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Everett teen organizes summer programs at Family Resource Center

Everett teen, Evelyn Gayhart, organized three summer STEM programs at the Eliot Family Resource Center this summer. The June program documented the growth of praying mantises, the July program detailed the life-cycle of butterflies, and the August program followed the growth of ladybugs. Students of all ages could learn from the weekly social media posts, photos and educational tools.

At the end of documenting their life cycles, she then hosted release parties for families. Adults and children were able to touch the mantis egg pod and see mantids emerge. They could hold, admire, and let fly each butterfly that they had watched evolve. They also felt the ladybugs climbing over their hands and arms. Families participated in educational activities and crafts, and



took home snacks and mementos. The family resource center was happy to fund these programs and guide her through the project management. The Eliot Family Resource



Center is funded by DCF and connects people to local resources. Evelyn has been a volunteer there for more than three years.



October is Bullying Prevention Month

We have all heard the stories of bullied teens taking their own lives. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth ages 10-18 and in many cases bullying can be a catalyst. Studies have shown that bullying aggravates depression and increases suicide risk for both the victim and the perpetrator. When kids who are at risk for suicide because of depression or other mental health issues are bullied, the results can be disastrous.

According to a Washington State Healthy Youth Survey, nearly 25% of tenth graders who reported being bullied also reported hav-

ing made a suicide attempt in the past twelve months. An article by JAMA pediatrics reported that cyberbullying cause kids to consider suicide more than traditional bullying.

Cyberbullying happens via technology and can be just as devastating as in-person bullying and can lead a victim to low self-esteem, a feeling of loneliness, and a drop in school grades. Parents can help prevent cyberbullying by talking about it, limiting data access, knowing your child's passwords, and enforcing internet rules. New research done by The Journal of Child and Fam-

ily Studies identifies that certain positive parenting practices have a strong effect on both school bullying and cyberbullying. Those are a surplus of warmth, autonomy/support, and structure.

If your child has been the victim of bullying and you have noticed a change in his or her mental health as a result, get help now. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or 988, is a free resource, available 24 hours a day. Or you can text "Jason" to 741741 where trained counselors can offer you support.

Goldberg announces latest release of unclaimed property listings

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg announced the latest grouping of names that have been added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners. Over 51,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

"So many people do not know they have unclaimed property waiting for them," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "It is our goal to help return these funds to the rightful owners. Claiming property is fast, easy, and free, so visit FindMassMoney.com or call our office to see if you have anything waiting for you."

The Unclaimed Property Division currently holds over \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property. Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, Treasury processed over 122,000 claims and returned over \$163 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for

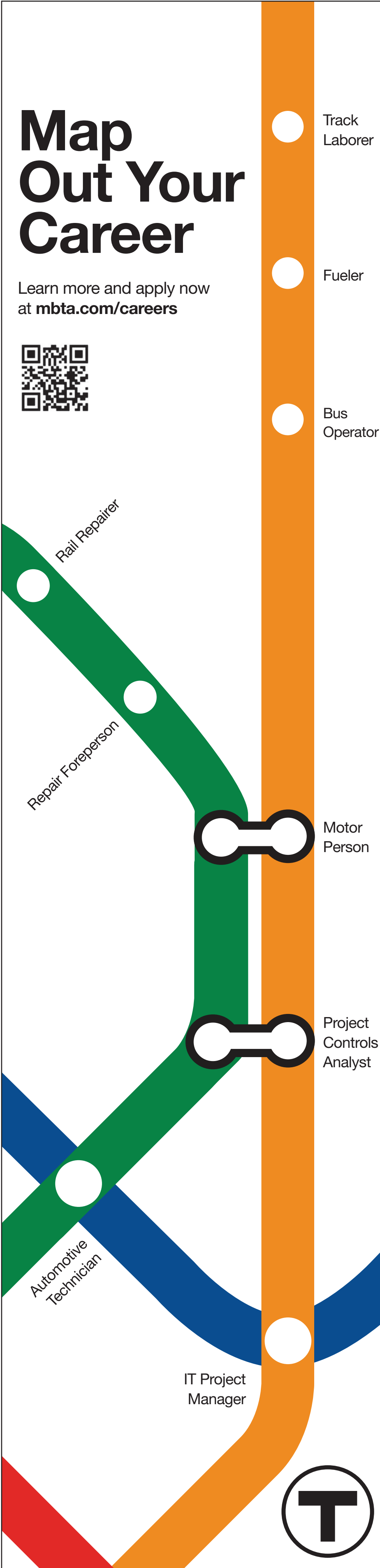
all amounts at www.find-massmoney.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

The full list of the new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list was published in the Boston Globe on September 11th and will be in the Boston Herald on September 18th. In addition, the list of names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers.

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

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GET THE NEW COVID SHOT NOW!

We realize that after two and one-half years of dealing with COVID-19, all of us just want to be done with COVID.

But the unfortunate reality is that COVID-19 is not done with us, despite what President Biden suggested in his interview on Sunday with 60 Minutes.

The number of Americans who still are contracting -- and dying from -- COVID each and every day continues to be staggering: The daily average of new COVID cases in the U.S. is more than 60,000 and the daily average for new deaths is almost 500. More Americans are dying from COVID every week than died on 9/11.

The toll that so-called long-COVID is wreaking on our population also is enormous. By some estimates, 20 percent of those who contract COVID, even if they have mild cases, will suffer from the effects of long-COVID, including many that are physically and mentally debilitating over the long term.

However, the availability of the new COVID-19 vaccine marks a huge step forward in our ability to reduce the ravages of the COVID pandemic. The new vaccine, which became available two weeks ago for all adults, is the only type of vaccine that can protect against the most dominant Omicron strains of COVID-19 in the US. The new booster is bivalent, which means it provides better protection against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variants that are currently causing most infections (BA.4 and BA.5).

In addition, preliminary research suggests that the new vaccine offers significant protection not only against serious illness and death, but also against contracting long-COVID.

Health professionals are recommending that even if you have had COVID, you should get the new vaccine as soon as a month after your illness, and for those who have received all of the previous boosters, you should get the new vaccine two months after your last shot.

Those with compromised immune systems should consult with their doctor about getting the new vaccine.

We urge all of our readers not to walk, but to run, to a health care provider to get the new vaccine ASAP.

AMERICA NEEDS IMMIGRANTS MORE THAN EVER

For the first time in the history of the world, there are more people on the planet over the age of 65 than under five.

For industrial nations such as the U.S., this is a profound change from what has been the norm for the past 75 years, when the arrival of the Baby Boomer generation marked the beginning of just the opposite trend.

But with the Baby Boomers leaving the workforce in unprecedented numbers, we're seeing some of the effects of this new change in demographics. There simply are not enough Americans to fill jobs of all kinds -- reportedly there is just one worker for every two job openings -- and no matter how much the Fed raises interest rates, that is not going to change.

Moreover, as the majority of Baby Boomers begin to hit their 70s, the demand for service employees, ranging from healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, home health aides) to the travel industry (flight crews, airline ground staff) is going to increase exponentially.

Whether going to a hospital emergency room or an airport these days, it's already a nightmare, with the consequences ranging from life-and-death to inconvenience.

Japan has been the canary in the coal mine of this demographic shift. Its economy has been stagnant for a decade and even shrinking in comparison to other nations because of the decline in its birth rate and its aging population.

The industrialized world is facing the reality of simple arithmetic: There are fewer young people to take care of a lot more old people.

In 1970, the median age of the U.S. population was 28.1. Today it is 38.6. In other words, our population today is almost a full generation older (if you count a generation as being 15-20 years) than it has been in the past.

With the U.S. government stuck in gridlock, it is obvious that we as a nation are not going to be able to do anything to address this impending seismic shift in demographics over the long term.

America's greatness always has stemmed from those who have immigrated from other countries. Immigrants come to America to make a better life for themselves and their families. They work hard and possess an entrepreneurial spirit. In addition, they bring a diversity that has created the wonder that is the American melting pot.

More than ever, America needs immigrants to fill the jobs and pay the taxes that will support our aging population.

We realize that a lot of people may not want to hear that -- but that is the reality.

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The call of our common humanity

and refugees as pilgrims forced by socio-economic conditions, human rights abuses, and the climate crisis to leave their homes in search of safety, security and stability for themselves and their families.

Last week the humanity and vulnerability which immigrants and refugees share has come home to us in Massachusetts. The Venezuelan refugees have come from a situation of enormous oppression and suffering in their own country.

As is often the case, human tragedy evokes moral goodness. The citizens of Martha's Vineyard have shown us all how common humanity motivates generosity and effective kindness. I commend young and old for their example and effective response.

The need for a system-

atic longer-term response is required. I thank Governor Baker for his promise of providing shelter and security for those who have come to us in Massachusetts without either. An effective strategy inevitably requires the leadership and assistance of state and city government. Within that basic framework other organizations can then make their skilled response.

Catholic Charities of Boston has informed me of their readiness to cooperate with civil authorities in welcoming those who come to our Commonwealth in need of assistance. Not only Venezuelans, but Haitians and other Latin Americans are caught up in the crushing emergency of the U.S. southern border. When non-profit agencies can

partner with civil authorities, people at risk will find welcome, support and space to organize their lives.

In a globalized world immigration challenges will continue. In our country a broken immigration system requires immediate reform. From the Dreamers who still seek legal stability in their lives, to those fleeing war in Ukraine, poverty in Latin America and Africa, or crises in the Middle East, the call of our common humanity will be with us for years to come. I pray we will be equal to the challenge.

Seán Patrick O'Malley OFM Cap GCIH is an American cardinal of the Catholic Church serving as the archbishop of Boston.

By Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley

Immigration policies and practices stand as an abiding moral, legal and political challenge to our Commonwealth and our country. We have delayed far too long in developing an effective response to immigrants, migrants, and refugees at a moment when the movement of men, women, children, and families surpasses any other known example in our history.

Our common humanity is the lens through which our response to immigrants and refugees must be judged. Pope Francis has made the plight of immigrants and refugees a constant theme of his pontificate. The Holy Father's witness, in word and deed, has been based on understanding immigrants

Orange Line, Green Line extension service resume on schedule

Special to the Independent

On Monday, September 19, both the Orange Line service and Green Line Union Square service resumed.

The MBTA initiated the 30-day full closure of the Orange Line on August 19 to complete five years of improvements in 30 days and bring track and signal infrastructure into a state of good repair, while also addressing safety actions identified by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Orange Line track replacement work addresses FTA Special Directive 22-4 which mandates that the MBTA take actions related to maintenance of way. In Directive 22-4, the FTA noted that defective track conditions had forced the MBTA to implement slow zones where trains had to operate at restricted speeds. By replacing thousands of feet of rail during the Orange Line closure, the MBTA is eliminating the slow zones, and providing riders with faster and more reliable service.

"A tremendous amount of choreography, coordination, and hard work has been accomplished during these 30 days, including over a dozen projects to replace rail, track, signals, rail fasteners, and more that would have taken the T five years of nights and weekends to accomplish," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We've also met our goal of eliminating six slow zones along the Orange Line, which creates faster and more reliable commutes for customers, and surpassed our goal for new vehicles with 72 new Orange Line cars ready to serve riders. Thank you to all of our partner municipalities along the Orange Line for collaborating with us throughout the entirety of these 30 days; to the MBTA workforce, contractor crews, shuttle bus operators, Transit Ambassadors, in-station personnel, and more for their dedicated work, skill, and service; and especially to our Orange Line riders -- we're excited to welcome you back to a faster, safer, more reliable ride tomorrow on a line comprised of predominantly new cars."



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JOHN WILCOX

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu passes through the turnstile to ride the newly re-opened Orange Line on Monday.

row on a line comprised of predominantly new cars."

"The 30-day Orange Line shutdown was a monumental opportunity which allowed the MBTA to conduct critical maintenance operations aggressively to help ensure travel on the MBTA is safe, accessible, smooth, and convenient," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "This historical undertaking would not have been possible without thorough and thoughtful multi-level coordination and collaboration, and I would like to thank MassDOT's Highway Division for all their support, everyone who worked hard and spent countless hours helping to bring this project to fruition, and members of the public for all of their continued patience."

"The MBTA's Capital Transformation program has successfully applied its experience and lessons learned from previous surges as we brought together multiple other MBTA departments to continue the transformation of the Orange Line," said MBTA Chief of Capital Transformation Angel Peña. "Our work during the Orange Line shutdown was rooted in our devotion to riders and their safety. This devotion will continue to drive our focus on quality, accessibility, modernization, and service for years to come."

Work accomplished during the 30-day Orange Line closure includes:

- Elimination of six

slow zones to allow for faster service at Jackson Square and Stony Brook, State and Downtown Crossing, Tufts Medical Center and Back Bay, Community College and North Station, and two slow zones between Assembly and Wellington along Dana Bridge.

- Replacement of 14,000 feet of rail and more than 2,800 rail ties.
- Replaced 3,500 feet of

track.

- Installation of 400 rail fasteners called "Cologne Eggs," which dampen vibrations and noise for a more comfortable ride.

- Upgraded signals at Oak Grove and Malden Center from analog to digital to reduce time and maintenance.

- A total of 48,000 feet of new signal cable laid

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CITY OF EVERETT HONORS JOSEPH PENTA AT VETERAN SQUARE DEDICATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett recently honored and paid tribute to World War II veteran, longtime Everett police officer and community member Joseph Penta.

The event was emceed by the City of Everett’s Director of Veterans Affairs Antoine Coleman, who is also a military veteran and longtime Everett community member.

Mayor DeMaria joined with members of the Penta family on Broadway next to Dairy Maid, which Penta bought in 1981 and his family still currently operates.

Penta grew up in Everett and graduated Everett High School in 1939. He served his community as an Everett police officer for 32 years, worked his way up to lieutenant and earned the Medal of Valor for stopping a bank robbery in which his partner was shot and wounded.

Penta is also a local hero who saved a young man’s life with critical first aid following an incident at a game at Everett stadium and saved a young child from a burning building.

Not only did Penta serve his community, but he also served his country in the United States Army during World War II right after he graduated high school. He served as an airplane technician and was also on the Army boxing team, which is a sport he actively participated in. He is a decorated veteran and his distinguished service earned him the Good Conduct medal, the World War II Campaign medal, the European, African and Middle East Campaign medal and the World War



Joseph Penta in his World War II United States Army uniform.



The City’s Director of Veterans Services Antoine Coleman speaking at the podium.

II Victory medal.

“Greatness is the word that comes to mind when I think of Joseph Penta,” said DeMaria. “We are so lucky to be able to have opportunities like this to come together and celebrate greatness in our community.”

DeMaria is honored that he was able to dedicate the Square in memory of Penta and spoke about the veteran’s impact on the community.

“None of this greatness is surprising when you think of Joseph Penta as a person,” said DeMaria. “He was a devoted brother, husband, father and grandfather. He worked



All the event participants alongside the Penta family to dedicate the square to Joseph Penta.

Right, The new sign marking Sgt. Joseph Penta Square.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle speaking at the podium.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria speaking at the podium.



Joseph Penta’s wife said a few words about her late husband.



Gerri Miranda leading the recital of the pledge of allegiance.

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Giuseppe “Joe” “Charlie” Todaro

The most cherished aspect of his life was family

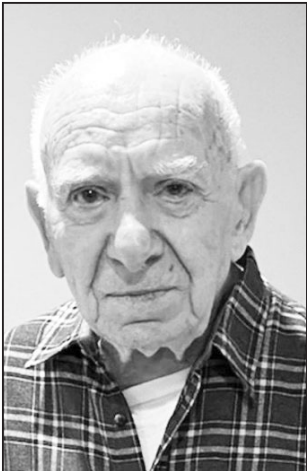
A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Church in Saugus on September 19 for Giuseppe “Joe” “Charlie” Todaro, 95, who died peacefully in the loving presence of his family on Thursday, September 15th at his home in Saugus following a brief illness. Interment followed in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

Giuseppe was a native of Sciacca, Sicily, where he was the oldest of two children of the late Francesco and Grazia (Taormina) Todaro. He left Sicily when he was in his thirties and settled with family in Queens, NY. He met his lovely wife, Lucy (Puleo) through mutual friends in Boston where Lucy resided. They married in March of 1966, moved to Queens, NY and two years later moved back to East Boston and later settled in Everett.

Giuseppe was a devoted husband, father and loving family man who was a very hard worker since the age of 14 when his father died and he had to provide for his mother and sister.

When he moved to Boston, he worked at the South Boston meat market and later worked until 80 years old at Viking Seafood in Malden, where he was a fish packer. He later moved to Saugus to live with his daughter and her family.

He liked to garden and



enjoyed fixing cars whether his own or for family.

The most cherished aspect of his life was family, that is what mattered most to him and gave him the most happiness.

The beloved husband for 40 years of the late Lucy (Puleo) Todaro, he was the loving father of Graceann Cirame and her husband, John, the cherished Papa of Joseph C. Cirame and Isabella L. Cirame, all of Saugus and the dear brother of the late Rosa Fazio of Italy. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews and Susan Viera, friend and caretaker.

Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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The staff at Vertuccio & Smith is most honored to have assisted the family in completing arrangements.

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including 45,000 feet of signal cable within the Southwest Corridor, which will be activated in 2023 as part of the Signal Upgrades project when the new system is placed in service.

- Repaired and weatherproofed Sullivan Square station’s roof and canopy to protect it from the elements and the roadway above.

- Forest Hills station is now fully accessible from both the Washington Street and Banks Place entrances. New granite tiles have also been installed at station entrances along with a new skylight. Additional improvements include the polishing and sealing of the terrazzo, painting lobby ceilings, and completing construction of the redundant lobby elevator.

- Upgraded two Crossovers at Ruggles and Jackson Square so trains can seamlessly move between tracks.

- Updated Oak Grove’s accessibility by replacing the roof, doors, windows, stairs, granite, pavers, terrazzo flooring, and elevators.

- Readied 72 new Orange Line cars, an increase from 30 cars when the Orange Line shutdown first started.

- Riders should be aware that slow zones will remain in place for about a week after service resumes. This is because it takes time for the new track and ballast to settle as trains repeatedly run over the areas where the slow zone removal work was done.

The Orange Line provides approximately 101,000 trips each day with ridership approximately 49% of pre-pandemic ridership.

With the reopening of the Orange Line, the CharlieCard Store located within Downtown Crossing will increase its business hours to better serve MBTA customers. On Mondays, the CharlieCard Store will be open by appointment, and Tuesday through Friday it will be open 8:30 AM to 5 PM, serving all transactions.

Commuter Rail Updates

Because many Orange Line riders chose the Commuter Rail during the Orange Line closure, the

T will add Oak Grove station to the Haverhill Commuter Rail Line schedule as a Zone 1A stop to offer riders an additional choice to their daily commute. Nine train stops at Forest Hills station that were added during the Orange Line shutdown will also continue on the Franklin and Providence/Stoughton Commuter Rail Lines, ensuring two trains an hour in the weekday morning inbound peak at that station. Passengers are reminded that regular fare collection will resume for Zones 1A, 1, and 2. Amended schedules can be found online at mbta.com/CR.

Green Line Extension Service

Green Line service between Union Square and Government Center stations will also resume at the start of service tomorrow. The T suspended service last month to facilitate the opening of the Medford Branch of the Green Line Extension in late November 2022 and to allow for continued work at the Government Center Garage project.

Completed work on the

Green Line Extension includes:

- Adjustments to the overhead wire on the East Cambridge Viaduct that eliminated a temporary slow zone, allowing trolleys to operate at the system’s designed speed of 25 mph on a permanent basis.

- Final testing and integration of track switches, power lines, signal equipment, and digital communications between the Green Line’s Union Branch, the soon-to-be-operational Medford Branch, and the MBTA’s Operations and Control Center.

- Installation of the last remaining sound wall panels along the Union Branch and additional work items along the Union and Medford Branches’ including track, stations, and rights of way.

As with the Orange Line, Green Line riders should note that slow zones will continue to be in place temporarily for about one week where the work was performed.

Permanent street changes following Orange Line shutdown announced

Mayor Michelle Wu and Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge announced several street changes made to mitigate impacts from the MBTA’s Orange Line shutdown will be made permanent following the reopening of the Orange Line Monday. The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) took unprecedented steps to quickly install priority bus lanes, pop-up bike lanes, and change parking restrictions along the Orange Line route. Certain infrastructure changes that improved traffic flow or public safety will remain in place. The Mayor also announced street changes that will be temporarily removed and then reinstalled permanently. All other changes made during the Orange Line shutdown will be removed.

“Over the last 30 days, our City teams have been focused on measuring what’s working so we could ensure continual improvement during a stressful time of the Orange Line shutdown,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “We’re keeping in place some of the changes that have helped with traffic flow and transit access, so that commuters will see lasting benefit above ground even as the subway comes back online. I’m so proud of the Boston Transportation Department for their hard work during this unprecedented event, and grateful to commuters across the region for their patience

and input.”

“The past 30 days provided an opportunity to create new ways to use our public spaces to ease how residents move within the City,” said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. “We look forward to working with the community to take the lessons learned and apply them to future infrastructure projects that will enhance public space and improve mobility for pedestrians, people on bikes, and transit riders.”

The following street infrastructure changes will remain in place:

- Chinatown MBTA SL5 bus stop: This newly added bus stop creates a vital link for Chinatown residents to the SL5.

- Copley Square area bus lanes: These bus lanes include Boylston Street (Ring Road to Clarendon Street); Clarendon Street (Boylston Street to Columbus Ave.); St. James Street (west of Berkeley Street to Dartmouth Street). These bus lanes support the 39, 9, and 10 bus routes, which together serve more than 10,000 riders per weekday.

- South End loading zones and drop-off zones: Changes to parking restrictions in this area will remain in place for improved curbside management and reduced double parking in the unprotected bike lane.

- Jamaica Plain pavement marking and signage: This includes traffic safety elements such as

“Don’t Block the Box” and parking restrictions at corners to improve visibility. These changes have shown to improve traffic safety and management.

- Boylston Street one-way for vehicles: Closing part of Boylston Street (between Amory & Lamartine) to traffic throughout the shutdown has improved safety (collisions and near-misses) along the Southwest Corridor. Reopening this stretch as a one-way street from Amory to Lamartine for vehicles will support long-term bike connectivity plans, improve safety for all modes, and reduce conflict at the high crash intersection of Boylston and Lamartine Streets.

- Huntington Avenue bus & bike priority lane: The priority bus and bike lane that was added to Huntington Avenue from Brigham Circle to Gainsborough Street has improved speed for the Route 39 bus. As a permanent lane, it will continue to support the thousands of people who ride the Route 39 bus and will improve safety for those on bikes.

- Columbus Avenue pop-up bike lane: This will remain until early December and then be removed for the season. BTD Active Transportation will continue to monitor and move barrels daily to enable street sweeping. Long-term planning is underway for a potential permanent facility. This

is one of the busiest corridors for biking. Improving conditions, even on just a few blocks, can make the overall trip safer and more enjoyable.

- Bluebikes parking: The City will retain Bluebikes docks added during the shutdown, with minor modifications as needed, to keep up with record-breaking ridership numbers. The City is also exploring options to provide free or low-cost bike share service.

The Boylston Street pop-up bike lane will be removed as the City works to design the recently announced permanent facility. Boylston Street is an important link in the bike network, and improved infrastructure here will make a safer ride for people biking from Brookline, Mission Hill, the LMA, and Back Bay to Downtown. The pop-up Boylston Street bike lane will be in place through September 26. The permanent Boylston Street bike lane will be prioritized for installation in the spring.

The Boston Transportation Department is also evaluating potential designs for additional protected bike lanes, pedestrian zones, bus lanes, and safety improvements informed by the changes that were temporarily in place during the Orange Line shutdown. These changes will undergo evaluation and engagement and be publicly announced before any implementation.

Commuter Rail announces changes as Orange Line service returns

Keolis and the MBTA announced several changes to Commuter Rail operations as the Orange Line returned to service on Monday. Oak Grove station, which was reopened to support passengers during the Orange Line service disruption, will remain in service, becoming a regular stop on the Haverhill Line in Zone 1A. Additionally, some of the service that was added at Forest Hills Station will remain, ensuring two trains an hour in the weekday morning inbound peak at that station. All passengers are reminded that regular fare collection will resume for Zones 2,

1A and 1. The amended schedules can be found online at <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail>.

“We’re pleased to add Oak Grove as a permanent regular stop on the Haverhill Line and to make additional stops at Forest Hills going forward,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “This is an exciting development that came about following the Orange Line shutdown that we hadn’t previously planned. Thank you to our partners at Keolis for their teamwork during the Orange Line diversion and collaboration on these station and schedule im-

provements.”

“During the Orange Line service disruption, we welcomed many new riders to the Commuter Rail,” said Abdellah Chajai CEO of Keolis Commuter Services. “We hope that they found their trips to be reliable and convenient and that they will continue to see the Commuter Rail as a great option for their transportation needs.”

Ahead of the Orange Line service disruption, Oak Grove Station was recommissioned to offer a service alternative for Orange Line riders. As part of recommissioning, repairs were made to the

Commuter Rail platform, including installation of new a new platform edge tactile and updated signage. Additional upgrades to the lighting will be made now that the station is being permanently returned to the schedule.

During the Orange Line service disruption, in preparation for the post Labor Day return to work and school, Commuter Rail service at Forest Hills station was expanded, offering a 5 inbound trains in the 7:00 a.m. hour and 4 trains an hour for the remainder of the weekday peak. With the Orange

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EPS plays a prominent role in opening day celebration

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Superintendent Priya Tahiliani helped welcome AmeriCorps members to the 2022-2023 school year as part of City Year Greater Boston’s annual Opening Day event, further highlighting the flourishing partnership between the Everett Public Schools and one of the nation’s preeminent educational service organizations.

“I had the distinct pleasure of working with City Year during my 19 years in the Boston Public Schools,” Superintendent Tahiliani said during her remarks on Friday, September 9th at the Hotel Commonwealth. “So, I have known very well the incredible impact that City Year Corps members have on our students. And I must say that bringing City Year to the Everett Public Schools has been one of the highlights of my superintendency.”

With critical support from Chief Financial Officer Anu Medappa Jayanth and Budget and Grants Director Shirley Peng,

Superintendent Tahiliani welcomed City Year to Everett at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. There are five-member AmeriCorps teams in all Everett’s five K-8 buildings — the Keverian, Lafayette, Parlin, Madeline English, and Whittier. Everett is the first city outside of Boston to partner with City Year, necessitating a name change to City Year Greater Boston.

Superintendent Tahiliani was joined on the speaking program by City Year Greater Boston Executive Director and Senior Vice President Monica Roberts and Acting Boston Public Schools Superintendent Drew Echelson. Senior AmeriCorps members Mansu Shrethsa, Elizabeth Geiser, and Mark Nealon also shared their stories of why they chose to dedicate a year to service in Boston and Everett schools.

Among Everett’s AmeriCorps members is Jamilly Pimenta, a 2022 Everett High graduate who learned about City Year

from a younger sibling. And Sophia Riviello, a City Year member in the EPS last school year, is a first-year teacher in the district. “The community can be assured that our partnership with City Year pays dividends, big and small, every day,” said Superintendent Tahiliani.

Comcast/NBCUniversal sponsored the first-class event, which featured food and refreshments inside the Hotel Commonwealth’s conference area that overlooks Fenway Park. Comcast Director of External Affairs Angela Barson talked about the company’s far-reaching and considerable investment in City Year programs around the country.

“It has been abundantly clear how instrumental Corps members are in our efforts to ensure educational equity,” said Superintendent Tahiliani. “We have seen firsthand how City Year Corps members support newcomer students, stay after school to help students with home-



Budget and Grants Director Shirley Peng, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, and Chief Financial Officer Anu Medappa Jayanth are pictured with three of the 25 AmeriCorps members who will serve as City Year AmeriCorps members in the Everett Public Schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

work and projects, lend an ear when a student is having a particularly difficult day, or by simply giving our students the individualized attention that they need and deserve.”

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- JoJo Mitchell

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Budget and Grants Director Shirley Peng, Chief Financial Officer Anu Medappa Jayanth, and Superintendent Priya Tahiliani were among the distinguished guests for this year’s City Year Greater Boston Opening Day celebration at the Hotel Commonwealth.



Superintendent Priya Tahiliani (right) and AmeriCorps members enjoy the City Year Greater Boston Opening Day event on September 9th at the Hotel Commonwealth.



City Year Greater Boston Executive Director and Senior Vice President Monica Roberts and Superintendent Priya Tahiliani.



Superintendent Priya Tahiliani tries on the red City Year bomber jacket she received during the organization’s Opening Day celebration on Friday September 9th at the Hotel Commonwealth.



Budget and Grants Director Shirley Peng (left) and Chief Financial Officer Anu Medappa Jayanth are pictured with three of the AmeriCorps members who will be working in the Everett Public Schools in 2022-2023.

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ALS AND MS WALK FOR LIVING FUNDRAISER

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After a hiatus due to the Covid Pandemic, the annual ALS and MS Walk For Living was held in-person. The walk generates funds that are used for programs of the ALS and MS residents at the Leonard Florence Center on Admiral Hill. The turnout of supporters was high as was the energy they brought to help with a noble cause



Jenny and Veda Flint.



Sisters Gabriela and Valentina Egidi catch a selfie together before setting off for their walk around Admirals Hill.



Benefactor to the ALS And MS Walk For Living and the Leonard Florence Center Bill Stein offers remarks.



Marissa Miglietta and Wilson are walking for Rita Ouellette, who passed away in 2018.



Chelsea High School teachers Brittney (2nd from left) and Sam (far right) walk with Nicole and Lilith.



Jonathan Crowley gives a proper perch to his daughter Hannah to get a great view of the fun while eating her cotton candy.



The Leonard Florence Center resident David Marion (in front) is ready to do his part in the fight against MLS and MS with his family: Merideth Hussey, Laura Marion, Pepere Marion, Amelia Hussey, and Denise Marion with Betsy Mullen COO of Chelsea Jewish Life Care.



The portable petting zoo of Animal Affair was on site as walkers said hello to one of their resident goats Peanut.



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HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Sunday, October 2nd from 10am-4pm at the Rivergreen Park parking lot at 1 Rivergreen Drive.

The City will be partnering with Trident Environmental Group, a specialty waste company, to help dispose of the hazardous items collected.

Everett residents only - Please be prepared to show proof of residency.

Items that **will not** be accepted:

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- **Laundry Materials:** Brighteners, Chlorine Bleach, Spot Removers, Spray Starch, Whiteners
- **Kitchen Materials:** Drain Cleaners, Lighter Fluids, Over Cleaners
- **Automotive Products:** Antifreeze, Batteries (Auto, Motorcycles, etc.), Brake Fluid, Carburetor Cleaner, Radiator Flush, Solvents & Degreasers, Tire Cleaners, Transmission Fluid, Waste Fuels (Gasoline, Kerosene, etc.)

Lenny and Isabella Champa enjoy a father-daughter walk while promoting a noble cause.

Fiona, Vaeda, John, and Lola Flint walk together as a family.

ALS AND MS WALK FOR LIVING FUNDRAISER

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ALS and MS Walk Director Maura Graham with her son James.



Walking on the heights of Admirals Hill Marykate Brady, Ryley Carroll, Isabella Casoli, Chris Botti, and Catherine Reddington.



Courtney, Bridget, and Annalisa enthusiastically walk against ALS and MS.



Chelsea luminaries Joan Cromwell and her husband Kenneth Umemba.



Bree Gallagher and Sophia Bernat were excited to be doing their part in this important event.



After the Walk, participants were invited to join in on a celebration of their efforts back at the Leonard Florence Center For Living.



CEO and President of Chelsea Jewish Life Care Adam Burman, Chairman of the Board Gilda Richman with her husband Bob, Sondria Burman, Sasha and Kira Nurman with their canine friend Myles.



Coming from Malden to walk against MLS and MS were Yeida Perez, Madison McLaughlin, Giavana Bono, Ava Abreu, and Tiffany Braga.



Eric lou, Altonion Wang, and Tom Sheng.



The ALS And MS Walk For Living drew many supporters looking to do their part to help support those battling these devastating diseases.



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Details listed for return of \$2.941 billion in excess tax revenue to taxpayers

Following the State Auditor’s certification that Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) net state tax revenues exceeded allowable revenues per Chapter 62F by \$2.941 billion, the Baker-Polito Administration has announced details regarding the return of this excess revenue to taxpayers.

“Stronger-than expected state tax revenues have led to a major surplus for Fiscal Year 2022, and we are pleased to be able to return nearly \$3 billion in excess revenue to the taxpayers,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “With families facing continued pressure from high prices and inflation, these returns will provide some needed relief. Even with nearly \$3 billion going back to taxpayers, significant state and federal resources remain, and we look forward to working with the Legislature to invest this

funding into our economy, communities and families.”

“Strong economic growth throughout our Commonwealth, combined with careful management of state tax dollars, has resulted in a significant surplus this past fiscal year,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “In the coming months, our administration will work diligently to distribute these funds back to taxpayers, and we look forward to working with the Legislature to invest additional surplus dollars in local economies across our state.”

In accordance with the statute, the \$2.941 billion will be returned to eligible taxpayers by the Department of Revenue in proportion to personal income tax liability in Massachusetts incurred by taxpayers in the immediately preceding taxable

year – Tax Year 2021. In general, eligible taxpayers will receive a credit in the form of a refund that is approximately 13% of their Massachusetts Tax Year 2021 personal income tax liability. This percentage is a preliminary estimate and will be finalized in late October, after all 2021 tax returns are filed. To be eligible, individuals must have filed a 2021 state tax return on or before October 17, 2022. An individual’s credit may be reduced due to refund intercepts, including for unpaid taxes, unpaid child support, and certain other debts.

Individuals eligible for a refund will receive it automatically as a check sent through the mail or through direct deposit. Distribution of refunds is expected to begin in November 2022.

“While the exceptionally high tax collections we saw in FY22 are a

testament to the strength and resilience of the Massachusetts economy, we are pleased to be in a position to return a substantial portion of this revenue back to taxpayers,” said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan. “With many feeling the strain of rising prices, these refunds will be a welcome source of relief for more than three million hardworking individuals across the state, and we look forward to executing on the delivery of the refunds in the coming months.”

In total, \$41.812 billion was collected in FY22, representing overall revenue growth of more than 20% above Fiscal Year 2021. After accounting for the Chapter 62F refunds and the recently filed \$840 million final FY22 supplemental budget, a surplus of \$1.5 billion remains available to support

permanent tax relief measures and other critical investments pending in the FORWARD/economic development bill, in combination with \$2.2 billion in remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Additional information about Chapter 62F taxpayer refunds, including Frequently Asked Questions and a refund estimator, is available at www.mass.gov/62frefunds. This website will be updated as additional information becomes available in the coming months. A call center will also be available to answer questions about 62F refunds beginning Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 877-677-9727 and will be open Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm. The call center will not be able to provide exact refund amounts – however, the estimator on the FAQs page can help individuals calculate a preliminary es-

timate.

Chapter 62F is a Massachusetts law enacted by voters in 1986 via a ballot question that requires the Department of Revenue to issue a credit to taxpayers if total tax revenues in a given fiscal year exceed an annual cap tied to wage and salary growth in the Commonwealth.

The law requires that the Department of Revenue submit a report to the State Auditor on the net state tax revenues and the allowable state tax revenues for each fiscal year by September 1st. The State Auditor then makes the determination of whether net state tax revenues exceed allowable state tax revenues – and, if so, by what amount – on or before the third Tuesday of September.

The Chapter 62F process has been triggered once before, in 1987.

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Line returning to service, the Commuter Rail will maintain some of that additional service, ensuring two trains an hour inbound during the weekday morning peak.

When the Orange Line returned to service on September 19, the Commuter Rail returned to its normal fare collection practices, requiring visual

validation of a ticket purchased for the appropriate zone. Passengers will no longer be able simply show a CharlieCard to ride trains within Zone 2. Passengers are reminded that Commuter Rail tickets can be purchased on the mTicket mobile app, at fare vending machines, and at ticket windows at North, South and Back

Bay stations. For more information about Commuter Rail fares visit www.mbta.com/fares/commuter-rail-fares

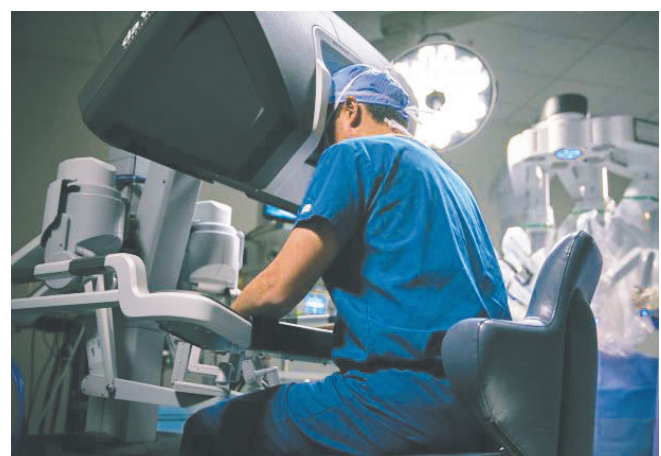
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Cambridge Health Alliance launches state-of-the-art robotic surgery program

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston’s metro-north communities, launched its robotic surgery program with the da Vinci® Xi surgical robot. CHA now offers many patients the most cutting-edge technology in surgeries ranging from hernia to lung cancer. This is a significant step in CHA’s efforts to offer the finest specialty care for its patients and communities conveniently offered closer to home.

The da Vinci Xi allows highly trained surgeons to use tiny instruments mounted on robotic arms to do complex surgeries with a high degree of precision. It enables CHA to offer more minimally invasive procedures which often result in less pain and quicker recovery times.

Siva Vithiananthan, MD, CHA’s chief of surgery, has extensive experience with robotic surgery. During his time as chief of minimally invasive surgery and bariatric surgery at Miriam Hos-



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pital in Providence, R.I., he performed hundreds of cases on the da Vinci system and believes this modern technology “has the opportunity to revolutionize surgical care, not only for CHA patients, but for patients throughout the country.”

CHA is now using its da Vinci robot in general surgery and thoracic surgery, with the first procedures completed at CHA Cambridge Hospital on August 22. CHA plans to use the da Vinci robot for urology and OB/GYN surgeries in

the near future.

“We know that surgery is a team sport,” said Dr. Vithiananthan. “Each robotic surgery relies on colleagues from surgery, anesthesiology, nursing, sterile processing, materials management, and others to be successful. I am thrilled that we have an excellent team in place at CHA in all these areas, and I cannot wait to offer surgical options for patients seeking up to date technology and high quality care in our patient-centered tradition at CHA.”

Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk set for Oct. 2

Registration is now open for the 2022 Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, October 2, funds raised from the Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation’s premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon course and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options:

- 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute)
- 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton)
- Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Welles-

ley)- Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton).

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to 12 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients – Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes – displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration. All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk end at the Copley Square Finish Line with a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

If walkers wish to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities. Participants can also join the event virtually by “walking their way” from wherever they are most comfortable—in

their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials will be available.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history. For additional information please email JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.Harvard.edu or call 866-531-9255.

To register for the Jimmy Fund Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

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New exhibition will feature NASA’s Perseverance Mars Rover at MOS

The Museum of Science, Boston (MOS), one of the world’s largest science centers, announced the opening of its newest exhibition, Exploring AI: Making the Invisible Visible. Created by the Museum of Science, the exhibition invites visitors to explore how artificial intelligence technologies are opening opportunities for some of humanity’s greatest achievements as well as how these technologies impact our daily lives. The exhibition will feature a full-scale model of NASA’s Perseverance Mars rover and an obstacle course for Boston Dynamic’s agile mobile robot, Spot, along with over three dozen components and interactive experiences that demystify how AI is already being used. Exploring AI: Making the Invisible Visible is presented in English and Spanish and opens to the public on Tuesday, September 27. Tickets are available at mos.org.

“With Exploring AI: Making the Invisible Visible, the Museum of Science is inviting the public to gain a deeper perspective of this rapidly developing technology that increasingly impacts our daily lives,” said Tim Ritchie, president of the Museum of Science. “This exhibition, informed by partners and leaders at the edge of AI development, aims to shed light on how we benefit from AI right now and how the process of building AI systems is, at its core, a human endeavor. All of us should have a working knowledge of AI so that we can play a role in ensuring it is deployed for the benefit of everyone.”

Exploring AI: Making the Invisible Visible aims to reveal the breadth of AI in our lives through specially curated exhibit pieces and custom installations that highlight AI’s capabilities, potential and its current limitations. Features of the exhibition include:

Spot® Residency at the Museum: The globally recognizable and innovative Spot, the agile mobile robot from Boston Dynamics, will move into a new home in the exhibit. Visitors will be able to see Spot use its AI technology to traverse uneven terrains through a unique obstacle course that will showcase its autonomous mobility.

NASA’s Perseverance Rover: On loan from NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, a full-scale model of the Perseverance Mars rover will be on display for visitors to learn about how AI is extending human capabilities well beyond our home here on Earth.

Data Choreographics: This installation by the Boston-based transdisciplinary arts collective MASARY Studios is an interactive work that uses body movement to show how AI systems process data through “neural pathways” in response to visitors showing off their dance moves.

Toyota Research Institute: The exhibition will feature a cutting-edge example of automated vehicle navigation assistance from Toyota Research Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Train an AI program: In a pair of interactive experiences, visitors will learn about the importance of selecting a data set when training an AI system. By observing and comparing data sets composed of images and sounds, visitors explore how the choice of a data set can hold the potential for biased outcomes.

Exploring AI: Making the Invisible Visible opens Tuesday, September 27, and is included with Exhibit Hall admission. For more information about the Museum’s work exploring Artificial Intelligence, visit mos.org/artificial-intelligence.

About the Museum of Science, Boston

Among the world’s largest science centers and one of New England’s most attended cultural institutions, the Museum of Science engages millions of people around the world in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) each year through interactive exhibits, community programs, Planetarium productions, and preK – 8 EiE® STEM curricula through the William and Charlotte Bloomberg Science Education Center. Established in 1830, the Museum, at Science Park, is home to such iconic experiences as the Theater of Electricity, the Charles Hayden Planetarium, and the Mugar Omni Theater. The Museum influences formal and informal STEM education through local and national advocacy, as a strong community partner and loyal educator resource, and as a leader in universal design, developing exhibits and programming accessible to all. Learn more at mos.org.

EHS Roundup

OUTSTANDING WEEK FOR EHS GIRLS SOCCER

The Everett High girls soccer team enjoyed a successful week, winning two contests this past over Greater Boston League rivals Malden, 5-1, and Chelsea, 11-1, and earning a 2-2 tie with non-league foe Latin Academy.

In the victory over the Lady Golden Tornadoes, Emilia Maria-Babcock led the offense, scoring two goals and earning an assist.

Emilia’s assist came on a nice through-pass across the 6-yard box to teammate Layla Bentancur-Cardona, who was in perfect position to knock it in.

Yelsa Garcia added a goal off a nice crossing pass from Layla Bentancur-Cardona and Victoria Macao found the back of the Malden net when she put home a rebound off a shot by teammate Nubia Pereira.

In the runaway victory over the Lady Red Devils from Chelsea, EHS head coach Domenick Persuitte praised his team’s complete effort.

“We played very well overall,” said Persuitte. “Chelsea refused to give up and I give them all the credit. Emilia Maria-Babcock, Layla Bentancur-Cardona, and Yelsa Garcia all had a hand in scoring and assisting. The defense played well and as one cohesive unit.”

This past Monday, the Lady Crimson Tide battled to a 2-2 draw with Latin Academy.

The Everett goals were scored by Alondra Flores on a nice high volley goal assisted by Layla Ben-

tancur-Cardona and Yelsa Garcia, who received a nice driven pass across the box from Emilia Maria-Babcock.

“It was a tough game,”-said Persuitte. “Latin was extremely well-organized and conditioned, and the weather played a factor too, with the turf and the ball making everything slick.

“Both of our goalies played well,” Persuitte added. “Karla Lopez Linares got knocked out with a knee to the head and Jacky Manchado had to go in. Jacky handled herself very well, making a few crucial saves to keep the score low.”

Persuitte and his crew were scheduled to host Revere yesterday (Tuesday) and Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday). They will play at Somerville on Saturday and host Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

EHS GOLFERS GET BACK IN THE SWING

The Everett High golf team got into the swing to start the 2022 season with matches against Medford and Malden/Revere this past week.

“We lost both matches, but competed well,” said EHS head coach Steve Gallagher. “Overall, it was nice to be back on the course. The kids were excited and have been working hard in preparation. We’re looking forward to a fun and progressive season.”

Among the highlights for the Crimson Tide in the two matches was a 5.5-2.5 victory by senior David Saia, who played very well against his Revere/Malden counterpart.

The final scores were Medford 48-Everett 24 and Revere/Malden 46-Everett 26.

Other members of the team include senior captain Matthew Turilli, juniors Kenzie Powers and Justin Longmore, sophomores: Andrew Crasco and Jacob Cantone, and freshman: Carolyn Fama.

Gallagher and his crew were scheduled to take on Lynn Classical yesterday (Tuesday) and Somerville next Wednesday. Both matches are set for the course at Stoneham Oaks.

EHS FIELD HOCKEY BATTLES WELL IN LOSS

Although the Everett High field hockey team came up on the short end of a 3-1 decision to Peabody this past week, EHS head coach Melissa O’Donnell was pleased with her team’s effort.

“We had another hard-fought game, but just came up short,” said O’Donnell.

Omar Marshall, assisted by Jessica Colman, scored the Everett goal.

O’Donnell and her crew are scheduled to host Northeast Regional today (Wednesday) and will make the long trek to Greater Lowell on Friday. Next week they will entertain Wakefield on Monday, Revere on Tuesday, and Malden on Thursday.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY OUTRUNS LYNN ENGLISH

The Everett High boys and girls cross country teams opened their season this past week.

On the boys’ side, the



OUT OF REACH: A pass intended for Xaverian's (46) is just out of reach of Jayden Prophete's defensive effort during the EHS home opener against Xaverian.



INCOMPLETE: A pass intended for Everett's Giacobbe Ward (11) is broken up by Xaverian's Jordan Wilson (16))

Crimson Tide defeated Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn English, 20-35, on their home course at Rivergreen Park.

Matth Telson was the top finisher for the Crimson Tide, coming across the line in second place with a time of 16:24.

Teammate Samuel Desir was close behind in third place with a clocking of 16:28. He was followed by Nischal Tamang in fourth place in 18:15, David Huezo in fifth spot in 19:28, and Shishir Pokhrel in sixth in 19:51.

Although the girls dropped their contest by a score of 21-34, the Lady Crimson Tide received what EHS head coach Brendan Hahesy termed as “two great performances” from Luca Jean-Noel, who finished in second place with a time of 22:29, and Suzanne Maharjan, who came across in fifth place in a clocking of 25:14.

“Suzanne improved her time by 54 seconds over the previous week, which



DON'T LOOK BACK: Damien Lackland (10) sees his trouble coming up from behind as he is chased by Xaverian's (2).

was the largest improvement on the team,” said Hahesy.

“We have had a good start to the season,” Hah-

esy added. “The meet was a strong building block for the rest of the season to come.”



HOLDING GROUND: Domenic Papa (46) and Matthew LaMonica (4) hold Xaverian's Michael Oates to no gain on this play, but Oates racked up 199 yards rushing on the night.

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SUPPORT STRONG FOR BUS/BIKE LANE ON BROADWAY

CHELSEA - The One-Way Broadway, which includes one lane of vehicular traffic and a shared bus and bike lane on Broadway between Fifth Street and Everett Avenue, will continue for now.

Prior to the City Council's summer recess, Council President Roy Avellaneda introduced two competing orders – one to end One-Way Broadway and one to make the changes permanent – as a way to further discussion and have the council make a decision on the program. Monday night, the council held a subcommittee meeting to discuss the program with City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train.

During the regular council meeting, the council put both motions on the table. According to Avellaneda, if the council wants to make One-Way Broadway permanent at a future date, a councilor can ask to have it taken off the table for a vote.

During the public speaking portion of Monday's meeting, the majority of residents who addressed the council spoke in favor of continuing the bus/bike lane and one lane of vehicular traffic along the stretch of Broadway.

"Living in this community, I have seen a lot of change over the last 10 years, and I had a lot of doubts when the bike lane was put in ... as someone who does not use a bicycle or ride the buses," said Marnie MacAlpine. "But I can tell you that it has actually eased the congestion downtown. I drive through downtown now without a problem, and before, it was constant gridlock from all of the double parked cars."

With the bus lane, drivers can now more easily maneuver around double

parked cars and drivers can pull onto Broadway more safely, said MacAlpine.

"Anyone who says that bus lane causes congestion, I can tell you they do not regularly drive down Broadway," she added.

Jacqueline Fuentes said she takes the 111 bus to work, and since the bus lane was put in, she gets to work on time every day.

Fuentes said she took the 117 bus to City Hall Monday night, and she asked the driver what he thought of the bus lane on Broadway.

"He said, 'I think it is very important, a lot of the community, they don't have time, they have to get somewhere,'" Fuentes said. "They take that bus just to get to Boston, and then take another bus, and then take a train, and maybe take a taxi, just to get to where they need to be."

Sara Arman has a Master's in urban planning, and she said over the past few years she has studied transportation and urban housing and community development.

"I know some people are talking about their personal experiences with the buses and why it is important, and I value that, but there are also two main reasons why a bus lane is important in a community like Chelsea," said Arman. "The first one is that it helps standardize your commute time, so you know what time you will be able to get to work, you can coordinate your class schedule, childcare for your kids, it helps to standardize that even if it's not reducing the time."

The second reason why a bus lane is important is because it helps with business development.

"Broadway is a really important business corridor in Chelsea," Arman said. "Having a bus lane allows people to get on and off the bus a lot more easily, and they are walking up and down Broadway more easily and spending money at the local businesses."

NEXT STOP REVERE TROLLEY TOUR



Riders on the first trolley ready to leave the Rossetti Cowan Senior Center on Saturday morning as part of the Next Stop Revere initiative.

School Committee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera also said he supported extending the bus lane on Broadway.

"Over the past five months, I have spoken to so many people in our city, and public transit is one of those issues that regularly came up, especially after the fire on the Orange Line and the subsequent shutdown of that line," he said. "Many of the people in our city don't have the luxury of owning a car, and many others may have a car, but are unable to afford parking in Boston so they rely on our buses to get to work, to doctor's appointments, and to anywhere else they might need. In a world that is so car-centric, it has been a breath of fresh air to see the city commit to put our bus riders at the same level of priority as our drivers."

Not everyone spoke in favor of the bus lane. One Congress Street resident said he has to go in and out of Boston several times a day for business and that the bus lane slows down vehicle traffic.

JPNA HEARS ABOUT SUMNER ST. PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - The developer for the four-unit housing project at 516 Sumner Street gave a final presentation at a meeting of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) on Monday night. Matt Eckel, who was representing Michael Stuchins, the developer, outlined some of the changes that have been made after abutters expressed some concerns at the last community meeting.

He noted that the roof deck had been eliminated and that the new addition at the rear of the building had been reduced in size, thereby reducing the footprint of the structure. The smaller addition will accommodate one additional bathroom per unit and will provide an interior egress stairwell. Eckel noted that there was no way to get off-street parking for the project.

Several residents still had questions about the project. One resident was concerned that the existing tree in the backyard. Eckel assured the resident that the tree would not be taken down since the footprint of the building would not extend as far into the backyard as the current deck.

Another resident asked about a shadow study. Eckel said that there is a shadow study report in the application and noted that the height of the building is virtually the same as the existing structure. Another resident asked about keeping the first floor as a commercial space. Eckel noted that the "better use of the space is for residential."

Residents were reminded that voters will be using eBallots and must cast their vote by Friday, September 16, at 7 p.m. Late votes will not be accepted.

In Other News Mary Cole announced that she has stepped down from the JPNC after several years of service. Elected officials in attendance were highly complimentary of Cole's time on the board.

"When you moved here, you became highly involved and everyone is better off because of your service," Rep. Adrian Madaro said.

Senator Lydia Edwards noted, "I remember when we first met. You have incredible energy and are a resource to the people."

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta added, "You were someone who

got right to work and you were always welcoming and warm, a strong advocate. I learned a lot from you."

Cole said that she was "humbled and a little embarrassed" by the accolades that came her way.

But, she said, "I am not going anywhere, I will never sell or move out."

Joshua Schmidt was sworn in at the meeting to take over Cole's place on the board.

RED SOX HONOR JAZZY SPORTS

LYNN - On Wednesday, September 14, the Red Sox honored Jazzy Sportswear for over 25 years of service to the Boston Red Sox at the Sox-Yankees game at Fenway Park. The Red Sox franchise has been supporting local small businesses, like Jazzy Sports, as a demonstration of their support of a diverse community supply chain.

"It is an honor to be awarded by the Boston Red Sox for my service for over 25 years. Twenty-six years ago, Ron Burton Jr. gave me an opportunity to provide branded products for Red Sox Community Relations," says founder of Jazzy Sportswear, Vincent Williams.

A relationship beginning in 1996 has survived to present day, and later resulted in Williams' volunteering for Ron Burton Training Village, an enrichment camp that has served over 9,000 young men and women over the last 33 years in their spiritual, physical and educational growth. The Leadership and STEM Journey programs train villagers over a seven year period, preparing them with skills, mentorship and leadership opportunities.

Jazzy Sportswear is located at 110 Broad Street in Lynn, and has been a member of the Lynn Chamber of Commerce since 1990. Vincent Williams modestly accepts this honor and looks forward to supporting the Boston Red Sox and their fans for years to come.

REVERE MOURNS LOSS OF COUNCILLOR

REVERE - George Rotondo, a popular city councillor who served for close to 15 years in Revere government, died unexpectedly on Sept. 11, 2022. Mr. Rotondo was 55.

Mr. Rotondo was elected three times as Ward 4 councillor and five times as councillor-at-large. Mr.

Rotondo was known for speaking out vigorously on matters, always advocating the best interests of his constituents. As a professional certified nurse, Mr. Rotondo often lent his expertise on issues related to the health field that were before the Council.

The City Council paid tribute to Mr. Rotondo at its meeting Monday night with a moment of silence and a resolution of condolence in his honor.

City Council President Gerry Visconti delivered heartfelt remarks honoring Mr. Rotondo's public service and dedication to his position of councillor.

"This weekend, the City of Revere lost one of our own," said Visconti. "We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Councillor George Rotondo. He was our colleague, our neighbor, and our friend. He served this Council and the city with pride and conviction for 14-plus years in the best way he knew how. Those that knew George know that he was a councillor that wasn't afraid of voicing his opinion on different issues. The conversation we will have in these chambers won't be the same without him."

"On behalf of the entire City Council, we would like to express our deepest condolences to the Rotondo family, his loved ones, and everyone that called George a friend. He will be missed by many. May he rest in peace."

Anthony Zambuto, who served on the City Council with Mr. Rotondo, said that Mr. Rotondo was "a good friend and colleague."

Zambuto recalled how he and Mr. Rotondo participated in a recount of the vote together last year, with Mr. Rotondo emerging as the victor for a seat on the Council.

"We had our differences politically here and there, but at the recount he was very respectful, and we considered each other friends," said Zambuto. "He really cared about the city. He had a different style, but he had a good heart, and he was a good guy and a good city councillor. I'm just very saddened by his passing and offer my sincerest condolences to his family."

State Rep. Jeff Turco lauded Mr. Rotondo's outstanding service to Revere residents. "Councillor Rotondo served the people of Revere very well," said Turco. "I am friends with his family, and I grieve with them and for them for their loss."

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Gov. Baker signs landmark Judiciary IT bond bill into law

Following action by House and Senate lawmakers, An Act to Improve and Modernize the Information Technology Systems and Capacities of the Judiciary was signed into law this week. The legislation makes a once in 25-year investment in modernizing the technology and security of court houses across Massachusetts. Additionally, this bill responds to the controversial U.S. Supreme Court New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen decision by tightening Massachusetts safety standards to comply with the decision while ensuring that local police chiefs personally interview each applicant for a license to carry.

“The Commonwealth’s gun laws are some of the strongest in the nation, helping Massachusetts to achieve one of the lowest gun death rates in the country. This legislation takes imperative steps to ensure that our gun laws comply with the Supreme Court’s ruling in the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen case,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I’m proud that this legislation will also ensure that the Commonwealth’s court system’s virtual operations can occur more efficiently, a function that continues to be increasingly important. I want to thank my colleagues in the House, our partners in the Senate, and Governor Baker for supporting these vital changes and improvements.”

“I’m proud of the Commonwealth’s strong gun laws, which save our residents’ lives, and I’m proud that the Legislature

has taken quick action to defend them,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Our courts do invaluable work. In an increasingly virtual and hybrid world, this legislation will support this work and allow our courts to continue to operate without interruption. I want to thank my colleagues in the Senate, especially Senate President Pro Tempore Brownsberger, Majority Leader Creem and Minority Leader Tarr, for their work on these issues, and our partners in the House for their work to help pass this important legislation.”

“I’m proud the House has moved to uphold the strength of the Commonwealth’s gun laws, which have proven effective in making us one of the lowest gun crime states across the country,” said Representative Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston). “And by modernizing the technological capabilities of courthouses we ensure that the judicial system can better and more efficiently serve Massachusetts residents.”

“When courts do not have proper communication systems, let alone access to a reliable internet connection, it limits the Judiciary’s ability to serve the people. I am proud to have advanced this bill which promises to enhance the courts efficiency. This will improve our residents’ access to justice by providing a more equitable approach to the law,” said Representative Michael S. Day (D-Stoneham), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Judiciary. “In addition to this historic investment, we also take action to strengthen our

gun safety measures, so the Commonwealth can continue to be one of the safest places in America.”

“We got a good bill done that responds directly to the challenge raised by the recent Supreme Court decision on guns,” said Senate President Pro Tempore William N. Brownsberger (D-Belmont). “It was a good collaborative process and we were able to get to yes relatively quickly.”

“An Act to improve and modernize the information technology systems and capacities of the judiciary” (H.5076) includes the following:

Establishing Digital Courthouses and Courtrooms:

\$95 million will allow courts to go digital along with the safety features required to securely store information. A court management system will allow for electronic filing systems, a workflow engine to manage court operations, and enable system wide real-time docketing and data access. Court-houses and courtrooms will be empowered to provide wireless internet access in courthouses for court staff and court users, as well as to install digital signage. Additionally, parole boards of the Department of Correction will be able to record and securely store audio recordings of parole board hearings.

Firearm Licensing

The recent New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen Supreme Court decision stripped local police chiefs of significant discretion regarding who may possess and carry a firearm. In the wake of this decision, this bill amends Massachusetts law to bring gun

licensing provisions into compliance with the Supreme Court decision and to ensure that individuals seeking a license to carry are first interviewed personally by their local police chief.

Increasing Equitable Access to Resources

Funding will also go toward promoting equitable access for low-income residents to virtual filing and appearance services, court services, and public safety services. These provisions will also include technology for direct electronic video conferencing with registrars’ and magistrates’ offices of the trial court during hours of operation for attorneys and members of the public.

Physical Security Systems

\$35 million will be allocated to ensuring the safety of the Court’s employees and guests. This will include costs associated with establishing a digital security system to protect court systems, networks and data. It will allow for the replacement of physical security hardware such as video surveillance systems, duress systems, security scanning systems and interpersonal communications equipment. State funds will also go toward projects to support the safety of victims and witnesses while in court-system facilities and to improve centralized law enforcement communication systems.

Court Modernization

The legislation also provides an additional \$35 million investment in the technological modernization of court administrative operations. Projects that will receive funding from this investment include upgraded data stor-

age systems, secure virtual private networks for employees, and projects to increase internet bandwidth capacity in courts. Additionally, the bill includes changes to encourage courts’ utilization of information technology. The bill allows courts to electronically imprint their seal and to have certain documents be signed and stored electronically.

Licensed Mental Health Counselor

Along with adding physical security and protections, this bill expands the definition of sexual assault counselor to include a person who is under the supervision of a licensed mental health counselor. This expansion will expand protections for survivors of sexual violence.

“Our current judicial system is difficult for people of color to engage in when they don’t have access to technology and resources,” said Representative Chynah Tyler (D-Boston), House Vice Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary. “The passing of this legislation will make it easier for residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to navigate our judicial system better.”

“Outdated technology makes navigating the court system frustrating for everyone, from criminal defendants to lawyers and litigants. The IT investments we authorize in this bill will improve the administration of justice by ensuring that the Commonwealth’s courts operate more efficiently,” said Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Creem (D-Newton). “The bill also makes sure that Massachusetts’ gun licensing scheme is not vulnerable to constitu-

tional challenge following a recent decision of the Supreme Court. Thanks to our strong gun laws, the Commonwealth has one of the lowest rates of firearm deaths in the nation. This bill demonstrates the Legislature’s firm commitment to maintaining and improving our successful approach to preventing gun violence.”

“The judicial IT bond bill makes a significant financial investment in critical technology upgrades that are needed to help modernize our state’s court system,” said Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren). “Providing for digital document management and the electronic filing of legal documents and signatures will help streamline administrative operations and ensure that the courts are more user-friendly, open and accessible to the public.”

“We must always strive to make our judicial system well-managed, efficient, and accessible, and this legislation authorizes spending to advance those goals by funding modern information technology, security, and communications infrastructure,” said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R- Gloucester). “I am thankful that it also prioritizes safety for victims and witnesses, by including an amendment I offered to direct funding to creating and improving safe spaces for these individuals, whose participation is critical to the administration of justice in our Commonwealth.”

Text of An Act to Improve and Modernize the Information Technology Systems and Capacities of the Judiciary can be found at malegislature.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITY OF EVERETT, MA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
2022 PAVEMENT
MARKINGS AT
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Sealed bids for furnishing the following ITEM will be received at the Office of the Engineering Division - DPW, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA, 02149, until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read:
ITEM
Bid:2022 Pavement Markings at Various Locations
BID OPENING
September 28, 2022, 11:00 AM
This is a three-year provisional Contract. Awarding Authority reserves the right to extend the contract for two (2) additional 12-month options. Valuation for purposes of MassDOT Prequalification is based on first year times three (3) to arrive at an estimated total prequal contract value. The estimated value provided in this Invitation to Bid is for one year. Vendors are expected to be able to provide their services over three (3) years at three (3) times the initial estimated value.
In general, the Work consists of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials for the repainting of existing pavement markings, and the application of pavement markings in new locations as directed by the Department of Public Works. This contract will last for a period commencing upon the date of execution of this Contract and ending twelve (12) months thereafter, with options to extend the contract for an additional two (2) twelve (12) month periods thereafter. The work will be

performed by the contractor at locations to be specified by the Owner during each respective Contract period. Specifications and bid forms may be viewed at the Office of the Engineering Division - DPW, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 484 Broadway, Monday & Thursday between 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Tuesday & Wednesday between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. An electronic copy of the contract book can be obtained by emailing a request to bids@ci.everett.ma.us beginning September 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.
Bids will be opened in the Speaker George Keverian Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA, 02149 on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 11:00 AM. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.
All bidders must be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as follows. The MassDOT Prequalification Office will provide the city with an official and waiver contractor bid lists for all contractors prequalified in the specified class of work within the parameters of this project. Only those bidders listed in the official or waiver contractor lists issued by the MassDOT Prequalification Office will be allowed to obtain an official proposal book. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Pavement Markings (Options), for the project with an estimated value of \$375,675.00 (3 yrs. x \$125,225.00) will be required.
All bids for this project are

subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.30, § 39M, as amended. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive. There will be no pre-bid meeting for this project.
The successful bidder must furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond in the contract sum with a corporate surety approved by the Owner (City of Everett).
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Baker-Polito administration announces availability of \$100 million for public schools

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the availability of \$100 million in grant funding for school districts to improve ventilation and indoor air-quality to support healthy learning environments. The grants will be targeted to schools with high concentrations of economically disadvantaged students, English language learners and communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) bill and authorized by Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021. As required by the ARPA bill, funds will be distributed by a formula to ensure the highest need districts receive the largest portion of funding. More than 20 school districts are eligible for up to \$1 million, and several districts qualify for several million dollars, with Boston

Public Schools eligible to receive up to \$15 million and Worcester Public Schools eligible for up to \$7 million.

School districts are strongly encouraged to focus on efficient, environmentally friendly HVAC and air quality technologies when planning upgrades, consistent with Governor Charlie Baker’s 2050 net zero pledge.

“This grant funding will address the needs of school facilities and will support important repairs to improve ventilation and indoor air quality, particularly in schools and communities significantly impacted by COVID-19,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Additionally, this funding offers an opportunity for schools to align their buildings with the Commonwealth’s net-zero goal and to make more environmentally-conscious infrastructure upgrades.”

“With these grants, we

can direct more resources to school districts with economically disadvantaged student populations that have a greater number of buildings with HVAC systems in need of moderate repairs, major repairs or complete replacement,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “These grants will allow us to improve air quality for tens of thousands of students and educators in hundreds of school buildings across the Commonwealth.”

“Since the start of the pandemic, the legislature has focused on working towards an equitable and evidence-based recovery that helps deal with the present impacts of COVID-19, while also preparing for the future,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. “By providing funding for HVACs through 2027, our hope is to support public health and education initiatives by giving schools the state-of-the-art air fil-

tration systems they need and deserve.”

“Ensuring that all public schools in the Commonwealth are equipped with quality ventilation systems, especially schools in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, is critical for supporting student well-being and success” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano. “I’m proud of the work that was done in the House to initiate this funding to improve air-quality in our school buildings and provide healthy learning environments for students, educators and staff. I want to thank my colleagues in the legislature for prioritizing these vital investments.”

School districts can apply for the grants to make HVAC systems and indoor air quality improvements, which could include:

- Needs assessments of existing school environ-

ments, HVAC systems, and indoor air quality to establish a baseline of a school’s existing conditions

- Feasibility studies to develop long-term indoor air quality plans that improve fresh air exchange rates and reduce or eliminate reliance on fossil fuels

- Design, bidding assistance and construction phase services for projects to upgrade or replace existing HVAC systems

- Implementation of indoor air quality improvement plans, securing outsourced services, establishing in-house HVAC maintenance positions, and securing equipment to maintain, repair or install new HVAC systems

- Implementation of indoor air quality improvement plans, securing services and materials to ensure operability of windows and doors

“We are very pleased

to be able to provide this funding to school districts to improve HVAC systems and air quality in classrooms for students and staff. This grant program will give schools the flexibility to make improvements that best suit their needs. For example, upgrades and replacement of windows and doors is allowable if they are inoperable and prevent fresh air from flowing into the building,” said Education Secretary James Peyser.

“These investments will benefit students, educators, and everyone in the community who uses school buildings,” said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley. “I hope districts will seize this opportunity to improve the health and comfort of their schools where needed.”

Baker declares September 18 to 24 to be Forensic Science Week

Governor Charlie Baker has declared September 18-24 as Forensic Science Week in Massachusetts. This week marks the 10th anniversary of National Forensic Science Week, which recognizes the public service of forensic science professionals within the criminal justice system. The Baker-Polito Administration is pleased to recognize the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory (MSPCL) and its team of forensic practitioners for supporting public safety and advancing criminal investigations through impartial and reli-

able scientific examination of physical evidence.

“Forensic science, and the highly-skilled individuals who work in labs conducting these investigations and analyses, play a vital role in the criminal justice system,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We are proud to recognize the forensic science community for their contributions to this critically important field, and their commitment to discovery, integrity and innovation.”

“In recognition of forensic science professionals and their important role in the criminal justice

system, our administration commends the nationally accredited MSPCL and its practitioners for their public service and wide-ranging technical expertise in areas such as DNA, ballistics, drugs and toxicology, trace evidence and fingerprint analysis,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “Their efforts help support the delivery of justice for victims of violent crimes, and we are grateful for their service.”

“We are proud of the dedication and expertise consistently demonstrated by the highly skilled team at the Massachusetts State

Police Crime Lab,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. “Forensic Science Week offers an important opportunity to recognize the important contribution of the Commonwealth’s forensic investigators and scientists and their critical role in providing unbiased scientific evidence to advance criminal investigations and support the administration of justice.”

“I’m extremely proud of the professionals in our Forensic Services Group for their outstanding work in gathering and analyzing evidence across a range

of disciplines,” said Colonel Christopher S. Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police. “Their dedication, skills, and training ensure that scientific evidence is examined and presented according to the highest standards of their field, allowing for the fair and unbiased application of such evidence to the criminal justice process.”

The Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory is a full-service laboratory system with nine locations across the Commonwealth, including a new state-of-the-art evi-

dence storage facility. The highly trained scientists at the Laboratory respond to crime scenes, perform laboratory testing, and provide expert testimony. The lab’s scientists conduct forensic analysis in various disciplines, including Criminalistics, DNA, Trace/Arson and Explosives, Drug Chemistry, Ante and Post-Mortem Toxicology, Latent Print and Impression Evidence, and Firearms. Additionally, the Laboratory performs Breath Alcohol Instrument calibrations and collects and processes DNA database samples.

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LOCAL BUSINESS GETS RECOGNIZED

WINTHROP - Nico Ruggieri works with local companies to grow their businesses, but it’s the growth of his company that’s getting attention these days.

The company, Pinpoint Payments Inc., which provides payment processing solutions for local retailers and eCommerce, was named to the Inc. 5000 list of the Fastest growing U.S. companies for the fifth year in a row. Ruggieri co-founded the company with partners Ben Grossman and Gilboa Merdinger. He works locally with Mark Shannon.

“This is a competitive field, but we are really focused on working with local businesses that want to expand within their community,” said Ruggieri of Winthrop.

The company started with a focus on fraud prevention for businesses and expanded into payment processing based on the

needs of the companies they worked with.

“People don’t realize how much of a difference having the right payment processing solution can make,” Ruggieri said. “It’s all about customer service and making things easier and safer for your customers.”

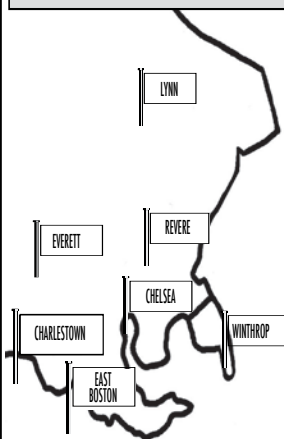
Shannon, a Winthrop native, said the difference is having a focus on what local businesses need.

“We have a strong community in this area. We’re focused on helping businesses here build on that,” he said.

Pinpoint’s customers include Winthrop Pro Shop, McCormick Flowers, Cimino Meat Market, A&V Nails, Kirby Funeral Home and Caggiano Funeral Home, and, Swetts Liquors.

The company recently added a comprehensive Point of Sale system, PeakPOS, that can be customized to meet the needs of stores, restaurants, salons, and more.

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News and Notes

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their face-

book page, "Zion Church Ministries."

For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tues. evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Gustavo Buccilli, SMA Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon.

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Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4 p.m., Sunday a.m., 9 a.m. (Family Mass), 11 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thurs. from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thurs.s' adoration

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CITY OF EVERETT CELEBRATES BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY WITH FLAG RAISING CELEBRATION

The City of Everett held its flag raising and celebration of Brazil’s 200th year of independence on the corner of Church Street and Broadway at Everett City Hall.

The country of Brazil gained its independence from the former United Kingdom of Portugal, Brazil and Algarve’s on September 7, 1822. The country of Brazil, which is the largest and most populous in South America, was under Portuguese rule for more than 300 years until it gained its independence and was proclaimed a republic in 1889.

The emcee for the event was the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the City of Everett, Cathy Draine.

“We are fortunate as a City to have a large Brazilian community comprised of residents who have chosen to make their lives here,” said Draine. “Everett is enriched by these community members who share with us their culture, their history and their commitment to helping us realize an ‘Everett For Everyone.’”

After the opening address, there were remarks from Heloisa Galvao from the Brazilian Women’s Group, Ambassador Benedicto Fonseca Filho from the Consulate of Brazil, State Rep. Joe McGonagle and Everett City Councilor Stephanie Martins.

The City also presented Consulate General of Brazil Benedicto Fonseca Filho a proclamation for all the work he has done on behalf of Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

The Brazilian national anthem was performed by Natalia Hubner while the flag was raised to fly high at City Hall.

After the remarks, attendees were treated to plenty of Brazilian food from local Everett restaurants Chiscilla’s, Oliveira’s, Yasai and Bakes and



The Brazilian flag ready to be raised. Unfortunately, the wind did not cooperate and the flag could not be captured flying high at City Hall.



There was plenty of dancing to be had at the celebration.

Cakes. There were also live performances for attendees to dance, sing and listen to.

Grooversity got the audience singing and dancing to the sound of their drums and catchy songs that are easy to follow along to for all.

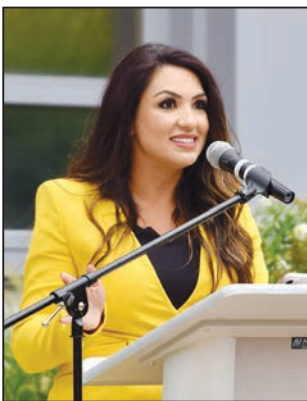
David Ramos performed Forró music, which is a type of genre that originated in Brazil. It has simple and catchy rhythms that combines elements of salsa, tango and samba.

Mestre Chuvisco gave a performance and demonstration of Capoeira, which is a Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, dance, and acrobatics.

The event was a tremendous success and

allowed for community members of all cultures and backgrounds to come together to learn more and celebrate Everett’s Brazilian community.

Mayor DeMaria would like to thank everyone who attended and the participants who were able to make this a successful event. All the other event participants that contributed were the Joint Committee for Children’s Healthcare in Everett (JC-CHCE), For Kids Only (FKO), Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS), Eliot Family resource Center (EFRC) and the Brazilian Times Newspaper.



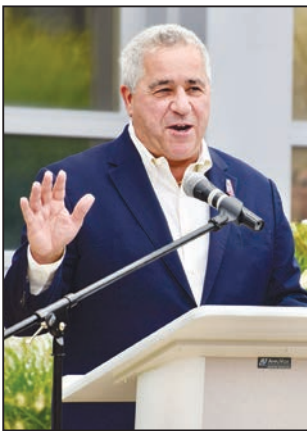
City Councilor Stephanie Martins speaking at the podium.



Heloisa Galvao from the Brazilian Women’s Group speaking at the podium.



Natalia Hubner gave the crowd a beautiful rendition of the Brazilian National Anthem while the flag was being raised.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle speaking at the podium.



Consulate General of Brazil Benedicto Fonseca Filho speaking at the podium.



Cathy Draine welcomed all the event guests.



Delicious food provided thanks to Chiscilla’s, Oliveira’s, Yasai and Bakes and Cakes.



Among the participants and attendees are the City of Everett’s Executive Manager Mirlande Felissaint; the City of Everett’s Health and Human Services Equity Access Officer Antoinette Octave Blanchard; the City of Everett’s Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Cathy Draine; City Councilor Stephanie Martins; City Councilor Irene Cardillo; City Councilor Al Lattanzi; and City Councilor John Hanlon.



Seats were full for the Brazilian Flag Raising and Bicentennial celebration.



David Ramos performing Forró music for the audience.



Marcus Santos and Grooversity performing outside of City Hall.



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