

Overnight lane closures and detours planned

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing it will be implementing overnight lane closures and detours along Route 28 McGrath Highway northbound and southbound between Rufo Road and Medford Street in Somerville. The lane closures are scheduled to be in place nightly through Saturday, October 1, and then from Sunday, October 2, to Friday, October 7. All closures will occur during overnight hours from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following morning.

Detours will be in place on Route 28 northbound and southbound as follows:

- Northbound detours will direct traffic via surface roads at Poplar Street and back on at Cross Street.
- Southbound detours will direct traffic via surface roads from the off-ramp to Washington Street and back on at Somerville Avenue.

All work is weather permitting and may change without notice.

Signs, traffic control devices, and police details will be used to guide drivers through the work zone.

Those traveling through the area should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

For more information

on traffic conditions, travelers are also encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

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them away,” he said, while reminding residents that rats can jump up to four feet.

“Be leery of using poison,” Palumbo said, “and talk to experts.”

Palumbo noted that residents should call 311 if they see a rat and the ISD will come out to take a look.

Recently, a neighborhood council in East Boston met with their ISD Department about their rat problem. They were told that new construction disturbs rats’ nests and causes the rats to be more active.

It also was pointed out that the recent drought has also forced rats to look for water sources and in some cases, they have been going into peoples’ homes.

Ward 6 Councilor Alfred Lattanzi perhaps had the best advice to residents and businesses: “Be proactive,” he said.

SENIOR MEALS DELIVERY

Rob Moreschi, the city’s Chief Procurement Officer, appeared before the council to explain the bidding process for the Senior Meals delivery program.

Councilor Stephanie Smith was concerned “how it is funded,” and whether the program is sustainable over the long term.

Moreschi noted that there are only two or three local food establishments that have bid on the contract, which calls for serving between 475 to 500 meals per day that must be prepared and delivered to seniors starting at 10:30 a.m. He said that many restaurants cannot handle that volume.

Erin Deveney, Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s Chief of Staff, noted that at first the program was funded by funds from The Cares Act, and now is using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Dale Palma, Director of the Senior Center, works with seniors to put together the meal plan. He also has a working relationship with the Cambridge

Health Alliance and the Mystic Valley Elder Services for the meals.

Recently, a survey was sent to the 575 seniors who currently are receiving the meals to gauge their interest in continuing to receive the meals, and only 271 who replied said they wish to continue with the program.

However, Deveney noted that when the ARPA funds that the city currently is utilizing are gone, the program could be discontinued.

Councilor Martins echoed Smith’s point about the funding, saying, “We need other sources of funding.”

MORE LIQUOR LICENSES

Councilor Lattanzi asked his colleagues for a submission of a Special Act to the Massachusetts General Court for additional alcoholic beverage licenses. Presently, Everett has about 45 liquor licenses of different types and Lattanzi is seeking five more restaurant, one more beer and wine, and two more liquor store licenses.

Lattanzi based his request on future development in the city and that new businesses will require liquor licenses.

Ward 3 Councilor Costa noted that the additional licenses will have a community impact.

Lattanzi said that any business can apply and the licenses will be given out by the Licensing Board.

“There will be a need,” Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese added.

SCHOOL MEETING

The future of the Pope John XXIII High School site, whether as a potential new middle school or torn down for affordable housing, is moving closer to a resolution.

Superintendent Priya Tahiliani appeared before the council again and told councilors of some of the options for the building that were presented at last week’s School Committee meeting.

In the past week, sev-

eral councilors had toured both the Pope John site and other Everett schools to view the former school building and to see the overcrowding situation first-hand.

“The higher you go, the messier it gets,” Lattanzi said, referring to the Pope John building. He said he was hopeful, but cautious, that the \$30 to \$40 million that Tahiliani has projected to bring the Pope John School up to code would be enough.

Councilor Costa queried about reimbursements from the state for the repairs that need to be done.

“It’s too late for the state’s accelerated-repair program,” Tahiliani said, but added, “This would be a great use of the ARPA funds,” that still sit in the city’s coffers.

Costa also said that the 10 modular units that are being discussed for the George Keverian School could be a security risk, inasmuch as each unit would have its own entrance.

“I am not waiting any longer,” Smith told her colleagues. Smith and the other councilors are seeking the costs for upgrading the Pope John to meet current state requirements.

The urgency being expressed by the council stems from the overcrowding at local schools that has reached a breaking point. Parents, residents, and city officials are seeking a quick solution, since opening a state-funded new high school would be almost a decade away.

Tahiliani mentioned that turning the Pope John into a school for grades 7 and 8 would relieve the overcrowding at all of the elementary schools, but would not alleviate the overcrowding at the high school.

The Council voted to have a joint convention with the School Committee in the City Council Chambers next Tuesday at 6 p.m. to discuss school overcrowding and possible solutions.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

MAURA HEALEY ENDORSES JUDITH GARCÍA

Gubernatorial candidate Maura Healey recently announced her support for Chelsea City Councilor Judith García’s state representative campaign. The news comes after both candidates won their Democratic primaries on September 6.

Healey has more than 15 years of experience in public service, including two terms as the Massachusetts attorney general. She announced her campaign for governor in January 2022, promising to invest in housing, public transportation, the clean energy economy, and job training for Massachusetts.

“As Massachusetts faces challenges like curbing our carbon emissions, combatting homelessness, protecting reproductive rights, and expanding worker protections, I know Judith will deliver results for her community and the entire state,” Healey said in her endorsement statement.

Since announcing her candidacy for state representative in February of 2022, García has vowed to advocate for working families and to tackle the issues that affect them most. Throughout her seven years on the Chelsea City Council, she has championed issues ranging from affordable housing to access to education and environmental justice. During the most intense

COVID-19 lockdowns, García led recovery and response efforts in the city, spearheading the creation of \$1.5M emergency relief fund for small businesses, securing a \$25k relief fund for burial costs for Covid-19 victims, and raised \$10k for Chelsea’s food pantry.

“Maura Healey is a fantastic leader and a great person,” García said. “I admire the innovation and boldness she has brought to her positions and campaign, and I am honored to accept her endorsement.”

García faces two opponents in the Democratic Primary in the 11th Suffolk district’s race for state representative, which will be on September 6th, 2022.

MWRA Board of Directors approves waiver to join MWRA water system

At its meeting last week, the MWRA Board of Directors voted to adopt the recommendation of the MWRA Advisory Board to temporarily waive the entrance fee new communities pay to join the MWRA water system. Citing the challenges communities face – stressed river basins requiring water restrictions, rising concerns about PFAS (the so-called “forever chemicals”), and constrained economic development – the vote of the MWRA Board of Directors removed one hurdle communities must clear to join the MWRA system.

“Ensuring the availability of clean, safe drinking water is critical to public health, safety, and protecting our environmental resources,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card, who chairs the MWRA’s Board of Directors. “The MWRA’s water supply system is a tremendous resource and by waiving the entrance fee for new communities, interested municipalities will be able to better assess their own communities’ needs and the hurdles that may impact them, such as ongoing drought conditions, PFAS, and aging infrastructure.”

While the majority of the Commonwealth remains under significant or critical drought status, the Quabbin Reservoir, which

supplies the MWRA’s system, remains over 90% full placing it well within normal operating conditions for this time of year. According to the MWRA, even if the drought continued for several years, there would be adequate supply to fully meet the needs of MWRA’s existing water communities and, if needed, to augment the supplies of adjacent stressed communities.

“The MWRA has excess water to sell, and many communities near our system need water,” explained Lou Taverna, Chairman of the MWRA Advisory Board. “The benefit for existing communities is a reduction in their assessments each time a new member joins. That’s why the Advisory Board began exploring the option of temporarily waiving the entrance fee.”

Selling an additional five million gallons per day would reduce MWRA water communities’ assessments by over \$205 million over twenty-five years.

Following months of discussion and debate, the Advisory Board voted in June to recommend that the MWRA Board of Directors approve a five-year waiver of the entrance fee, subject to certain conditions.

“We’ve always been interested in responsibly growing the system,” said Fred Laskey, MWRA Executive Director. “Thanks

to water conservation and system improvements, MWRA is now 100 million gallons per day below its safe yield,” he added. “That’s 100 MGD that communities in need could use if they joined the system, and this vote by the Board of Directors will make it easier for them to do so.”

Though the MWRA removed one barrier for entry, many others remain. The admissions process includes a robust environmental review, pipes must be built to connect the nearby communities to the MWRA’s system, and in some cases modifications to the MWRA’s infrastructure must be made to meet the requested demand.

“We have a unique opportunity given unprecedented levels of federal and state funding that could potentially be used help pay for these infrastructure costs,” explained Joe Favaloro, MWRA Advisory Board Executive Director. “If all of the stars align, this could be a “win-win” situation. Communities with water challenges can meet their needs and safeguard their residents’ health with the best drinking water in the country, and MWRA communities receive some much-needed rate relief.”

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact the MWRA Advisory Board at matthew.romero@mwraadvisoryboard.com.

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2.4 million square feet of buildings out of a projected 4.2 million square feet that could increase to almost six million square feet.

The height of the buildings would have been within the 45 feet that is permissible under the current zoning, but Morrow and Cantalupa said that Davis might have requested an increased height of 65 feet for other buildings. The extent of the greater height allowed to the developer would dictate the eventual total square footage in the project.

In the first phase, there would have been 890 units of housing, as well as high tech and research labs that would have comprised 1.4 million square feet and retail that would have amounted to 45,000 square feet.

Davis projected a total number of 1,555 units of housing in the development. Cantalupa noted that the proposed architecture reflected more modern design and the “architecture needs to be attractive. This will not be your father’s office park.”

He also said that inasmuch as this is a coastal development, the current height of the land would have to be raised by almost 10 feet to be above the 100-year flood plain.

Davis’s representatives said in August that in order for them to move forward with the purchase of

the property, there were three main concerns that needed to be addressed.

The first was possible relief from the height zoning ordinance for their first three buildings; the second was public transportation to accommodate the influx of new residents and commuters who were projected to work and live at these sites; and the third was new public financing by the state and federal governments to help pay for the financing of the roadway improvements that would be required.

The heavily polluted site was put under agreement on May 31 of this year.

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HURRICANE FIONA WAS A WARNING

We're all aware by now that climate change is dramatically impacting our weather, particularly by increasing the intensity of major weather events such as hurricanes. In our little corner of the world, significant weather events have been few and far between over most of the past century -- the 1938 Hurricane (hurricanes did not receive names then), the Blizzard of '78, and the 1991 No-Name storm.

However, to the extent that the lack of a major catastrophic weather event in 31 years has lulled us into complacency, the devastation wrought by Hurricane Fiona this past week in the Canadian Maritimes -- the most-powerful storm ever to strike that area -- should snap us back to reality.

This week, the impending havoc that potentially awaits the residents of the Tampa Bay area (which incredibly has not had a direct hit by a major hurricane in more than 100 years) should make us aware that it's only a matter of time before our turn comes due.

The consequences of the damage we have caused to the environment in the name of progress are far-reaching and complex -- and will only get worse unless we take drastic measures to reverse direction.

ALCOHOL IGNITION INTERLOCKS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA

The National Highway Transportation Board (NTSB) recently made the recommendation that automobile manufacturers should be required to install ignition interlock devices (IID) into all new motor vehicles to prevent those who drink alcohol from operating a motor vehicle.

According to the official description of an IID, it is a small, handheld breathalyzer, about the size of a TV remote, for car ignitions that's installed to prevent users from being able to start their vehicle after drinking alcohol. Sometimes they're referred to as car breathalyzers.

The devices already are in widespread use by courts who order them for persons who have been convicted of operating under the influence as a condition for being allowed to drive while on probation.

The NTSB made the recommendation because despite improvements in recent years in auto safety, advances in medical technology, and stricter drunk-driving laws, fatalities caused by drunk drivers have been increasing across the U.S. Drunk driving accidents have risen to more than 11,000 deaths annually, of whom 1000 are children.

In addition, a whopping 290,000 Americans are injured by drunk drivers each year. The mass media tends to focus on deaths when reporting on auto accidents (or mass shootings), but ignores the often traumatic and life-changing injuries to bodies and brains suffered by victims of drunk drivers.

Those statistics cover only drivers who exceed the legal blood alcohol limit of .08. But the reality is that many accidents occur when people drink and drive, even if they are under the legal limit.

An IID would be a relatively inexpensive device -- somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$500 (or less) if installed at the factory. When multiplied by the 15 million new vehicles sold each year in the U.S., the total cost to consumers would be about \$7.5 billion.

However, that is a small fraction compared to the estimated \$44 billion annually that drunk driving accidents directly cost the U.S. economy, including costs for medical and emergency services, lost wages and productivity, higher auto insurance rates, and damage to property.

In addition, when one considers the indirect costs of drunk driving accidents -- such as when someone suffers a brain injury or a physical injury that affects them for the rest of their lives -- the estimated cost of drunk-driving accidents exceeds \$200 billion annually.

Polls and surveys routinely show that the biggest fear of Americans on our roadways is a drunk driver. No one has the right to drink and drive -- even one drink impairs motor skills and judgment.

Until self-driving automobiles become the norm, ignition interlock devices are an inexpensive way to reduce the carnage on our roadways caused by drunk drivers.

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GUEST OP-ED

Make today a good day

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Life is one day at a time. You don't have tomorrow. You hope for tomorrow but it's not guaranteed. We plan for tomorrow. We save for tomorrow and look forward to tomorrow.

Today is what we have. If today is the last day of your life, how is it going? If you knew for sure, how would you want to spend your last precious 24 hours? You wouldn't be planning next year's vacation. No, you would want to get in all that you could possibly do. Only you know for sure how you would want to spend your day and everyone is different. Maybe you would spend your day with loved ones or maybe you would want to be strolling in the mountains or

by the oceanside. Maybe you would want to spend your day eating ice cream, hamburgers and pizza. If it's your last day then why not?

I like ice cream, hamburgers and pizza but my doctor doesn't recommend them as a daily diet because of the hopes of tomorrow. There are ways that we can shorten our days and too much of what we enjoy is not always very good for us.

Since life is one day at a time, we can't go back and repeat yesterday. All the good you did is in the past. All the mistakes you made are in the past. You can spend the rest of your life wishing you could repeat high school, college or an old relationship. Actually, you are better off if you don't sit around and

think about it all the time. It's good to remember the good memories of family, friends, life's successes and joys but they are in the past. This often makes us sad because we know we can't relive some of those great moments of life. It's best to give thanks for them and move forward.

Today is a good day to make some more memories -- good ones. Living your life today regardless of what you are doing is the life you have. Make the best of it by enjoying your life. Do what you enjoy. Be good to yourself. Don't beat up on yourself. Don't live your life fighting with others. Do your work. Find joy in your work or move on to a work that you do enjoy. Find ways to reduce stress and to be happy.

Keep in mind that you can't make everyone else happy and don't take on everyone else's problems. You probably have enough of your own.

Be patient. All good things take time if they are worthwhile.

Finally, just in case you do live a bunch more years, live today in such a way, that you can look back to today and remember it as a good day.

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State health officials announce fifth human case of WNV

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) on Monday announced the fifth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. The individual is a female in her 80s who was likely exposed to the virus in Middlesex County in an area already known to be at increased risk. The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate to high in the Greater Boston area. Risk from mosquito-borne disease will continue until the first hard frost.

In 2021, there were 11 human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

No human or animal cases of Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) have been detected so far this year in Massachusetts.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-menthane 3, 8-diol (PMD)], or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor ac-

tivities that occur during evening or early morning.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently. Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets,

tires, and wading pools -- especially after heavy rains. Water troughs should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is diagnosed with WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to DAR, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795 and to DPH by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass.gov/mosquito-borne-diseases or by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

Latest seasonally unadjusted unemployment and job estimates for local labor markets in Massachusetts

Local unemployment rates increased in eighteen labor market areas and remained unchanged in six areas in the state during the month of August compared to July, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

Compared to August 2021, the rates were down in twenty-four labor market areas.

Of the fifteen areas for which estimates are published, four areas gained jobs. The largest increases occurred in the Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem MA-NH (+1.1%), Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town MA-NH (+0.6%), and Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton (+0.4%) areas.

From August 2021 to August 2022, fourteen areas gained jobs with the largest percentage increases seen in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton (+5.6), Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem MA-NH (+4.7), and Springfield MA-CT (+4.3) areas.

In order to compare the statewide rate to local

unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide unadjusted unemployment rate for August 2022 was 3.5 percent, up one-tenth of a percentage point from the revised July estimate.

Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the month of August 2022 was 3.6 percent, up one-tenth of a percentage point from the July 2022 estimate of 3.5 percent.

The statewide seasonally adjusted preliminary jobs estimate showed an increase of 6,400 jobs in August, and an over-the-year gain of 126,400 jobs.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

The estimates for labor force, unemployment rates, and jobs for Massachusetts are based on

different statistical methodology specified by the U.S. Department of La-

bor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

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Reia Briggs-Connor returns to Chelsea with Phunk Phenomenon dance team

By Cary Shuman

Reia Briggs-Connor, a former Chelsea High School cheerleading team captain and New England Patriots professional cheerleader, returned to her hometown of Chelsea Saturday for a special performance by her Phunk Phenomenon dance team at Chelsea Day.

Briggs, who has built amazingly talented dance teams that perform at Boston Celtics games at TD Garden and have appeared on national television shows, said she was happy to be in Chelsea for the festive event celebrating the city’s arts and cultural community and local organizations.

“It felt great being back



Reia Briggs-Connor (right), owner of the Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex, is pictured with members of her dance team, Elaine Howard, Karina Robinson, and Maggie Pavao.

in my hometown of Chelsea, a city that has supported me so much over the years,” said Reia. “We hope that we inspired kids

to come take classes at Phunk Phenomenon.”

Reia is the daughter of Barbara Casino of Chelsea.



The Phunk Phenomenon dance team, led by Reia Briggs-Connor, brought its incredible dancing skills to the stage in Bellingham Square Saturday for a performance during Chelsea Day.

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tary personnel who return from combat. Approximately 20% of firefighters and paramedics meet the criteria for PTSD, compared to the 6.8% lifetime risk of the general population, and tragically studies have shown that people who suffer from PTSD are six times more likely to commit suicide compared to those who do not suffer from PTSD.

DiDomenico’s proposed bill, S.1691, and Representative McGonagle’s bill H.2726 would ensure that Post Traumatic Stress Disorder be treated like any other disability and help end the stigma associated with mental health assistance for firefighters. By defining PTSD as a disability and creating a presumption that PTSD was suffered in the line of duty, firefighters can receive the timely and adequate medical



Sen. Sal DiDomenico (right) with Fire Fighter Craig Hardy.

care they need to prevent chronic, disabling, and potentially life-threatening

disorders from developing.

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MBTA launches online applications for TAP and blind access customers

The MBTA announced that eligible riders can now apply online for a new, renewal, or replacement TAP CharlieCard or Blind Access CharlieCard. People with disabilities (including low vision) and Medicare cardholders are eligible for reduced MBTA fares with a TAP CharlieCard and people

who are legally blind are eligible for free MBTA fares with a Blind Access CharlieCard. With the launch of these two online applications, the MBTA now accepts online applications for the following free/reduced fare programs: Blind Access, TAP, Senior, and Youth Pass. Riders will

still be able to apply in-person at the CharlieCard Store for Senior, Blind Access, and TAP as they do now (and can make online reservations to visit the CharlieCard Store), and can also visit the MBTA Mobility Center for online application support. Riders seeking to apply for a TAP CharlieCard by mail or at the CharlieCard Store can download the updated application at the MBTA's Transportation Access Pass webpage online.

"I am pleased to an-

nounce the launch of the online application portal to allow all of our reduced fare riders online access, which provides reduced fare riders with broader access and more convenience," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We have made significant investments in equipment, staff resources, and technology solutions to improve the experience of our riders with a specific focus on riders with disability- and age-based needs. Through

our Fare Transformation journey, we continue to improve the experience of riders as we work towards modernization by investing in state of good repair and capital improvements that transform the system into a modern digital payment system."

"Greater accessibility to MBTA resources supports independence and self-determination of individuals who are blind," said Massachusetts Commissioner for the Blind Commissioner David D'Arcangelo. "We are pleased to collaborate with the MBTA on streamlining the process of obtaining and updating our Blind Access Cards. This is a game-changer for our consumers who no longer have to travel to an office in order to receive the cards, offering them a more equitable and efficient solution to travel in Massachusetts."

The online applications for the MBTA's free/reduced fare programs offer riders a convenient method to apply for and receive a new free/reduced fare CharlieCard without having to visit the CharlieCard Store. Riders can apply to these respective programs remotely and easily online from a computer or mobile device in

English, Chinese, Spanish, and Portuguese. Each application allows applicants to securely enter their personal information and upload the required documents, such as a photo ID and eligibility documentation. All online applications are accessible to screen readers and were tested by free/reduced fare riders to ensure usability. Riders who submit their email address as part of their application will receive application status notifications, including details on how to use their card if approved.

In addition to the online applications, the MBTA recently removed rider photos, names, and expiration dates from Senior CharlieCards for people 65 and older to simplify the card fulfillment process for these riders. Riders who apply for a new or replacement Senior CharlieCard will now receive the new Reduced Fare CharlieCards for Seniors, which are valid for eight years. Riders with current Senior CharlieCards can utilize them until they expire.

To learn more about the MBTA's free/reduced fare programs and how to apply online, visit mbta.com/fares/reduced.

Middlesex Sheriff's Office announces entrance exams for correction officer candidates

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office announced it is offering free, weekly written exams for those interested in beginning their careers as correction officers.

Individuals wishing to take the exam may indicate their interest by visiting middlesexsheriff.org/recruitment and submitting their name, telephone number and contact information. The initial submission takes less than

one minute to complete and the first exam will be offered on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Starting base salary for new officers is \$60,885 with the ability to earn over \$10,000 more in potential bonuses and overtime. Candidates who successfully graduate the 47th Basic Training Academy (BTA) will also be eligible for a \$2,500 sign on bonus.

Those who pass the written exam may be eligible to become temporary officers prior to the start of the 47th BTA later this year.

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

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

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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday October 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 100 Broadway
Map/Lot: H0-03-000003
Person Requesting: John Peterson of Metro Sign
170 Lorum Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876
Property Owner: Via Atala Realty Trust
C/O Rob Giacchino
330 Merrimac Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

PROPOSAL:

To erect a new free-standing sign 20 feet in height with a total area of approximately 160 feet on each face in area and also contains an electronic message board

Reason for Denial:

- The area of each face of the sign is 160 square feet in area
- The area of the sign is above the allowed area and there is an electronic message board

Zoning:

Section 12A-54 Line(e) which states the following:


(e)A free standing sign, provided that such sign has no more than two faces and

(1) if there are one or two uses, on the lot, the area of each face does not exceed sixty-five square feet and the top of such sign is no higher than twenty-five feet above grade; or


Section 12A-64 which states the following:

Signs which have blinking, flashing or fluttering lights or other illuminated devices which have a changing light intensity, brightness, or color, are prohibited.

MARY GERACE – Chairman
Board of Appeals
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
September 28, 2022
October 5, 2022



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CITY OF EVERETT



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02149
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Property Address: 33 Oakes Street.
Map/Lot: E0-03-000055
Person Requesting: Oakes Realty Trust
Francis J. LaRovere III & Matthew J. LaRovere Trustees
492 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:

To alter the existing 19-unit residential building by adding Six (6) additional units for a total of Twenty-Five units.

Reason for Denial:

- The use as an apartment building is not permitted (but is an existing use)
- The proposed building FAR of 1.68 is above what is allowed for the zoning district
- The supplied plot plan does not indicate any new parking spaces for the additional 12 vehicles nor the original parking spaces but the owner/applicant must join the TDM through the Planning Board. The original development indicated 19 parking spaces no with the addition must have 50 spaces.

Zoning:

Section 4 Dwelling Districts a) Uses (not listed and an allowed use)

Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional Requirements line 2 Lot Area

All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)

Section 4 Dwelling Districts paragraph 17 which states the following:

17. Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)


(For reference only as the owner must participate in the TDM through the Planning Board)

Section 17 Off-street Parking line 2


(A) Off-street parking facilities shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as outlined below. Where the Term "gross square feet" is used, it shall mean the total occupiable floor area measured within the exterior walls of the building. (Original Ord. Of 2-26-1965, 87.

2. Multifamily dwellings-----2 spaces per dwelling unit.

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Property Address: 188 Bradford St.
Map/Lot: B0-06-000078
Person Requesting: Wilson Felipe DaSilva Jr.
188 Bradford St.
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:

The applicant seeks to convert the existing single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling on a 11,310 s.f. lot located within the dwelling district as per plan by Peter Nolan & Associates, dated 5/22/2022. The plan contains six (5) parking spaces and 4 of which already exist in garage form and other in rear yard and they are compliant.

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinances Appendix A:

Reason for Denial:

Section 4 Dwelling Districts.

B. Dimensional Requirements.

6: Side yards:

A. Four (4) feet minimum with a total of sixteen (16) feet.


Violation: The existing side yard is 1.7 feet.

Zoning:


Section 3 (6) of APPENDIX A of the City of Everett Zoning ordinances requires "Pre-existing, non-conforming structures or uses may be extended, altered or changed in use, providing that such extensions, alterations or changes of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals and after a public hearing, a finding by the Board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure.

Applicant must seek relief in the form of a special permit issued by the Board of Appeals.

MARY GERACE – Chairman
Board of Appeals
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
September 28, 2022
October 5, 2022



- LEGAL NOTICE -
CITY OF EVERETT



INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
484 Broadway Room 26
Everett, Massachusetts 02149
David Palumbo
Director of Inspectional Services/ Building Commissioner
617-394-222 fax:617-394-2433
David.palumbo@ci.everett.ma.us

Dear Property Owner/Authorized Agent

You have requested that a Building Permit be issued in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the City of Everett Zoning Ordinances, APPENDIX A.

For the reason(s) outlined below your request for such permit is respectfully DENIED.

You have the right to request the issuance of a Variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A §10.

Property Address: 380 Second Street
Map/Parcel: K0-06-000041
Property Owner: Conquest Realty
Richard A. Badolato, Richard E. Kolinsky Trustees
380 Second Street
Everett, MA 02149

Person Requesting: Mr. Scott Brown

1280 Centre Street

Newton, MA 02459

Proposal:

To construct a new mixed use residential and Commercial Building with 21 stories and 250' height.

Reason for Denial:

The proposed new building does not comply with the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance as there are several zoning violations (see below).

Violation:

- The proposed Left side yard is only 1'-3" wide.
- The proposed building height is 250'.
- The Floor area ratio is above what is allowed at 9:58.
- Parking is not as required. The proposed dimensions for each parking space are 8'-6" x 18'.
- The proposed inner court width is 30'.

Zoning:

Section 33 Commercial Triangle Economic Development District (CTEDD) F: Dimensional requirements line 3, which states the following:

Side yard: ten (10) feet; provided, that the planning board may reduce the side yard requirement to four (4) feet by special permit.

Section 33 Commercial Triangle Economic

Development District (CTEDD) F: Dimensional requirements line 5, which states the following:

Height. All buildings shall be limited to a maximum of eighty-five (85) feet. Other structures on the roof shall not count towards the height unless the area of such structures exceeds thirty-three percent (33%) of the area of the roof or any enclosed structure or mechanical equipment exceeds twelve (12) feet in height. The height of any building may be increased to a maximum of one hundred (100) feet upon the grant of a special permit.

Section 33 Commercial Triangle Economic Development District F: Dimensional Requirements line 6, which states the following:

FAR (floor area ratio). The floor area ratio shall not exceed 3.5:1; provided, that the planning board may increase allowable FAR up to 6:1 by the grant of a special permit.

Section 17 Off-Street Parking I, which states the following:

Each required car space shall be not less than 9 feet in width and 18 feet in length exclusive of drives and maneuvering space, and the total area of any parking facility for more than five (5) cars shall average two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet per car.

Section 8 Courts B, which states the following (as applicable):

No inner court shall have a length, which is less than twice its width. No outer court shall have a length, which is greater than four times its width. No court shall have an opening less than its width. No court need extend below the lowest story, which it is required to serve. Widths of courts shall not be less than as follows:

No. of stories above the bottom of the court	Inner (feet)
6	32

Building Inspector Signature,
David Palumbo
Building Commissioner
617-394-2224
September 20, 2022
Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this refusal to appeal this decision

September 28, 2022
October 5, 2022

BLO Board of Directors appoints Bradley Vernatter as General Director and CEO

The Boston Lyric Opera Board of Directors, led by Michael J. Puzo, voted this week to appoint Bradley Vernatter as the Stanford Calderwood General Director and CEO, the company’s highest leadership position. The appointment follows Vernatter’s term as Acting General and Artistic Director. At Vernatter’s suggestion to expand the company’s leadership team, the Board moved to split the previous role into two positions and open a search for a new Artistic Director.

“There is clear enthusiasm on the board for Brad’s leadership and his artistic vision during the past two seasons, which brought the company new artistic triumphs and



PHOTO BY GARY HIGGINS
Bradley Vernatter.

growth while navigating unexpectedly troubled waters,” Puzo says. He noted the Board recognizes Vernatter’s accomplishments, including:

- Stewarding company operations, fundraising, and finances to continue producing throughout the

pandemic and beyond;

- Producing BLO’s return to live opera following the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, from Cavalleria Rusticana in fall 2021, its free performance of Romeo & Juliet on the Boston Common this summer and its upcoming production of La bohème;
- Expanding the Company’s relationships with notable artists including Rhiannon Giddens, Michael Abels, Stephanie Blythe, Ellen Reid, Nico Muhly, Isabel Leonard, Talise Trevigne and others;
- Developing the Company’s streaming platform, operabox.tv and producing critically acclaimed films and series

such as the animated film of Philip Glass’ The Fall of the House of Usher, the cinematic adaptation of Ana Sokolovic’s Svadba, and the genre-leading eight-part opera miniseries desert in;

- Launching BLO Street Stage, the Company’s mobile performance stage to bring opera to the region;
- Conducting an assessment of inequity and social justice at the company, and in the opera field; and
- Leading a planning process that resulted in a five-year Strategic Plan and revamped mission and vision statements for the Company.

“With an ambitious plan for BLO’s future in place,” Puzo says, “we

look forward to expanding the leadership team and to welcoming a new Artistic Director to the company and the city.” The Artistic Director position will report to the General Director and CEO, and will be a partner with Vernatter and Music Director David Angus in planning artistic programs for the company.

Boston Lyric Opera completed its Strategic Planning process earlier this year, resulting in a comprehensive, forward-thinking plan to guide the artistic and administrative direction of the company over the next five years. The BLO Board of Directors adopted the plan, which revises the company’s mission

and vision statements, and centers on: expanding the breadth of artistic programs; strengthening ties to regional and national communities; developing new leaders for the industry; and centering values of diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility.

“I am grateful for the leaders, artists and supporters who have contributed to BLO’s tremendous legacy and I am motivated by our new five-year plan,” says Vernatter. “We have the opportunity to put a stronger emphasis on being part of Boston’s civic and cultural fabric while producing the best of opera that inspires us and connects us.”

FRESH AND LOCAL

Beat food inflation

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The Department of Agriculture has reported the Consumer Price Index for food-for-home from June 2022 to July 2022 was 13.1 percent higher than the same period in 2021. This is no surprise to those who do grocery shopping and meal planning. However, there are many steps you can take to control what you’re spending on food.

Reducing food waste is the most significant opportunity to beat food inflation. Forbes Magazine reported, “...the average U.S. household wasted 31.9% of its food. The total annual cost of the wasted food was estimated to be \$240 billion or \$1,866 per household.”

Meal Planning

Winging it is not a great way to spend your food budget. Making decisions about what you want to eat when you’re hungry, tired, or hangry can result in a

decision to go out to dinner, or order a pizza.

Our meal planning starts by looking at the week ahead. There are days when cooking will fit into the schedule and days when that’s not an option. That means Penny has to make food ahead for days when she’s busy. When our planning isn’t perfect, but there is a lot of food on hand, we have an “everyone is on their own for meals” day. Not only does this give the cook a day off, but it also uses leftovers.

Shopping Lists

We have a shared shopping list that we add to throughout the day. Penny checks it and decides how she will deal with each item. Some products are a better value when ordered online and delivered. The remainder is used to decide what store she’ll visit next.

Once you’re at the store, use your list. Think about some items sitting in your

pantry or food you’ve had to throw away. Were these impulse buys? Shopping with a list keeps you focused on what you need. Feel free to swap items if, for example, the broccoli looks better than the cauliflower or is on sale, but try not to buy more than you need.

Use What You Have

Shop your supplies as you check your grocery list. Perhaps you already have something you can substitute for an item you were about to buy. Using what you already have will reduce what you’ll spend at the store, and make space in your pantry to buy more of the items you use the most when they are on sale or at a warehouse store. Finally, it will ensure you use what you have before a “Best if used by” date tempts you to throw out the product.

Use more of most parts of the food you purchase. Use those greens when fresh root vegetables like



When buying protein, consider buying a whole chicken or fish. Then use the bones and scraps to make a stock. (Photo by Tim Bish)

beets, turnips, or even carrots come with the greens attached. Look for recipes for braised or sautéed greens. One chef has served us carrot tops as an herby garnish on a dish that included baby carrots.

When buying protein, consider buying a whole chicken or fish. Then use the bones and scraps to make a stock. Penny

makes small batches of stock with every rotisserie chicken she buys and freezes it for future use.

This is just the tip of the list of ways you can beat food inflation. Many articles about this topic are being published in the press, and many share excellent ideas. What’s more, the food shortage solutions we’ve learned since the

beginning of the pandemic have sharpened our food preparation skills. With a little planning, you can beat food inflation.

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CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS HARVEST FEST

The City of Everett's Harvest Fest held Saturday, September 24 at 150 School Street was a great success. In an effort to increase residents' access to locally sourced produce, this event had a pop-up farmer's market featuring locally grown foods. Food and drinks from local organizations and Everett restaurants were available to all who attend along with live entertainment from local artists and bands.



Pedro Pretto spent the afternoon cooking for Oliveira's at Harvest Fest.



Sioux Gerow sketched at Harvest Fest while sharing information about The Everett Cultural Council.



Councilor Stephanie Smith and Councilor Al Lattanzi enjoyed an afternoon at Harvest Fest.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Cat Pedemonti, Mariangeli Echevarria, and Alejandra Narvaez at the Mystic River Watershed Association table at Harvest Fest.



Ryan Edward and Kate Jenkins-Sullivan shopped for produce with Shane Hurley.



Ian Briggs of the DCR discussed planting trees with Everett residents.



Marta Lopez and Sandra Rodriguez serve food at the Taco El Paso table.



Eddie and Jackie Lucas enjoyed their day at Harvest Fest in Everett Square.



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Noemi Reyes and Yancy Londaverde serve food at the Montecristo table.



Leary performed at Everett's Harvest Fest on Saturday.



Phalla of Phalla's Market sold fresh produce.



Anthony Rippy enjoyed coloring at Harvest Fest.



Primo Simon entertained at Harvest Fest.



Leary performed at Everett's Harvest fest on Saturday.



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Sports

EVERETT BOYS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST MALDEN



MIDFIELD RUN: Everett's (15) tries to get some running room at midfield.



GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP: A Malden player extends his hand to Everett's (25) following the hard-fought game won by Malden 2-1.



HELD UP: (25) is tangled up with a Malden defender.



HEADS UP: Kaic Julio DaSilva Coutinho (7) battles a Malden midfielder for the ball.



7 ON 7: Everett's Kaic Julio DaSilva Coutinho (7) fights for the ball with his opposite number.



CORNER ESCAPE: Everett's (15) fights his way out of the corner.

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JV VOLLEYBALL ACTION AGAINST SALEM

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



EYES ON THE BALL: Sonia Constanza Flores (3) concentrates on a shot.



SET-UP: Larissa Cerazino (9) executes a nice set-up for a return.

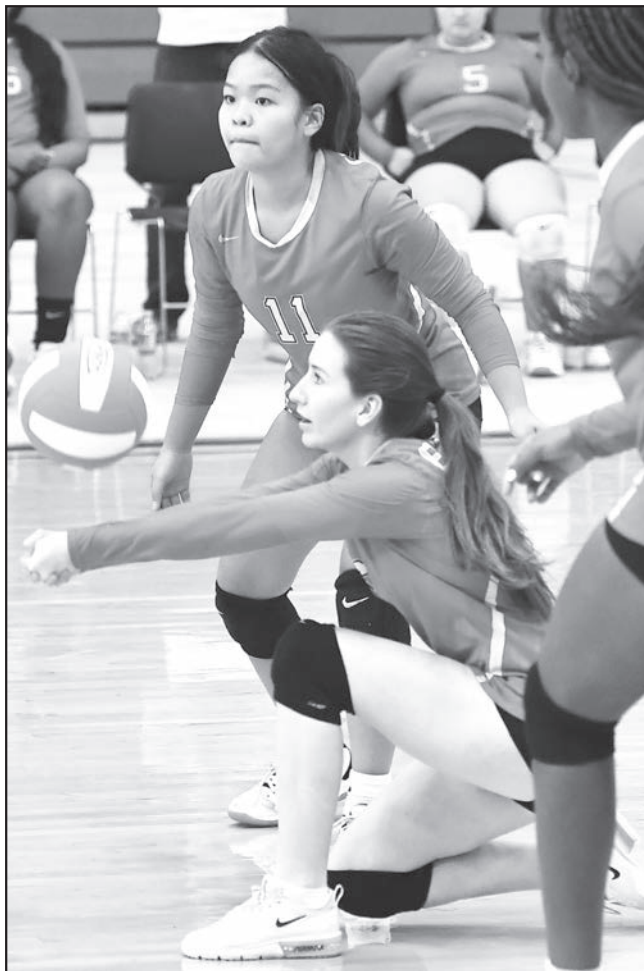


GOT IT COVERED: Raleigh Kenny (1) and Rochelle Castor (17) make sure this volley is returned.

A scheduling mix-up delayed the arrival of Salem’s volleyball team over an hour-and-a-half, and that put the Everett JVs on the main court at Everett High at the time the varsity was expected to play. The JVs lived up to the prime-time billing and improved their record to 7-1, whisking the visiting Witches 3-0.



NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT: Kaesta Sandy (15) patiently awaits the arrival of the Salem volleyball team; the game was delayed over 90 minutes but that didn’t phase Sandy and her Everett JV volleyball teammates, who rolled to a 3-0 win and improved their record to 7-1.



ALL MINE: Kayleigh MacMahon (6) in control of a shot.



PUT IT BACK: Rochelle Castor (17) has fingertip control as she returns a shot over the net.



FOREARM FORM: Rochelle Castor (17) with good form in the backcourt.



KEEP AWAY: Sonia Constanza Flores (3) and Rochelle Castor (17) react as a Salem volley goes out of bounds.



SCORE!: Raleigh Kenney (1), Larissa Cerazino (9), Sonia Constanza Flores (3), and Murielle Campo (11) react to a score.



LINE OF DEFENSE: Kaesta Sandy (15), Rochelle Castor (17), and Sonia Constanza Flores (11) form a strong front line.



TEAMWORK: Murielle Campo (11) makes a return shot as Kayleigh MacMahon (6) backs her up.

EHS Roundup

EHS FIELD HOCKEY WINS TWO CONTESTS

The Everett High field hockey team earned a pair of impressive victories this past week, defeating two non-league rivals, Northeast Regional, 6-0, and Greater Lowell, 11-1. In the triumph over the Lady Golden Knights, a trio of Crimson Tide players, Kaylee Rossi, Omar Marshall, and Christina Snook, scored two goals apiece. Marshall followed that performance with a quintet of goals vs. Greater Lowell. Snook struck the back of the GL net for two goals, Rossi added one, and the trio of Emma Longmore, Julianna Edwards, and Leo Figueroa scored their first varsity goals. “We had great play by

the whole team,” said EHS head coach Melissa O’Donnell, whose squad has a busy and challenging week ahead. They took on Wakefield this past Monday and Revere yesterday (Tuesday). They will trek to Haverhill next Tuesday and entertain Malden at 7 Acre Park next Wednesday. **EHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS TWO, NOW AT 4-4** The Everett High girls volleyball team defeated Lynn English and Salem last week, running their record to 4-4 in pursuit of a state tournament berth, which requires either a .500 record or a power ranking among the top 32 teams in the state in their division. After pulling out two five-set wins previously, the Lady Crimson Tide earned their first 3-0 vic-

tory of 2022 over Lynn English in front of a full crowd at Everett High School. Everett rallied to take the first set, 29-27, with senior captain Michelle Ngo earning an ace at set point. Ngo had eight service points, four aces, and a dig for the match. Senior middle Vanessa Almonte had four kills and two blocks in the opening set, and junior middle Nicole Brandao served Everett back from a 24-19 deficit to a 25-24 lead. Vanessa finished the night with six service points and eight kills, while Nicole tallied five kills, one block, and two digs. Everett served more consistently in the second set and cleaned up their passing as the game went on. Those passes helped senior Samela De Souza and sophomore Victoria Rodrigues combine for 16

assists. Samela also added a kill and Victoria served all 15 of her serves in, including three aces. Senior Alejandra Cajamarca had eight service points, three aces, and a dig. Sophomore Emily Nogueira had seven service points with four aces. EHS coach Mike Fineran called it a solid team win. “We played smart, made adjustments, and made fewer mistakes as the night went on,” he said. Everett swept the next two sets, 25-17 and 25-19, to close out the match. Everett came within two points of sweeping all of their matches in the week, but dropped their match against Somerville Wednesday in five sets, falling 16-14 in the deciding set. The Tide jumped out to a two-set lead, winning 25-18 in both sets, led by Almonte’s three

kills, six more from Brandao, and 11 service points from Ngo. However, an ankle injury to Cajamarca hampered Everett’s defense. After playing flat and losing 25-19 in the third set, Everett had a chance to close it out in set four. Nogueira had three aces in the set, and Ngo, Brandao, and Almonte split six

kills. Ngo served for the set, but Somerville earned a side out and took the set, 26-24. Neither team could generate momentum in the fifth set, before Somerville ultimately prevailed. Everett responded to the loss with a resounding defeat of Salem Friday in

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the first rematch contest of the season. Senior setter Julie Miranda’s serves helped Everett climb out of an early hole, propelling the team to a 25-22 win in the first set. Miranda had two serving runs in the third set, including the last five points in a 25-7 rout.

It was more than serving that fueled the win, said Fineran. “Our passes and sets were excellent, and our hitters were finding holes all over the court,” the coach noted.

Rodrigues, Almonte, and Brandao again led the offense. “We adjusted and forgot mistakes quickly, and minimized their better servers,” said Fineran. “We got better as the night went on. It’s fun to watch them when they believe in themselves.”

Everett needs six more wins to achieve a .500 record in order to qualify for the postseason. They head into a tough stretch of the season, traveling to Saugus and Revere before rematches against Medford,

Malden, and Chelsea. “Nothing is ever easy in our league,” said Fineran. “We need to focus on what we can control and not worry about anything else. If we do that, we should be in great shape.”

EHS GIRLS SOCCER TOPS ENGLISH, 5-1

The Everett High girls soccer team earned a 5-1 victory this past week over Greater Boston League rival Lynn English.

Yelsa Garcia scored three goals for the Lady Crimson Tide to pace the Everett offense. Emilia Maria-Babcock assisted Yelsa on her first goal. Yelsa’s second came when she put home a rebound off a save by the Lady Bulldog keeper. She notched the hat trick when she received a nice crossing pass from Luna Sephuvada and reached the back of the English net.

Layla Bentancur-Cardona started the scoring for the Lady Crimson Tide when she picked off a

goal kick from Lynn. Maria-Babcock reached the back of the LE net when she took off down the left wing and dribbled right through the Lady Bulldog defense.

“As a whole, the team played very well and started passing the ball around, using every player,” said EHS head coach Domenick Persuitte.

Despite a 5-2 loss to Somerville, the Lady Crimson Tide put up a good fight.

“We came out very strong and caught Somerville off guard,” said Persuitte. “However, we couldn’t put the ball in the back of the net and Somerville scored two quick goals.

“Our goalkeeper, Jackie Manchado, played lights out and stood on her head,” added Persuitte. “I’m extremely proud of her for filling the position.”

The Lady Crimson Tide fought back to bring the contest to level at 2-2 in the second half on goals

by Nubia Pereira, assisted by Alondra Flores, and Maria-Babcock, on an unassisted effort in which Emilia took on the Somerville defense and found the back of the Lady Highlander net.

“Nubia Pereira had one of her best games so far,” said Persuitte. “Alondra Flores is a rising star at CDM and understands her role on the team.

“Another stand-out who is making waves on the team is Luna Sephuvada, who is killing it on the outside wing for us,” the coach noted.

“We had many injuries and players not at 100% health due to colds,” added Persuitte. “I am very proud of this team and how they fought against a very well-organized Somerville team.”

Persuitte and his squad are scheduled to host Lynn Classical today (Wednesday) and O’Bryant High of Boston on Monday. They will entertain Medford next Wednesday.

STRONG PERFORMANCES FROM EHS GOLFERS

Although the Everett High golf team came up short in a busy week of matches against Greater Boston League rivals Medford, Malden/Revere, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English, a number of the Crimson Tide turned in fine individual performances.

In the contest with Malden/Revere, David Saia won his match by a score of 6-3 and Carolyn Fama likewise defeated her counterpart, 6-3.

In the contest with Lynn Classical, Matt Turrilli won his match, 5.5-3.5, and Fama once again topped her opponent by a score of 5-4.

Saia was the leading light for the Crimson Tide vs. Lynn English. David handily outpointed his Bulldog opponent by a wide margin of 7-2.

Coach Steve Gallagher and his crew are sched-

uled to host Somerville today (Wednesday) on the Tide’s home course at Stoneham Oaks.

GOOD WEEK FOR EHS BOYS SOCCER TEAM

The Everett High boys soccer team enjoyed a successful week, winning two of its three games against Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals.

Coach Pedro Blas’s squad defeated, Revere, 3-1, and Lynn English, 8-2, but fell to first place Somerville in a hard-fought contest, 2-1.

“We still have some growth to do, but we’ll be back stronger this week,” said Blas.

The Crimson Tide are scheduled to hit the road to take on three more of their GBL foes this week: Lynn Classical today (Wednesday), Medford on Monday, and Malden next Wednesday.

OBITUARIES

Salvatore S. Cravotta

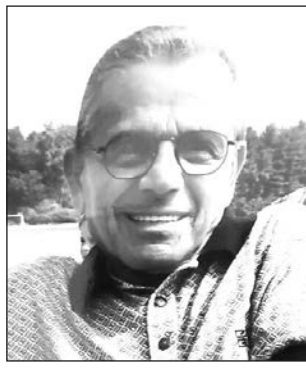
October 19, 1931 – September 25, 2022

Salvatore S. Cravotta passed away at the Don Orione Nursing Home on September 25 at the age of 90.

Sal was an avid Boston sports fan. As a young man, he was a jockey riding out of many different race tracks around the country. He was a Korean War Veteran serving in the US Air Force. He also traveled often to Las Vegas and enjoyed the Encore Casino.

The beloved husband of the late Josephine “Honey” (Pensavalli) Cravotta, he was the loving father of Camille Pensavalli of Everett and David and his wife, Margaret Cravotta of Peabody; adored grandfather “Pa” to David, Ashley and Anthony Cravotta; brother of Ralph Cravotta and the late Mary Livolsi, Phylis Bartollo, Phil Cravotta and Eleana Lally. Salvatore is also survived by many nieces, nephews and good friends.

Sal was married to his late wife “Honey” for 60 years and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren most of all. He will be greatly



missed.

His Funeral will be held from Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett on Friday, September 30 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony Church in Everett at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visiting hours will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, September 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. Complimentary valet parking Thursday at the Main Street entrance.

Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Sal’s name to the Disabled American Veterans @ www.dav.org. For more information, please visit www.roccofuneralhome.com.

MEETING GETS CANCELLED

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Conservation Commission was canceled due to some technical issues last week.

The meeting was originally scheduled to take place by Zoom Tuesday, but due to IT issues at City Hall, had to be rescheduled, according to Director of Land Use Planning John DePriest. As of Wednesday morning, a new date had not been selected.

Topping the agenda was the public hearing for the notice of intent for the proposed light industrial and warehouse building at 295 Eastern Avenue.

Developers appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals last week for an initial public hearing on plans to build a 114,000 light manufacturing and warehouse facility on the property. In addition to the single-story building with 17 loading docks, the developers also plan to provide public access to Chelsea Creek and to wildlife areas on the property. Other local stops along the way for the project include the Planning Board later this month for its recommendations before heading back before the ZBA on Oct. 11 for a potential vote on a special permit.

Plans for the building call for three warehouse or light manufacturing spaces with office space of about 38,000 square feet each. Developers have stated that it will not be a freight forwarding facility like some of the larger Amazon facilities, but will be catered to smaller companies in need of warehouse space that have been pushed out of the market by some of the larger players.

Also on the Conservation Commission agenda was a public hearing for the notice of intent for La Colaborativa’s plans for the demolition of an existing building at 63 6th St. and 244 Arlington St. and construction of a 3,655 square foot office building and the repaving of 6,845 square foot driveway and parking area. The site will be the home of La Colaborativa’s new Chelsea Survival Center, which is

slated to open to the community later this year.

The agenda also included a public hearing on a notice of intent for open space and parking at 1690 Revere Beach Parkway and confirmation of an emergency order issuance at 257 Marginal St.

MORE TREES COMING TO NEIGHBORHOODS

EAST BOSTON - There’s going to be a little more shade on Neptune Circle.

As part of its efforts to increase the tree canopy across East Boston, Tree Eastie is planting 11 trees in the neighborhood on Sunday, Sept. 25, followed by the planting of two new trees outside the Brooke School on Monday, Sept. 26.

“We started this project about a month ago, and we did a lot of outreach,” said Tree Eastie’s Bill Masterson at the Sept. 12 meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association. “We got in touch with everyone whose homes were abutted by the trees we are planting.”

The 11 trees will be a combination of small, flowering dogwood trees and some larger trees.

“The whole grass strip on Neptune Circle is a great opportunity to be able to add shade to the street,” said Masterson.

Tree Eastie will be in charge of the plantings, but Masterson said anyone from the neighborhood association who wanted to volunteer was more than welcome.

“Any trees that we put in for the city that are street trees we take care of,” said Masterson.

Because of the narrow area they will be planted in, Masterson said the group chose trees with roots that grow down to avoid damaging the sidewalks.

In other business, police Officer Thomas Domenico gave an update on activity out of Station 7 over the month of August.

Domenico said there was a basketball tournament at Noyes Park on August 6 that went pretty well, but that toward the end of the tournament, plainclothes officers noticed two men there car-

rying guns. The officers followed the men in their car up Saratoga Street, eventually arresting them and recovering two guns.

“That was pretty dangerous, especially at a basketball tournament,” said Domenico. “Thank god nobody got hurt and that we got them off the street.”

Domenico said there has also been an increased police presence along McClellan Highway.

“It’s been kind of like a speedway with a lot of accidents up there,” he said. “We’ve been up there writing citations and towed some cars, which will hopefully stop it. It is just a dangerous highway.”

There were also several commercial break-ins reported over the past month, including one at the Saratoga Market and a reported armed robbery at a business at the corner of Neptune Road and Saratoga.

In addition, Domenico said the department’s drug unit has issued several summons and made several arrests in the Station 7 area over the past month.

LYNN COMMUTER RAIL STATION TO CLOSE

LYNN - Lynn Commuter Rail station on the Newburyport/Rockport Line will close on October 1, to address potential station deterioration issues. Seeking to take proactive measures to advance rider and employee safety, the MBTA is completely rebuilding the station as part of the Lynn Commuter Rail Station Improvements Project. Following discussions with stakeholders and members of the community, alternate travel options during the station closure will include a free shuttle bus from Lynn to Swampscott station until a temporary platform is built.

“During the closure of Lynn station, I want to assure riders that alternate travel options will be available. Bus Routes 441/442 and 455 connect to Wonderland for Blue Line subway service. Additionally, a shuttle bus will operate between Lynn and Swampscott for riders who would like to

board at Swampscott until a temporary platform is built,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Pofatak. “I want to thank our Lynn riders and the Lynn community for their continued patience as we make these critical upgrades, investments, and improvements at the station.”

The MBTA’s Capital Programs team will continue public outreach and public engagement efforts as the MBTA moves toward the goal of safety improvements with the rebuilding of Lynn station. The MBTA will also host a virtual public meeting to discuss the work to be accomplished and details of the station closure. Details regarding the public meeting will be posted at mbta.com/events soon.

During the station closure, riders may use Bus Routes 441/442 and 455 from Lynn to connect to Wonderland station for continued Blue Line subway service into Boston. Riders may also use free shuttle bus service from Lynn station to Swampscott station. Although Swampscott is a Zone 3 station, Lynn riders who board at Swampscott may purchase Zone 2 tickets and passes. A temporary platform will also be constructed at Lynn and will serve Lynn station riders until station construction is complete. While buses will continue to operate at the station during the closure, bus stop areas may be moved to accommodate construction. Riders are encouraged to checkmbta.com/Alerts for full information on service alternatives.

With \$72,519,591 allocated in the MBTA’s FY23-27 Capital Investment Plan, the Lynn Commuter Rail Station Improvements Project includes modernization work as well as station upgrades. The Lynn Commuter Rail station closure is being advanced to address safety concerns about deteriorating conditions of the station and associated infrastructure, and to accelerate the station rehabilitation project. The closure will allow the MBTA to expedite existing conditions sur-

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EVERETT HIGH CRIMSON TIDE CLASS OF 1980 CELEBRATES 2022 IN SPECTACULAR FASHION



Debbie Montrose Foti and Jim Foti.

The Everett High School Class of 1980 held its 40th Reunion - plus two years, post pandemic – along with the classmates’ 60th birthday celebration.

A total of 121 guests attended the reunion that was held at the Saugus/ Everett Elks Lodge.

The class celebrated with the Jim Bogus Trio Band, and members of the Class of 1980 had a jam session, calling them-

selves “The Tide,” singing three songs in one of the band’s sets.

The energy in the room was un-

believable as these classmates just soaked up the fun going down mem-ory lane.

Classmates said, “We’ll see you in 2025 for our 45th.



Maryann Iannaco Ferri, Mike Campagna, and Eric Glassoff.



Laurie Sykes-Flagg, Laura Mulry Gray, Lita Bond, and Carla Bengston.



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Eric Glassoff, Steve Myers, and Rob Napolitano.



Ken Carangelo, Carl Colson, and Jim Guenard.



Steve Berrigan, Eric Glassoff, Clinton Read, Linda Silverio, and John Sheehan.



The Reunion Committee - The Best Group to work with, from left, are Gail Brodie Sabel-la, Class President Tony Iuliano Mike DelSonno, Laurie Sykes-Flagg, Robin Giacobbe Serino, Julie Risteen Constantine,Debbie Scenna Pelrine, Laura Mulry Gray, Steve Berardino, and Scot Barry.



The members of the Everett High School Class of 1980 are pictured at their class reunion and birthday celebration Saturday night at the Saugus/ Everett Lodge of Elks.

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veys, to finalize design activities, and to advance early demolition work. The new Lynn station will include a new high-level center-island platform and canopy; accessibility upgrades, including new ADA-compliant elevators at both ends of the platform; new stairs and ramp, signage, and wayfinding improvements; track improvements; and other associated infrastructure improvements. When complete, the station’s upgraded structure will improve safety, accessibility, and the customer experience.

The specific length of time for the station closure will be determined when the station design is fully complete, and the MBTA will communicate these details to riders as they become available.

For more information, visit [mbta.com/LynnStation](https://www.mbta.com/LynnStation), or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

ZAMBUTO RETURNS TO COUNCIL

REVERE - City Clerk Ashley Melnik administered the oath of office last week to Anthony Zambuto, marking the former city councillor’s return to a position he had previously held for two decades on the 11-member board.

Melnik told the Council that the city’s ordinances state that as the first runner-up in the 2021 councillor-at-large election, Zambuto was next in line under the rules about succession.

Zambuto succeeds Councillor-at-Large

George Rotondo, who died on Sept. 11, 2022.

Zambuto addressed the Council following the swearing-in ceremony, noting Mr. Rotondo’s service in city government and his career as a nurse.

“This is certainly a mixed-emotions, bitter-sweet,” said Zambuto. “First of all, I want to say a few words about my friend and colleague, George Rotondo. “We sat next to each other for a long time. He was a friend and colleague. We didn’t always agree. We certainly had our differences.”

Zambuto spoke about the recount following last November’s election when Mr. Rotondo finished in fifth place and Zambuto finished in sixth place.

“We said, ‘whatever happens, we’re going into this as friends, and we’re coming out as friends, and that’s exactly what happened,’” said Zambuto. “George was someone who cared about people his whole life. He was a home health aide, an EMT, a nurse, a registered nurse, a cardio-care nurse – always helping seniors with their issues, so he did a lot of good. He did a lot for the City of Revere, and he was a good man and I’ll miss him, and may God bless his soul.”

Zambuto said he will work hard for the residents of Revere.

“Every decision I make up here is based in science and in fact,” said Zambuto. “Any position that I take is a position that’s reasoned. A lot of people don’t agree with some of my positions, but the bottom line is I do what’s best

WINTHROP CATHOLIC WOMEN’S HOLDS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY



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for the city and I’m going to continue to do that. I’m grateful to be back [on the Council]. I’m happy to be able to contribute to the betterment of the City of Revere.”

TOWN MANAGER UPDATES COUNCIL ON CONTRACTS, VOTING

WINTHROP - Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino updated the Town Council on contract negotiations with the town’s municipal unions at last week’s meeting.

Chief among the news was the retroactive settling of the police union’s previous three-year contract, which ran through June of this year.

At its next meeting in October, the council is

expected to vote on transferring \$241,000 from salary reserve to the police department budget to pay for the retroactive contract settlement.

Tuesday night, the council also voted to approve transferring \$195,000 from salary reserve to cover the retroactive costs of the recently settled firefighters union contract. That contract runs through 2024.

Marino said there are also tentative contract agreements in place with the town’s public works and clerical unions.

“They need to take those back to their groups to get ratification,” said Marino.

The Town Manager added that negotiations are also moving along with the library union and

that that contract could be settled after another two or three meetings.

“Other than the police, we will be set for the next two years with fire and three years with everyone else,” said Marino.

Once the retroactive contract with the police union is paid out, Marino said work will begin to see if the town can get an agreement on a current contract with that union.

In other business, Marino updated the council on the impressive early voting totals in the town for the Sept. 6 state primary election.

“I’d like to thank (Town Clerk) Denise (Quist) and her staff for the state primary on Sept. 6,” said Marino.

During the primary, Marino said two polling

locations changed, with every precinct but precinct 4 voting at the old middle school, and it worked out well.

“I think in last November’s town election, there were roughly 2,200 voters, and we had roughly 2,800 voters in the Sept. 6 primary,” said Marino. “Of those 2,800 voters, 1,750 of them voted early at Town Hall in person, and then we had 58 absentee ballots and 990 people who voted in person on Tuesday, Sept. 6. That’s 66 percent of the voters who were early voters.”

Marino said those numbers make it viable for at least the next election in November to keep with the current polling locations.

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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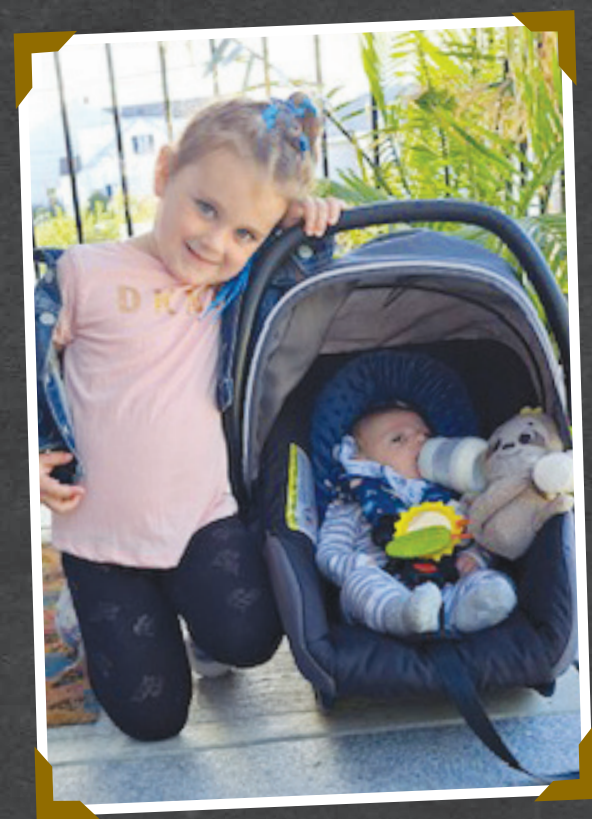
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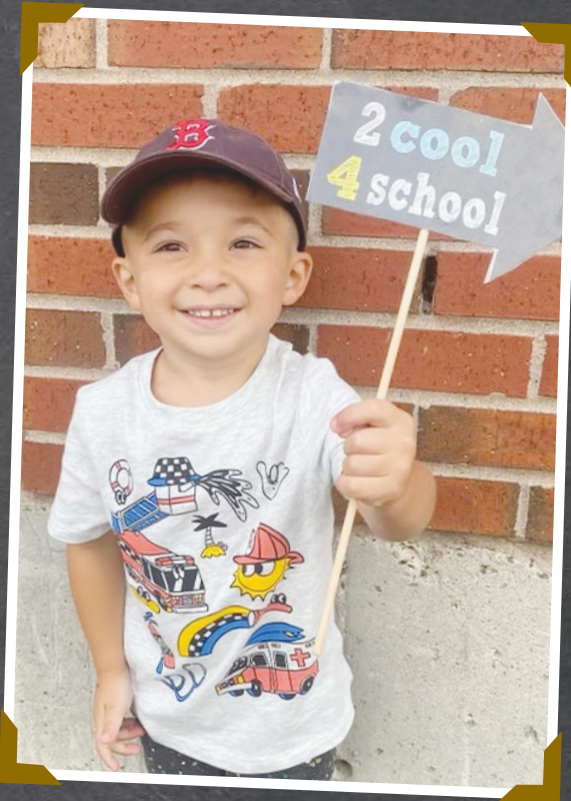
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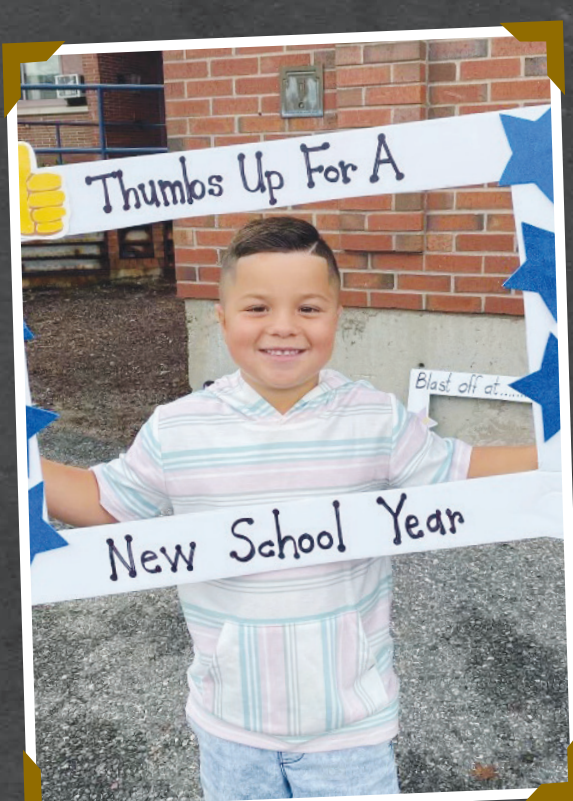
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