matching contributions for the primary, there will not be money available for other statewide candidates in the primary election. Candidates can choose not to pursue the funds by not taking the necessary steps to receive money. After the primary, all candidates who have not agreed to limit spending and who are opposed in the general election by candidates who have agreed to do so will have to declare their self-imposed limit by Sept. 9 for the final general election campaign period of Sept. 7 – Nov. 8. The sole source of funding for public financing is the State Election Campaign fund, which allows taxpayers to direct \$1 from their tax liability on their annual income tax returns to the fund. **Spending Limits For The 2022 Primary** Election Spending Limit Election Spending Limit Governor No Limit \$6 million Lt Gov. \$5 million \$1.5 million Attorney General \$12 million \$625,000 Secretary No Limit No Limit Treasurer No Limit No Candidate Organized Auditor No Limit No Limit

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Summer Stars Camp for the Performing Arts announces its 2022 season dates

Summer Stars Camp for the Performing Arts, the unique nine-day, no-cost residential summer camp for middle and high-school-aged kids from under-resourced communities who have a passion for the performing arts, will take place August 7-15, 2022, on the Northfield Mount Hermon campus in idyllic Gill, MA. Applications are now available at Summerstars.org/cometo-camp.

“Our mission is to help kids discover themselves and their potential through the arts” says Donna Milani Luther, Founding and Executive Director of the not-for-profit camp. “The kids that come to our camp don’t have a lot of opportunities. Most come from places that have cut arts programs and have

never been out of the city. By meeting other kids with the same interests and by working with a caring staff that holds them to the highest standards, the kids learn that through risk taking and artistic commitment, they develop essential character and life skills: confidence, creativity, problem solving, leadership, and team building. They take these standards, this work ethic, and a renewed sense of self-worth into all facets of their lives.”

Summer Stars offers small group programs in acting, blues performance, dance, musical theater/choral singing, set design, juggling, drumming, and much more. Professional singers, dancers, actors and other performers take students’ natural enthusi-

asm and passion for performance to the next level. A high-caliber multi-disciplinary end-of week show featuring all campers provides an exciting culmination to the Summer Stars experience.

Since its founding 22 years ago, almost 3,000 aspiring artists have come to Summer Stars, and nearly 30% of every group returns for another year. Michael Gerald-John first came to Summer Stars as a young camper and is now the first alumnae member of the Board of Trustees, Dorm Manager, and Master Teacher in the Leadership Program. He knows first-hand the significance of the Summer Stars experience.

“When our campers and our returning campers come here, they are look-

ing for something,” he said. “They’re looking for some sort of message, or some sort of skill that they can take for themselves and apply it in their daily lives when they go back out into the world. Whether it’s going to school, playing sports or playing a musical instrument. They’re looking to use that message they learned at camp in their lives so that they can be a better person moving forward.

“Even now, when I come to camp, I know that I only have nine days to step outside of myself and learn as much as possible. When I look at the staff members that I work with, I’m reminded it’s a skill set I can take home.”

The ideal camper is a student who shows great interest and potential in

the performing arts but, who may not have the opportunities to fully explore and develop their talent due to financial need or lack of community resources. There is no audition, and experience in the performing arts is not required.

Luther explains “We like to choose kids who are really passionate about the arts, so to apply we ask them to write application essays, and we solicit recommendations from teachers and others in their community who can stand up and say ‘This is a kid who wants to learn.’”

Camp is free to all campers. The Summer Stars Foundation is a 501-c3 and fully funded by donations. Camp is offered at no charge to campers, and transportation is pro-

vided from the Boston and New York metro areas and select other locations (including some local military bases).

Summer Stars deadline for applications for this year’s camp has been extended to July 1, 2022. Educators and Youth Program Leaders who know of promising candidates who would benefit from this unique experience are encouraged to visit the website and application materials (www.summerstars.org/come-to-camp) and recommend to their students that they apply.

For more information, visit www.summerstars.org

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Support those who feed us

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There are ways you can support the restaurants and local farmers who have dealt with so many difficulties since the beginning of the pandemic. We were very aware of the problems our friends in the hospitality industry have overcome and are still working around. These range from supply chain disruptions, inflationary prices for food and supplies, the cost of outdoor seating, and staff shortages. They deal with customers who are angry about regulations, price increases, and missing menu items.

Local Farmers Too!

It should have been evident that our local farms and farmers’ market staff were dealing with similar problems. We stopped to say hello to a favorite farmer at our local market recently while she was having lunch. You could see the stress in her expression as she told us

about customers criticizing her and her staff about price increases.

She and her family have had to work longer hours because they can’t get the help they need. The price they pay for supplies and equipment has skyrocketed. For example, the cost of diesel fuel for their farm equipment and the trucks they drive to markets has more than doubled.

Another market vendor with prepared foods could not get the aluminum containers for one of her most popular items and lost sales and disappointed her customers.

What’s more, there is no immediate hope in sight. A New York Times report did not see any improvement in the supply chain issues in 2022. While a headline in The Guardian read, “Global supply chain crisis could last another two years, warn experts.”

How to Help

You can start by being more patient and under-

standing. Local restaurant owners and farmers operate on tiny profit margins and have very stressful businesses.

Try a new menu item or a daily special instead of complaining that your favorite lobster roll is unavailable or too expensive. Go to your favorite restaurants during off-hours and days. Bring containers for any food you want to take home. Finally, tip well and try to be kind to the staff.

Stop whining about the price of eggs at the farm stand. Instead, buy some produce to make a frittata instead of eggs-over-easy for breakfast. Continue to purchase the excellent quality that local farms provide. However, don’t waste any of the food you do buy. Visit the markets more often. Buy what you need and use all of it.

Choose what’s in season and what the farm has in abundance. These items represent the best value at the stand. Feel free to ask for guidance on what is a good buy that day.



Local farms and farmers’ market staff face the same problems as restaurants, with customers complaining about prices and shortages.

Join their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program if you want a farm to succeed. The money you give them upfront at the beginning of each season means they can borrow less from their bank at ever-increasing interest rates.

Face Reality

We have lost so many restaurants, and that hurts.

We miss many professionals who have left the hospitality business because of the stress, danger, and lost income from the pandemic. Those who remain need to be treated respectfully by customers and feel that they are valued, or they too may move on to other fields.

If we begin to lose local farms and use agricultural land for other purposes,

we jeopardize our regional food security. And this will happen just as more of us turn to local food producers for healthier and more environmentally-friendly meals.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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Orange Line volume was about 50% below pre-Covid ridership levels according to data collected last week.

In a statement last week the MBTA said it is exploring multiple options to add capacity at the Control Center, including an aggressive recruitment campaign, offering bonus-

es, and potentially hiring back former dispatchers.


“If dispatch capacity permits, there may be days when the MBTA can increase the number of trains in service,” said the statement. “And as soon as sufficient dispatch capacity exists, the MBTA will revert to its previous level of service.”

There is one exception to the revised summer schedule. In the afternoon and evening of Monday, July 4, the MBTA will provide regular weekday service in order to accommodate people attending Independence Day festivities.



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AMERICA IS IN A MAELSTROM WITH NO WAY OUT

America and the world are in a bad place, with no easy way out.

Although the worst of the coronavirus is behind us, the unprecedented economic after-effects of the pandemic continue to afflict every aspect of our lives.

The Great Resignation has disrupted supply chains for goods of all kinds and made air travel, which formerly used to be a pleasure, a fraught experience, with thousands of flights cancelled every week because of a shortage of pilots and crew.

All of us are griping about the high cost of energy, but with oil refining capacity at an all-time low relative to demand, it is all but certain that gasoline prices will remain at record levels for the foreseeable future.

Electric cars are still a long way off from becoming practical for most Americans for a host of reasons.

The war in Ukraine, the largest in the world since WWII, is exacerbating shortages of commodities of all kinds, especially food.

Avian flu, the worst on record, continues to devastate both domesticated and wild bird populations.

Our health care system, which proved so inadequate during the pandemic, is completely incapable of handling the coming influx of aging Baby Boomers -- just visit any ER, anywhere and everywhere.

Our public educational system not only has fallen far behind because of the pandemic, but the looming teacher shortage means that catching up will be all but impossible.

Drug overdose deaths are at their highest rate ever, with no solution in sight.

Mass shootings are a routine occurrence with [p]iticians too-cowed by the gun lobby to take even the simplest, most common-sense action.

Climate change continues unchecked and unabated. Life on the planet as we know it never will be the same.

And last but not least, it is apparent that a large percentage of Americans are committed to overthrowing our democracy. What happened on 1/6 is just a prelude to what is to come in the 2022 and 2024 elections.

Yes, the present is tough going -- but the future is even bleaker.

BOATING AND DRINKING DON'T MIX

A national news headline caught our attention recently:

“Five people, including four from the same family, died in a boating collision on Saturday along a river popular with boaters outside Savannah, Ga., the authorities said. Four other people were injured, including one who was charged with operating a boat while under the influence.”

This story, coming at the start of the summer season, should serve as a sober reminder (pun intended) that alcohol consumption on a boat is never a good idea.

For far too many boaters and their guests, heavy drinking and boating go hand-in-hand. Unfortunately however, the proverbial “booze cruise” all too often ends up with tragic consequences.

Boating under the influence -- BUI -- is every bit as dangerous as DUI (driving under the influence) and also is a criminal offense.

We urge all of our readers who are either boat owners or their guests to ensure that someone on board will be a designated “sober sailor” in order to avoid becoming another sad, grim statistic.

The Everett Independent reserves the right to edit letters for space, accuracy and clarity. We regret that we cannot publish unsigned letters. Please include your street and telephone number with your submission. The Everett Independent publishes columns, viewpoints and letters to the editor as a forum for readers to express their opinions and to encourage debate. Please note that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Everett Independent. Text or attachments emailed to editor@everettindependent.com are preferred.

Independent Forum

LETTER to the Editor

DEFINE WHAT WE MEAN BY HEALING

To the Editor:
In the past few weeks a number of elected officials have expressed the need for our community to heal and come together. We should clearly define what we mean by healing. Are you asking us to overlook and forget actions that are offensive to the majority of us?
You are not really trying to understand the diverse needs of our residents!

The founding fathers clearly emphasized certain inalienable rights for every human. We cannot really heal when the main perpetrators and their allies are still in power.
How about this?
1. All ten councilors who have repeatedly refused to set a clear line against racist behavior must resign. They must do this in the name of those who were cast to the side and rejected by their own city government.
2. The new councilors

will take office with one mandate: put the needs of our immigrant communities and people of color front and center, whether or not they are eligible to vote.
3. Let the healing begin. The ten former councilors should definitely be part of the new effort to uplift diverse voices.
Can we truly move on with Mayor DeMaria in office? What did the mayor do when Everett was in its most dire time? As a former mayor he could

use his influence and time in office to hand the reins to a new generation of diverse leaders from Everett.
Do we need to settle for a city government that has condoned, overlooked and perpetrated racist behavior?
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David Green**

Medical society urges water safety and training for swimmers

“Over the last few weeks, Massachusetts has seen several water-related tragedies and individuals running into trouble in the water.
“As the summer nears, the physicians of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) strongly advise everyone to use caution and vigilance to avoid danger in and around the water. Many public and private settings in which swimming and other in-water activities occur have reported lifeguard positions are understaffed.

“Regardless of one’s proficiency as a swimmer or whether the lake, pool, or beach has a lifeguard on duty, adults should never swim alone and, importantly, never leave a child unsupervised in or around water. When watching children in the water, those supervising must dedicate 100 percent of their attention to keeping their eyes on those who are in or close to the water.
“Drownings can occur in just a matter of seconds. Victims often struggle silently and may not yell,

scream, flail or otherwise physically signal that they are in distress.
“Supervisors should never leave the area, nor should they become distracted by things like phones or books. Do not consume alcohol or drugs when swimming or when responsible for watching others in or around water. When boating, all participants should wear US Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
“If you own a pool or are visiting a pool, please make sure that all local safety requirements are

being met, including and especially measures designed to ensure that children cannot gain access to an unsupervised pool.
“We strongly recommend that parents and guardians look into swimming lessons for children through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the YMCA or other local programs. Additionally, please consider taking a course in CPR or renewing your CPR certification.
“We wish you a safe and happy summer.”

File of Life document considered a lifesaver for older adults

Recently, a resident of a senior housing apartment building was having a health emergency. And when such emergencies happen, the primary information first responders ask for are medications and the individual’s medical history. However, in this case, it got complicated when the prescription bottles were in Chinese and the resident did not speak English. The spouse was understandably stressed trying to communicate information to the emergency team. The Mystic Valley Elder Services Resident Service Coordinator who works at the apartment complex immediately went to the refrigerator

and was thrilled to find both of the tenants’ File of Life folders, each with their own Chinese character on it. Through visual signals, the spouse was able to indicate which one belonged to her husband in distress. The town’s Fire Lieutenant stated, “These are lifesavers!”
The File of Life is a red, magnetic packet that contains important medical information about the individual as well as list contact information for their doctor, family members, insurance information and any other special circumstances that rescue personnel should know. It is designed to help the local fire department, para-

medics, and emergency rooms obtain the necessary medical history and emergency contact information in an emergency. It is kept in plain sight, usually on a refrigerator.
It should include:
• Existing conditions or chronic illnesses
• Current medications (including over-the-counter medications taken regularly) with dosages and schedules
• Allergies to any medications and food sensitivities
• Regular healthcare providers (names and phone numbers), including the primary care physician and any specialists, along with the specific

conditions each specialist is addressing
• Special dietary considerations, such as low sodium, gluten-free, kosher, vegetarian
• Communication issues, such as confusion, speech or hearing impairments, language preferences
• Emergency contact information for trusted family members or friends
To attain a File of Life folder, visit or call your local Fire Department or call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705 or email info@mves.org to have one mailed to you.

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Everett High football clinic draws a huge turnout

By Cary Shuman

Close to 80 youths, ages 7 to 14, participated in the Everett High School instructional football clinic Monday at Everett Memorial Stadium.

Everett head coach Rob DiLoreto was asked about the tremendous turnout for the first of the four daily sessions (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.), exceeding all expectations in terms of attendance.

“The City of Everett just loves their football, and the whole city is coming to together to support its youth,” said DiLoreto. “We’re so excited to bring all of our kids together in the city and have some fun, learn some fundamentals, and preach the culture of Everett Crimson

Tide Football.”

DiLoreto and his assistant coaching staff led the group through agility drills, blocking and tackling techniques, and “how important the ‘E’ is and how the Everett football family all respects the tradition and pride of Everett football.”

EHS football captains are announced

Giacobbe Ward, Nick Raymond, Jaiden Coriano, and Kamarri Ellerbe have been named captains of the 2022 EHS football team.

DiLoreto said he selected the captains based on their performance from the 2021 season and leadership skills. All four cap-

tains are entering their senior year.

Clerveaux, Biggi play in Shriners All-Star Game

Two Everett High football players, Jayden Clerveaux and Jayden Biggi, competed in the Shriners All-Star Game last Friday night at Bentley University in Waltham. Clerveaux rushed for an 80-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage for the North team. Clerveaux will be spending a post-graduate year at Williston Northampton School in Easthampton (Mass.)

Biggi led the North defense with nine tackles. Biggi will be continuing

his football career at Bentley.

The South won the 44th annual game by a 20-17 score.

Pre-season practice starts Aug. 19

The Crimson Tide football will begin pre-season workouts on Friday, Aug. 19. Everett will play Mansfield and Peabody in scrimmages.

The 2022 regular season opener is Friday, Sept. 10 versus Xaverian at Everett Stadium. Both teams should be ranked in the Top 5 in Massachusetts in preseason polls. It is expected that reigning Super Bowl champion Catholic Memorial will be ranked No. 1.





Two of the coaches at the Everett High School football program's instructional clinic are former Crimson Tide standout J.W. Forte (left) and his father, legendary Crimson Tide Pop Warner coach Peter Forte.



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DEMARIA OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW FITNESS COURT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria was joined by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) to cut the ribbon at the new outdoor fitness gym at Glendale Park.

The new fitness court was constructed due to a collaboration between the City of Everett and National Fitness Campaign (NFC). The BCBSMA also dedicated funds for mural artwork to include as part of the equipment and site.

Mayor DeMaria expressed his pride in the addition of the new fitness court. He said one of the many things the COVID-19 pandemic has taught everyone is the importance of maintaining health and well-being. “Because our residents are the heart of our community, we take very seriously our responsibility to support strong healthy families,” said DeMaria.

Mayor DeMaria said him and his administration worked with the NFC to select a spot for the new fitness court. Glendale Park was chosen because

it is easily accessible to a large number of residents. “Many families use Glendale Park for sporting and recreational programs for their children, so this may be an option for other family members to get in some exercise while waiting for their kids,” said DeMaria. “It also is in close proximity to Everett High School, so it will serve as a healthy option for young adults.”

While the new fitness court is open to the public, Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett want to remind residents that the equipment is intended for individuals who are at least 14-years-old.

“As is the case with any type of workout equipment, we do want to remind our residents that they need to use the same precautions that you would take working out in a commercial fitness club,” said DeMaria.

Also speaking at the event was Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs for BCBSMA. He said the outdoor court in Everett is the first of 15



(L to R) Everett Police Department's John Uga locking hands with Everett Fire Department's Joe Devanna after competing against each other in the fitness challenge.

Blue Cross Fitness Courts that will be constructed in Massachusetts.

The Everett Police Department's (EPD) John Uga and Everett Fire Department's (EFD) Joe Devanna had one member from each of their departments face off in a fitness challenge. The challenge would consist of doing all the exercises that are possible on the court to see who could finish first.

Two representatives from PlayFitLab at the Everett Health and Wellness Center, Kahlea Brown and Lauara Marchese, demonstrated to the audience the various workouts you could do on the court.

Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett would like to thank the NFC and BCBSMA for their partnership in making this valuable public resource a possibility.



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PlayFitLab's Kahlea Brown demonstrating an exercise on the Fitness Court.



PlayFitLab's Laura Marchese demonstrating an exercise on the Fitness Court.



Mayor DeMaria cut the ribbon to officially open the new Fitness Court.

Shute Memorial Library hosts GCTSA training session

The Shute Memorial Library recently hosted the first training session for Growing Community Through Story and Art (GCTSA). A collaborative effort between Art Lab Everett, Everett Community Growers, Katy Rogers Art and the Everett Cultural Council, the project will be part of Everett's First Annual Story Share and Arts Festival to be held at a later date. The training was led by Cara Solomon, the founder of Everyday Boston, a nonprofit that seeks to connect neighbors through sharing of stories. Participants at the event spent time learning

how to ask questions that encourage people to share their stories. The training was made possible with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Everett Cultural Council and the Everett Citizens Foundation, with its goal to nurture community building, friendship, and understanding through listening, sharing and creating together.

To learn more about The Everett Cultural Council or other agencies taking part in Growing Community or Story Share, follow the Everett Cultural Council on Facebook or email ecc.02149@gmail.com.



Cara Solomon from Everyday Boston leads the class.



Samia Bennett, Monica Ulysse, and Josee Genty.



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FAMILY FEATURES

The Fourth of July calls for a care-free party, with good friends, fab food, fun and fireworks — a real star-studded holiday celebration.

The entertaining experts from Wilton have plenty of ideas to add star power to the occasion, beginning with the decorations. Festive stars and stripes napkin rings in red, white and blue dress up napkins and containers of colorful blossoms to brighten up the table. Then, on to the main course. Serve an all-American favorite meal of grilled burgers and corn on the cob, appropriately topped with a star-shaped pat of butter.

The grand finale is always part of this all-American celebration. Patriotic Pops cut into star shapes definitely say “Happy Fourth of July.” Decorated in red, white and blue icing, red licorice and colored candies, these easy-to-make crispy rice treats are a favorite for both youngsters and the grown-ups. The kids can lend a hand to help decorate by placing the candy pieces on the stars.

Add a taste of nostalgia for the child in all of us with Ice Cream Sandwiches — everybody loves ’em. Homemade brownies and buttery vanilla cookies, sandwiched with the ice cream flavor of your choice are a cut above ice cream truck offerings. The new ice cream sandwich pan from Wilton ensures perfectly shaped cookies for every treat. Give them the flair of the Fourth by rolling the edges in patriotic sprinkles and sugars. Or, dip part of the sandwich into melted candy melts and decorate with sprinkles for a fun and festive finish.

Even beverages can boast the star treatment. Star-shaped ice cube kabobs in the colors of the day are a celebratory way to keep lemonade icy cold. Or, they’re perfect for chilling the holiday cocktail.

Visit www.wilton.com for more celebration ideas, to order decorating supplies, the Ice Cream Sandwich Pan or the Silicone Star Ice Kabob Molds.

Ice Cream Sandwiches

Makes about 12 ice cream sandwiches

Brownies:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1-1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray Ice Cream Sandwich Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In small bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In large microwave-safe bowl, melt butter with chocolate chips. Whisk in sugar, eggs and vanilla; beat well. Add flour mixture; stir until just combined. Spoon 2 tablespoons batter into each pan cavity, spreading evenly.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until toothpick inserted at an angle toward center comes out clean. Immediately remove to cooling rack; cool completely. Repeat with remaining batter.

Vanilla Cookies:

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
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Host a Star-Studded 4th



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To Assemble:

- 1 quart ice cream, any flavor
- Assorted Patriotic Mix Sprinkles and Red and Blue Sugars
- White Candy Melts, melted (optional)

Scoop about 1/4 cup ice cream onto smooth side of half of the brownies. Top with remaining brownies, pressing gently. If desired, roll edge of sandwiches in sprinkles or sugars. Wrap and freeze immediately.

Or, dip a portion of the sandwich in melted candy melts; add sprinkles and sugars. Freeze 5 minutes to set, then wrap and freeze until ready to serve.

Patriotic Pops

Makes about 2 dozen pops

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 4 cups mini marshmallows
- 6 cups crisp rice cereal
- 24 8-inch Cookie Treat Sticks
- Red, Blue and White Cookie Icing
- Red and blue candy-coated chocolates
- Red licorice

Spray Star Cookie Treat Pan and rubber spatula or wooden spoon with vegetable pan spray.

In large saucepan, melt butter. Add marshmallows; cook and stir until melted. Remove from heat and add cereal; mix well. Press into prepared pan; insert cookie sticks. When cool to touch, remove from pan. Repeat with remaining cereal mixture. (If mixture becomes hard to work with, microwave at 50% power 30 to 60 seconds to soften.)

Outline treat as desired with Cookie Icing; add candy and licorice. Let dry at least 1 hour.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

JULES NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Assumption University has announced that Clarence Jules, of Everett, Class of 2024, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

"Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University Interim President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides."

CURRY COLLEGE SPRING 2022 DEAN'S LIST

Curry College congratulates of who was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List.

Alyssa Jackson of Everett

Deanna Kysilovsky of Everett

About Curry College

Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its

educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth. The College offers 22 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nursing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,500 students. The student body consists of 1,700 traditional students and nearly 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and fine arts program.

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. The following student was named:

Salina Musyaju, of Everett Class of 2024 with a major in Accounting.

Founded in 1846 and located along the banks of the Susquehanna River in historic Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is an undergraduate-focused institution that stands uniquely at the intersection of top-ranked liberal arts, engineering and management programs. Our students choose from

more than 60 majors and 70 minors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and natural and social sciences, as well as extensive global study, service-learning and research opportunities. Bucknell's 3,700 undergraduate and 30 graduate students enjoy a low 9:1 student-faculty ratio and exceptional opportunities to collaborate with faculty mentors on scholarly and artistic projects.

FRASER OF EVERETT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that Kayla Fraser of Everett has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

CHAPARRO NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Victoria Chaparro of Everett excelled during the Spring 2022 semester

at Hofstra, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). Our campus is a leafy oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We offer small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university.

CARBONE GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Angelo Carbone, of Everett received a bachelor of arts degree Cum Laude from College of the Holy Cross.

Carbone is among 755 graduating seniors Holy Cross celebrated at its 176th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 27 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Acclaimed writer and infectious disease physician Abraham Verghese delivered this year's address to the Class of 2022 and received an honorary degree.

Vincent D. Rougeau, president of the College, presided over the celebratory event, bestowing the honorary degrees and greeting each graduate as they crossed the stage. This marks Rougeau's first commencement exercises since being installed as Holy Cross' 33rd presi-

dent - the first lay and first Black president to lead the 179-year-old institution - back in October 2021.

In his remarks, Dr. Verghese, the best-selling author of "Cutting for Stone" and the Linda R. Meier and Joan F. Lane Provostial Professor and Vice Chair for the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Stanford University, asked graduates to consider how they will define success in their personal stories after graduation.

EVERETT'S RALPH CARBONE NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Ralph Carbone of Everett was named to the College of the Holy Cross Spring 2022 Dean's List.

A member of the Class of 2024, Carbone was among more than 1,457 students named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish

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DESIREE RUIZ RAMOZ NAMED TO SPRING 2022 DEAN'S LIST AT STONEHILL COLLEGE

Desiree Ruiz Ramoz of Everett, a member of the Class of 2023, has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

Massachusetts House passes comprehensive behavioral health legislation

The Massachusetts House of Representatives last week passed comprehensive legislation addressing longstanding issues with our behavioral health care delivery system. The bill focuses on acute psychiatric care and crisis response, youth behavioral health initiatives, community-based behavioral health services, investments in the workforce, and enforcement of existing behavioral health parity laws.

"I'm proud of the legislation passed by the House today that builds on our long-standing efforts to advance important reforms and substantial investments that are aimed at improving our behavioral health care delivery system," said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "From addressing the behavioral health crisis that our young people are currently experiencing, to our efforts to alleviate emergency department boarding, to provisions that will bring us closer to treating mental and physical health equally, this legislation will benefit all residents in the Commonwealth when accessing critical health care. I would like to thank Chairman Adrian Madaro for his hard work, and for his commitment to producing a strong bill."

"Everyone deserves access to quality mental health services, yet far too many people face unnecessary barriers to care. This bill reaffirms the House's commitment to

increasing access to behavioral health care across Massachusetts," said Representative Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston), Chair of the Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery Committee. "For too long, the healthcare system has not treated behavioral health as equal to physical health, creating obstacles in addressing the mental health crisis, which has on been exacerbated by the pandemic. That's why this timely piece of legislation makes critical steps toward prioritizing mental health services for people across the Commonwealth, including our youth who have been acutely affected, and those who face challenges in getting the care they need. These policies reflect our strong belief that behavioral health care is essential."

Highlights of the bill include:

Initiatives to address emergency department boarding:

- Creating online portals that provide access to real-time data on youth and adults seeking mental health and substance use services, including a function that allows health care providers to easily search and find open beds
- Requiring the Health Policy Commission (HPC) to prepare and publish a report every three years on the status of pediatric behavioral health
- Codifying an expedited psychiatric inpatient admissions (EPIA) advisory council to re-

duce hospital emergency department boarding, including a protocol to expedite placement into appropriate care settings for patients under the age of 18

988 implementation and 911 expansion:

This legislation seeks to increase behavioral health care access across the Commonwealth through the implementation of the nationwide 988 hotline to access 24/7 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis services. This legislation also expands 911 to bridge the gap until 988 is implemented by increasing training, funding, and capacity for regional emergency responses to behavioral health crises.

Red flag laws and Extreme Risk Protection Order:

This bill initiates a public awareness campaign on the Commonwealth's red flag laws and Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), passed by the Legislature in 2018, that limit access to guns for people at risk of hurting themselves or others.

Full-system accountability for parity:

- This bill tackles disparities in mental health and other forms of health care by giving the state additional tools to enforce existing parity laws, such as:
- Requiring licensed mental health professionals to be available during all operating hours of an emergency department (including via telehealth)
 - Codifying hospital clinical competencies and

operational standards and directing the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to establish a complaint process for alleged violations

- Directing DMH to create a comprehensive plan to address access to continuing care beds, intensive residential treatment programs, and community-based programs for patients awaiting discharge from acute psychiatric hospital units
- Implementing mental health watch reforms in correctional settings, including changes to the referral to mental health process for those who are incarcerated or detained, and establishing a process for a person on mental health watch for longer than 72 hours to petition to be transferred

School-based behavioral health services and programming:

- Limiting the use of suspension and expulsion in all licensed early education and care programs
- Requiring school districts to adopt a behavioral health crisis response plan which may be based on a cost-neutral model plan to be developed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Creating a statewide program to help schools implement school-based behavioral health services

Access points for youth for effective behavioral health treatment:

- Creating a complex care resolution panel to ensure children with complex behavioral health

needs are assisted quickly and with cross-agency support and coordination

- Requiring behavioral health assessments and referrals for children entering the foster care system
- Empowering the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) to receive complaints from children and families and to assist them in resolving issues with access to behavioral health services

Expanded insurance coverage:

This legislation requires insurance coverage of critical behavioral health services, including:

- Emergency service programs
- Services provided under psychiatric collaborative care models
- Mental health acute treatment, community-based acute treatment, and intensive community-based acute treatment without prior authorization
- Annual mental health wellness exams

Workforce investments:

This proposal builds upon the Behavioral Health Trust Fund by carving out specific grant programs for health care providers, which would finance:

- Workforce Pipeline Investments: a scholarship program to support a culturally, ethnically, and linguistically diverse behavioral health workforce, with a focus on clinicians who commit to serving high-need populations.
- Integrated Care: a

grant program to expand integrated care models that enable providers to expand their practices to provide behavioral health care in primary care settings

- Support for Providers: a grant program to promote the mental health and wellbeing of providers

Behavioral health parity implementation and enforcement:

This legislation tackles the disparity by health plans to reimburse mental health services at lower rates than other forms of health care by providing the Commonwealth additional tools to enforce existing parity laws and promote compliance.

This legislation enhances oversight of parity compliance by:

- Requiring carriers to comply with annual reporting requirements
- Directing the Division of Insurance (DOI) to review and ensure insurer compliance with parity laws
- Authorizing the Office of Patient Protection (OPP) to identify and refer potential parity violations that arise during OPP grievance reviews to the DOI and the AG's office

"An Act addressing barriers to care for mental health" (H.4879) passed the House of Representatives 155-0 after a similar version of this legislation passed in the Massachusetts State Senate. The legislation moves back to the Senate for further consideration.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CITY REVIEWS NIGHTCLUB LICENSES

CHELSEA - If it's a late night a restaurant that has music and dancing, then it really isn't all that different from a nightclub, according to City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher.

The only problem in Chelsea is that the city does not issue nightclub licenses, but that might be changing.

"We do not have a nightclub use in our rules and regulations or the city ordinances," said Fisher. "But we do allow dancing by patrons, and that's a nightclub. When you have music, whether it is live or a DJ, you have dancing by patrons, that's a nightclub and we want to issue new rules and regulations if you have that amusement and entertainment as to dancing by patrons."

At last week's Licensing Commission meeting, Fisher noted that the city has already ruled that staff should not be dancing with patrons. She said the city will be crafting new rules and regulations and holding a public hearing on them with license holders.

"We just think that we want police there," said Fisher. "It's getting a little crazy at these restaurants at night and they all spill out into the public ways with tons of music and noise going on disrupting the neighborhood. We are going to try to set up some rules similar to other cities and towns that if you want an amusement and entertainment license, they are going to have to comply and come before (the commission) every year for that particular use."

Fisher said the nightclub sublicense will operate under the establishment's existing license.

"We need to start enforcing this so we know who is security (at the establishments), and there are going to be a lot of recommendations before you if they wish to have dancing by their patrons," said Fisher.

In other business, Fisher said there may also be some changes to taxi license registrations coming before the City Council.

"Our ordinances are very strict, it's not the rules and regulations, it's the ordinances that say in order to have a taxi company, you have to have an office in Chelsea," said Fisher. "That's not the way taxis work anymore, it's all by telephone and some of the dispatchers are even drivers. We may be proposing before the City Council and before (the Licensing Commission) a more relaxed renewal process for hackneys."

Fisher also noted that the application deadline for businesses wishing to apply for one of five new on-premises liquor licenses Chelsea received as a result of the U.S. Census may be extended until September. To date, she said the city has only received one application.

JOHN WHITE DEAD AT 87

EAST BOSTON - "Every time you do a good deed you shine the light a little farther into the dark. And the thing is, when you're gone that light is going to keep shining on, pushing the shadows back."

John White, a man who selflessly gave back to the community he grew up in for over five decades, has

died. Mr. White, who served as East Boston Area Planning Action Committee's (APAC) director for over 50 years, passed away at his daughter Siobhan Dispenza's home in Syracuse, NY surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, June 7 following a brief illness. He was 87 years old.

Mr. White was a legend in East Boston whose actions transcended rhetoric and whose name became synonymous with compassion for the poor. He was a man that never sought glory, awards, headlines, or acknowledgement.

His impact in East Boston rose above today's social media soundbites and was measured by his deeds and work on behalf of those most marginalized and most in need in our community.

He touched the lives of many but a want for praise was not his motivation.

It's hard to find a family in East Boston Mr. White hasn't helped through the numerous social service programs APAC runs from its small office on Meridian Street where Mr. White would consistently make miracles happen.

From fuel assistance, to summer jobs, to tax help to just being a friendly ear that listened to the struggles of local families, White never turned away a request for help and would always dismiss the 'thank you' he received as an unnecessary gesture.

"What stood me in good stead is that I knew the turf," White once said. "This work is very intense. You have people sitting across from you with some very serious problems. I wanted to use the tools I had to help them. Those I help every day should never feel indebted to my service."

Anyone who knew Mr. White knew he'd rather be out of the spotlight and busy doing the work on behalf of the community he loved.

"There are no words to express how much this man meant to so many," said former Chief of Probation in East Boston, Tommy Tassinari. "John never stopped looking out and caring for everyone. He would walk the streets of the East Boston neighborhoods early in the morning so he could understand the needs of the people. He was a wise man, a caring man and was all about the greater good. He touched the lives of so many. A few years back he would spend Friday afternoons with my then ailing father. Knowing that this little visit gave so much to us. It gave dad a few hours or great conversation about old Eastie and it gave us respite. A year after dad passed John sent me a letter anonymously but written in a style that was all John. It was to comfort us, all while grieving the loss of his beloved wife. That's just a small part of who he was."

Mr. White was born on December 8, 1934 to the late Ellen C. (Dooley) and John T. White Sr. near the newly constructed Sumner Tunnel. He was raised in East Boston and attended neighborhood schools before attending Boston College High School and Boston College.

White would say his mother Ellen's stories of the destruction of a thriving East Boston neighborhood to make way for the Sumner Tunnel project in the early 1930s influenced

his later views on the injustices low-income residents face in the name of progress. With her sense of community and deep Catholic faith, Ellen instilled a sense of charity into her two sons that would ultimately set Mr. White on a lifetime odyssey to make a difference and be a voice for those whose voices were often not heard.

Mr. White became Director of APAC in the late 1960s and navigated the agency through the Nixon Administration and Reagan Administration's social service budget cuts. During the 1972 Nixon budget cuts to funding that supported APAC programs, White and the staff decided to forgo their salaries and work as community volunteers in protest until funding was restored.

"John White was East Boston's leading advocate for our new immigrants, our poor, our low income, or just about anyone needing help for whatever reason," said former East Boston Little City Hall Manager during the Mayor White Administration Alice Christopher. "What a loss for all of us in East Boston."

Mr. White emerged as one of the most recognizable faces in the neighborhood. It's not because he looked for attention or craved praise, it was because he has touched the lives of thousands upon thousands of residents and their families. Mr. White was not a red tape bureaucrat who spent his career behind some desk at APAC pushing paper. Instead, Mr. White walked these streets for most of his life with one goal—to help people who need help or have no voice.

In the mid 2000s, Mr. White took a step back as Director of APAC to care for his ailing wife and love of his life, Eva, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

However, he was still present in the Meridian Street office a few days a week and spent a few years splitting his time as caretaker of both Eva and the neighborhood before her death in 2009.

Mr. White would say his wife was the person that most influenced him and his work throughout his career. Mr. White met Eva, a native of Dublin, Ireland, at a neighborhood party in the mid 1960s and they were married in 1969.

"When I would come home at night with my head in my hands, lamenting this failure and that failure, she would spend hours with me and send me back to work rejuvenated and ready to go at it again," he once said after his wife's passing. "The greatest lesson she taught me was the lesson of love, how to love and how to be loved. Truth to tell, she took care of me. She did absolutely everything for me and then some."

After Eva passed, Mr. White restlessness in semi-retirement took its toll and he was back at APAC almost everyday assisting and guiding the new Directors that succeeded him.

His career as the leading advocate for the poor culminated in 2017 when he celebrated his 50th anniversary at APAC. That year Mr. White's career milestone was celebrated at that year's Eastie Pride Day.

For the man that never wanted accolades or

CHS CLASS OF 2022



Kathryn Bolden, Yaisa Romero and Gabriel Rosado during Chelsea High School's 2022 graduation ceremony.

recognitions for work he thought all should do in some form or another, was celebrated by the community, elected officials and friends.

"He helped countless families in the neighborhood including my own," said former City Councilor Sal LaMatina. "East Boston lost a great man and his legacy will live on forever."

Before moving to Syracuse to be with his daughter and her family, Mr. White was still traveling down from his home in Winchester to support the new crop of programs aimed at helping those most in need like the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen.

"We lost a gem of our East Boston Community and a tremendous ally and mentor to me and my work with the EBCSK," said EBCSK Founder Sandra Nijjar. "Words cannot describe the immense sadness in my heart to learn of his departure from this world. Know that I will never ever forget your advice and wisdom that you shared with me."

While East Boston YMCA Director Joey Gaeta credited Mr. White with his start in social services.

"Growing up in East Boston everyone knew who John White was," said Gaeta. "John was special and never looked for the spotlight. My first job at 14 was through APAC's Summer Jobs program working at the East Boston Social Centers. After the job ended John made sure to check in on me every year after that. He made sure I went to college, he made sure I was okay and, as an Eastie kid, that was a big deal. He made you feel special, he made you feel present, he made you feel connected. But he did not just do this for me, he did this for all of us."

In the end, we were lucky that Mr. White walked amongst us for so long because his work in Eastie was unparalleled, his motives were pure and his heart was filled with an undying passion to make life a little easier for those living in uneasy circumstances.

He was a friend to all, a mentor to many and will be missed dearly by the neighborhood he touched for so long.

TEAMING UP FOR SUMMER FUN

LYNN - "DCR is proud of our Better Beaches Program Partnership with

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay," said Acting DCR Commissioner Stephanie Cooper. "We are all looking forward to another great season of free events and programs on DCR's beaches from Nahant to Nantasket,"

New partners this year include Circus Up, Inc, North Shore Women of Color Association, YMCA of Metro-North, Po Couto: Haus of Threes, City of Revere Travel & Tourism Department, Charlestown YMCA, Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston, Inc, Next Level Factory, South Boston en Acción, The Black Literacy & Arts Collaborative Project, Fields Corner Crossroads Collaborative, Linda Wells, Daddy & Me Literacy Program, Norfolk Sheriff's Office, Quincycles, Latifa Ziyad, Soca Hikes, Veronica Robles Cultural Center, Carolyn Lewenberg, Soca Fusion, and The Flavor Continues

Save the Harbor's success would not be possible without their program partners and event sponsors, including Arctic Chill and Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, FMC Ice Sports, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Coast Canabis, the Daily Catch, Comcast, Mix 104.1, iZotope, Inc, The Blue Sky Collaborative, Boston & Maine Webcams, BostonHarbor.com, The Boston Foundation, and The Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation.

In addition, Save the Harbor recognized the Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn, and Representative Adrian Madaro of East Boston and the legislative and community members of the Commission as well as Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano for their support for their beaches and communities. Save the Harbor also thanked the Baker-Polito Administration, the Massachusetts Legislature, Save the Harbor's partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the YMCA of Greater Boston, and the hundreds of people who took part in the Shamrock Splash for their support.

A copy of this release, a calendar of Better Beaches events and the complete list of this year's grant recipients is available in more than 100 languages on Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's blog Sea, Sand & Sky at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org>

To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the great work they do to restore, protect and share Boston Harbor, the waterfront, islands, and the region's public beaches with all Bostonians and the region's residents, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow @savetheharbor on social media.

SCHOOL SAFETY TO BE DISCUSSED

REVERE - The Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas that killed 19 students and two teachers at the school is still very much on everyone's mind, especially those who work daily at schools in Revere and across the country.

At the most recent Revere School Committee Safety & Security Subcommittee meeting, committee member Susan Gravallese said the School Committee is planning to host a meeting on a larger scale to address questions and concerns from staff, families, students and the city as a whole.

"I do want the community to know that we are planning, once we get dates available, to have another safety and security meeting on a larger scale," said Gravallese. "This will include Captain O'Hara, who works very closely with Assistant Superintendent Gallucci and our school resource officers. We'll also be inviting our chief of police and our chief of fire."

Committee member Carol Tye applauded the idea and said the events in Uvalde have made her reassess some policies she's supported in the past that she and the other committee members may want to reconsider.

"For example, I voted to have school on the day of elections, and after this (Uvalde) happened I'd be rethinking my position on that. Perhaps we really do not want outsiders and children in school at the same time," said Tye. "Maybe it wouldn't be wise not to have school on that day. So I would like to hear from the experts about what they say we are doing right, what we can do better, and what it is we're not doing that we need to do."

Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly said school administrators do sit with the chief of police, the chief of fire

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and the School Resource Officers (SROs) and create comprehensive plans for each of our schools that get updated annually and those plans are shared with staff at the beginning of the school year.

“They’re not something that we publish on our websites because we don’t want people with nefarious ideas understanding what our safety protocols and plans are because it could actually create safety risks,” said Kelly. “We don’t always put all of the information out there but there is information that we do share and the school committee will recall that after the last time we had an incident like this, we did host a community meeting and the chief of police and the chief of the fire department came and spoke at the school committee meeting and we were able to relay enough information that I think gave families some sense of security without relying too much information and that was based on their expert knowledge.”

Kelly said that decisions about any changes to the structures of security in the school department are decisions that should be made between the chiefs of police and fire and herself and any proposals the school committee has, would feed into those changes.

“But I do think that’s the level where decision making about any changes should happen,” said Kelly. “This is just so we can make sure that all perspectives are met when it comes to security. As the committee knows, especially those who have been here for a while. There is definitely some tension between creating spaces that might feel physically safe and secure because there are security people at every door or at one door or whatever the case may be. There are some districts that argue

for metal detectors at all doors and there are other schools of thought that I openly ascribe to that focus on making sure that we are finding resources and support for kids who are demonstrating any kind of social or emotional disruption that requires they get support elsewhere outside of our schools.”

Kelly said certainly there need to be adequate safety plans with RPS’s three SROs who are in different parts of the city and are assigned to different buildings and can respond as needed.

However, these plans should be balanced with a student’s ability to come to a building that feels open and friendly and welcoming and engaging.

“Without a doubt, there is work that we have to do in those areas,” she said. “I’m not trying to pretend like there’s nothing we can do to make ourselves better. I just want to caution against the knee jerk reaction that we sometimes get after these horrific events and people think that adding more security people is going to prevent this from happening in our schools. I believe that having staff who all love where they work and want to be part of that school community and culture and are vigilant about its safety plays a role in safety.”

Kelly added that one of the issues in Uvalde was the fact that a teacher actually propped open a door while they went out to

the parking lot to retrieve something that allowed easy entry for the shooter.

“We say time and time again that our building needs to be left secured and people who don’t do that are creating a risk,” said Kelly.

SRO Officer Joseph Singer reassured the committee that the response time witnessed in Uvalde would not occur in Revere.

“According to Revere Police procedures we do not wait,” said Officer Singer. “My captain, my sergeant, my chief and my SWAT commander will back this up 100%. We go with what we have and God forbid something does happen in the school, an active shooter scenario, we are going with what we have. I’m sure there’ll be many teachers and many people in this building that’ll be right behind us.”

COUNCIL APPROVES FY23 BUDGET

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met on June 7, when it approved the FY23 budget.

Council adopted the total FY23 budget of

\$71,649,095. That is a 3.54 increase over last year’s budget. Councilors also allocated an additional \$55,000 to the school department to help bridge its deficit of almost \$700,000.

Council Actions
Council adopted the FY23 budget. It also allocated an additional \$55,000 to the school department to help bridge its deficit of almost \$700,000.

Council established a Tree Committee tasked with protecting Winthrop trees. Members will be appointed for a term of three years. Council also passed the Winthrop Tree Ordinance, which provides language about tree removal, tree memorials, landmark trees and the tree donation fund.

Council voted to transfer \$150,000 from Capital Stabilization to the Revere Tips Project, a full road-

way reconstruction project focusing on pedestrian safety.

Council passed the new CBD Parking Ordinance, which updates the parking rules and regulations in the CBD. The former ordinance did not account for the recent redesign of the CBD.

Trash Updates
Black plastics cannot be recycled and must be put in the trash. This includes shampoo bottles, takeout containers and any other container made of black or dark-colored plastic. According to Recycle Smart, black and dark-colored plastics are unable to be sorted by recycling facilities and are incinerated.

As of Nov. 1, there will be a ban on textiles in the waste stream. This means that all textiles (clothing, sheets, shoes, etc.) must be recycled. Separate bins for textiles will be provided to residents.

General Updates
Council will not meet on July 5.

Council will continue gathering public input on the following: acceptance of TSAC ordinance recommendations, changes to flood resilience language, trash enforcement, and the CBD crosswalk.

The Town is currently advertising for the assessor, CFO, treasurer and assistant treasurer positions.

The Town is exploring different vendors to develop the former middle school site.

Winthrop can solicit \$200K in annual grant funding to reduce the town’s energy consumption due to its regional climate resiliency alliance with Chelsea and Revere.

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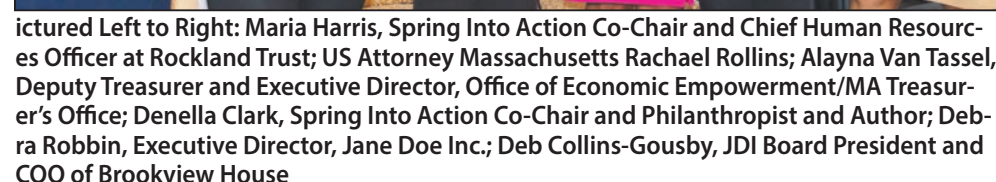
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MGM SPRINGFIELD SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	 TABLE	\$4,039,067.85		
	 SLOTS	\$17,113,181.60		
	TOTAL	\$21,152,249.45		\$5,288,062.36
ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	 TABLE	\$25,408,848.58		
	 SLOTS	\$32,624,183.92		
	TOTAL	\$58,033,032.50		\$14,508,258.13
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES	 SLOTS	\$11,731,163.49		
	TOTAL	\$11,731,163.49		\$5,748,270.11
	TOTAL TAXES			\$25,544,590.60



Jamaica Plain resident and gubernatorial candidate Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz joined the Elder Abuse Awareness Walk on Boston Common on June 15, to lend her voice to the prevention of abuse and exploitation of older residents in Boston and America. Each year more than 5 million older adults in the U.S. are subject to abuse. The walk was organized on Worldwide Elder Abuse Awareness Day by Central Boston Elder Services in partnership with Ethos, which is based in JP, Boston Senior Home Care and Boston Age Strong Commission. (l-r) Ray Santos, Ethos Chief Development & Community Relations Officer; Paulean Alison, CBES Director of Protective Services; Senator Chang-Diaz; and Fatima Rodrigues, CBES Assistant Director of Protective Services.



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