

Girl Scouts in Eastern Mass. are now selling Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts kicks-off the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie season as Girl Scouts and their troops rally the community to support the world’s largest entrepreneurial program for girls. The annual cookie program will run through Friday, March 10th.

Consumers can support their local Girl Scouts by purchasing their favorite varieties including Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Patties®, Adventure-fuls™, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Lemonades™, Trefoil®, Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookie (gluten-free and peanut-free) and Toast-Yay!™.

In addition to everyone’s quintessential favorites, Girl Scouts has a new, online exclusive cookie, Raspberry Rally, which is a thin crispy cookie infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in the same delicious chocolate coating as the beloved Thin Mints cookies. This new cookie will be the first in the Girl Scout Cookie lineup to be exclusively offered for online sale and direct shipment only, enhancing girls’ e-commerce sales and entrepreneurial skills.

“The Girl Scouts Cookie Program is iconic in developing future women entrepreneurs. I have heard many times from women that their first experience in sales was through Girl Scouts,” stated Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts CEO Barbara Fortier. “As we enter what I think is the greatest time of year, I encourage people to remember that when you are purchasing a box of cookies, they are not only delicious but you are supporting a future entrepreneur.”

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the world’s largest entrepreneurial program for girls. Girl Scouts’ newly updated Financial Literacy badges offer entrepreneurial playbooks for every age level. From the Cookie Goal Setter badge earned as a Daisy to the Entrepreneur Accelerator for girls in high school, the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls financial literacy, planning, budgeting, teamwork, innovative thinking, and confident decision making.

Girl Scout Cookies are \$5 per package. There are many ways to support the Girl Scout Cookie program this season:

- If you don’t know a Girl Scout, visit gsema.org/buycookies to find a cookie booth (pop-up shop) near you to purchase cookies from a local Girl Scout troop, or to connect with a local troop’s online cookie shop to purchase cookies for a donation or shipment.
- If you know a registered Girl Scout, reach out to them to find out how they’re selling cookies.
- Customers can make a purchase in-person or online and designate their purchase for donation to Cookies for a Cause to benefit first responders and healthcare professionals, the military and veterans’ services organizations,

local food pantries, and more.

- Visit www.gsema.org to have Girl Scout cookies shipped directly to your door. GSEMA will cover 50% of customers’ shipping costs for all online Direct Ship orders of nine packages or more from February 1 – March 10.

Girls in grades K–12 can join Girl Scouts any time during the year to begin their Girl Scout journey. As girls grow with Girl Scouts, they learn hands-on leadership skills they’ll use to make their mark through the Gold Award and beyond. To join or volunteer, visit www.gsema.org.

For more information on Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, please visit www.gsema.org, or follow their social media channels, Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn, for the latest updates on the organization.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) is 30,000 strong, with 20,000 girls and 10,000 volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts, building girl scouts of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. GSEMA is the largest girl serving organization in Massachusetts and the 10th largest Girl Scout council in the United States. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, join, or learn more, visit gsema.org.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adults and Teens Meditation, Parlin Tower Room. Tuesdays, 13 and again on Thursday, December 15, at 12:15 and 1:15 pm.. Take a quick lunch break; reduce your stress from inflation, your job and providing for your family, with Nurse Joanne. Please call 617-394-2300 if you have any questions. No registration required.

Thursday Night Movies, Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 pm in the Parlin Meeting Room. Join us for the Christmas classic, Miracle on 34th Street.

Parlin ChildrenStorytime with Kathleen, Parlin Children’s Toddler Room. Monday December 12 at 10am! Visit the Parlin Memorial Library Children’s Room to attend a storytime in Spanish. Read by Librarian Kathleen! Suggested ages 2-6.

Gayle’s Crafts, Parlin Children’s Craft Room. Tuesday, December 13 at 3PM Christmas Dinosaur Ornament Craft Kit.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. December 16th from 3-5 we will be watching Polar Express. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch movies with your friends and family.

Shute Children
Story Time with Vera, Shute Children’s Room. Thursday, December 15th at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Suggested ages 2-6.

collaborate with Rabbi Sruli Baron of the Tobin Bridge Chabad to enjoy a festive community-wide celebration. After we light the menorah, attendees are welcome to enjoy music, latkes, doughnuts, dreidels, chocolate gelt and more.

All residents and families are invited to attend this celebration as we continue to spread holiday cheer throughout the season.

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES EVERETT’S FIRST POLAR PLUNGE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the Everett Police Department and Law Enforcement Torch Run will be hosting the first annual Polar Plunge on Sunday, December 11 at 11am at the Everett Recreation Center located at 47 Elm St. Check in for plungers will begin at 9am.

Plungers will take turns jumping into a cold pool to support Special Olympics. Participants are encouraged to invite their bravest, inclusion-celebrating friends and family, create a plunge team and start supporting.

The Polar Plunge is about more than just a good time. The program aims to empower over 14,000 Special Olympics athletes in Massachusetts to train and compete in the sports they love, sponsoring lifelong friendships and competitive spirits, and celebrating inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities on and off the playing field.

Please contact PolarPlunge@specialolympicsma.org with any questions.

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES EVERETT PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will be hosting the annual Everett Public Menorah Lighting on Monday, December 19 at 4:30pm in front of City Hall located at 484 Broadway.

Join us as we celebrate Chanukah, which is the Jewish eight-day “festival of lights” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting and special prayers.

The City of Everett is pleased to, once again,

ASSISTED LIVING LOCATORS URGES ADULT CHILDREN TO HAVE LONG TERM CARE PLAN

The holiday season is a time of giving and sharing special moments with your family. As you decorate the tree and bake those cookies, don’t forget about an important gift you can give to your aging parent – the gift of a long-term care plan.

Assisted Living Locators Boston, a local senior

placement and referral service, is urging adult children to have a very merry ... long term care plan to make sure their parents have personalized care and support when they need it.

As parents get older, many will turn to their adult children to help them in the next steps of senior living. Many of these adult children live an average of 450 miles from their parents and are having to assume the role of a long-distance caregiver. According to the National Center on Caregiving, approximately 5 to 7 million adult children in the U.S. are long-distance caregivers.

Assisted Living Locators Boston Vice President of Placement and Aging Strategy John Moniz, a Marshfield resident, stated that adult children, especially those who are long distance caregivers, should use the holiday season as an opportunity to assess the current lifestyle of aging parents and evaluate what can be improved to strengthen their loved one’s health and happiness. “No matter what stage of life your parents are in, talking about long term care and creating a plan now for the future can help them live their life on their own terms,” he explained.

“Assisted Living Locators is a free service that can help you explore and understand elder care options,” said Moniz. “Our senior care advisors meet with each family to learn about their loved one’s needs, living conditions, and personal preferences in order to build a care plan.”

He noted that Assisted Living Locators website also offers an easy-to-use Assessment Tool that can quickly give one insight if it’s time to find a new environment and appropriate senior housing for your aging parent.

Moniz advises adult children to set these long-term planning goals in 2023:

- 1) Prepare and gather essential medical and financial documents for their aging loved one
- 2) Make a plan for paying for long-term care
- 3) Connect with the right kind of support and resources.

“The challenge families with aging parents face today is finding a single source for reliable assistance for a long-term care plan,” he explained. “Assisted Living Locators has a full roster of services for seniors around there need for in-home care or senior living arrangements. From relocation to respite care to alternative solutions for paying for long-term care, our comprehensive resources can help you prepare for the future.”

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Property Address: 394 Second Street
Map/Parcel: K0-06-000011
Permit Number: B-22-995
Property Owner: AZA Properties LLC
\ 394 Second Street
Everett, MA 02149
Person Requesting: Lauren Delarda / Viewpoint Sign
35 Lyman Street
Northborough, MA 01532
PROPOSAL:
Applicant seeks a permit for the installation of an “Electric Message Center” with dimensions 6’-0” x 4’-0” in a 16’ free standing sign at the front of the property. Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Signs and Billboard Ordinance Section 12A:
Section 12A-64 “Prohibited Signs” which specifically prohibits “Signs which have blinking, flashing or fluttering lights or other illuminated devices which have changing light intensity, brightness, or color”.

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got a great response from everybody.”

Following his All-Scholastic career, Gaff played football at St. Francis Xavier University (Nova Scotia), where his team won a national championship. After college, Gaff continued his outstanding career for Ottawa in the

Canadian Junior Football League (CJFL), the minor league professional feeder system for the Canadian Football League (CFL). Gaff returned to Everett and was appointed to the Everett Police Department.

Gaff, 57, is the father of two sons, Chris, and Co-

rey, a Massachusetts State trooper, who played college football at Plymouth State University. Joe also has two grandchildren.

Gaff began coaching high school football at Chelsea High School, leading the Red Devils to the Super Bowl title in the 1995 season.



Everett Police Sgt. Joe Gaff (fifth from left, back row), is pictured with his coaches and teammates on the 1982 Super Bowl champion Dom Savio High School football team at their 40th anniversary reunion Sunday at Anthony’s in Malden. Gaff excelled as an All-Scholastic, two-way linemen for the Spartans who went 11-0 and defeated Rockland, 14-12, in the Division 4 Super Bowl at BU’s Nickerson Field.

Postal Service changes delivery times for holiday season

The Postal Service is keeping up the pace as the hustle and bustle of the holiday season gains momentum. To ensure customers get their holiday packages on time, our letter carriers will be delivering as early as 6:00 a.m. in many major metro locations across the country. So, if you hear the sounds of an early morning package delivery, please know it’s our way of helping Santa get an early start.

This month, our carriers will be out delivering in the early mornings in many communities. To help keep your letter carrier safe, we ask you to keep your porch light on, especially if you notice mail has not yet been delivered.

We have prepared all year to deliver certainty and continuity this holiday, and that means starting early in the morning.

Tips for a successful holiday mailing and shipping season:

- Use free Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes. They are available at Post Office locations or online at usps.com/freeboxes.

- Make it easy with the Click-N-Ship feature. You can create shipping labels and pay for postage online at usps.com/ship.
- Schedule a free Package Pickup when the carrier delivers your mail. It’s free, regardless of the number of packages. Pickups can be scheduled at usps.com/pickup.
- Mail and packages that weigh more than 10 ounces or are more than a half-inch thick and use stamps as postage cannot be dropped into a collection box or left for a carrier to pick up. Instead, take them to a local Post Office.
- Sign up for Informed Delivery. Keep an eye on your deliveries by registering at informeddelivery.usps.com to see what packages are enroute and to track them.

- delivered.
- Monitor your front door. If you have a home security camera system, ensure it captures and saves activity at your front door and mailbox. If you catch any mail thieves in the act, save the video and alert your local Postal Inspectors. Video surveillance goes a long way in preventing crimes and catching the bad guys. You can reach the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455.
 - Don’t leave delivered mail and packages unattended. Just as wallets and purses shouldn’t be left on the front seat of an unlocked car overnight, mail and packages shouldn’t be left uncollected in mailboxes or on front porches for any length of time.

City of Everett is well prepared for winter

Special to the Independent

With the snow season now upon us, the City is well prepared for both snow removal and emergency measures. The Mayor recently met with his senior staff to ensure that the procedures, staffing, and supplies for snow removal and parking enforcement are effectively in place.

All pieces of snow removal equipment, both City-owned and contracted vehicles, along with several snow blowers for City buildings will be made available for the upcoming season. For major storms, crews will work in coordinated split shifts, utilizing plows, sanders, bobcat front-end loaders, and sidewalk plows to ensure the safety of the City’s main arteries, side streets and sidewalks. In the days following major storms, the DPW will continue the work of plowing and coordinating additional snow removal.

The City has reaffirmed its strategy for notifying residents of parking bans. Parking bans and

restrictions will be implemented and enforced ahead of storms. Once the decision has been made to declare a snow emergency, the information will be made available to residents through robo calls, postings on ECTV, social media, website and by the activation of the blue emergency lights along main arteries. Residents can also call 311 for any information.

For this snow season, December 2022 – March/April of 2023, the year used for parking bans will be 2023 – an odd numbered year – thus vehicles should park on the ODD side of the street. For secondary streets, where parking is normally allowed on both sides when a snow emergency is called, parking is ONLY allowed on the side of the street where the house numbers are ODD. This would apply for the entire snow season. However, streets that are one-sided parking you must remain on the side that is usually allowed. As always, there is no parking permitted on main arteries during a

parking ban.

Main arteries include:

- Chelsea, Hancock, Nichols, Norwood, Lawrence, Bell Rock, Bryant, Broadway, Main, Elm, Ferry, Fuller, Lynn, Bucknam, High, Garland, Alpine, Second, Tileston, Tremont, Union.

Failure to follow parking ban and snow emergency regulations will result in the ticketing and towing of vehicles.

The Code Enforcement Department would also like to remind people when shoveling not to throw snow back into the street. This hinders the efforts of the City to effectively plow our roadways, and is subject to fines. Also, using objects to reserve parking spaces on City streets is prohibited by City ordinance.

The Mayor and his administration ask that all residents help the City achieve a successful snow removal season by following these regulations, and thank everyone in advance for their cooperation. For more information, please call the Mayor’s Office at 617-394-2270.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Paul’s Towing 3 Buell Street, Everett, MA, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after December 22, 2022 beginning at 10:00am by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Paul’s Towing:

1. 2015 Ford F-250 VIN 1F17W2B61FEA25754

2. 2007 Lincoln MKX VIN 2LMDU88C27BJ39820

3. 2015 Mercedes Benz Sprinter 3500 VIN WDP-PF4C7F9616690

4. 2015 Honda Civic VIN 19XFB2F5XFE705407

Signed, Paul Belmonte Owner

12/7, 12/14, 12/21 EV

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Yebba, Kenneth P	Yebba, Dennis L	2 Hawthorn St	\$500,000
Pyakurel, Uddhab	Ray, Richard J	23 Westover St	\$640,000
Kunga, Simon	Herrera, Bobby B	32 Fremont Ave	\$619,000
Jamba RT	Santos, Agostinho P	69 Swan St	\$1,300,000
Harpin, Kathryn	Small, Rodney P	110 Glendale St	\$570,000
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 20 Chelsea Street
Everett, MA 02149
Map/Lot: L0-01-000009
Person Requesting: Cenvia Real Estate LLC
22 Chelsea Street
Everett, MA 02151

PROPOSAL:

Applicant is seeking approval to: To construct a Five (5) Story 64.5-foot mixed use building with the first story being used as Commercial Space and Floors 2 to 5 and the penthouse for Seventeen (17) Residential Apartments. Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance.

Reason for Denial:

- The proposed Front Yard is only 0.1 feet in depth
- The proposed building does not have the required rear yard as the plot plan indicates only 0.1feet.
- The proposed building has a FAR of 4 to 1 for the residential portion of the building
- The proposed building has Five (5) Stories

Zoning:

Section 6 Business District Section B. Dimensional Requirements line 4 Front yard which states the following

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

Section 6 Business Section District B. Dimensional Requirements line 6 Rear yard which states the following

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

Section 6 Business Section District B. Dimensional Requirements line 2 a. Lot Area which states the following:

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

Section 6 Business Section District B. Dimensional Requirements line 3 a, Height which states the following:

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

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 27 Auburn Street
Map/Lot: L0-03-000234
Person Requesting: Mr. Josias DeVargas
Ms. Luiza Bruna Vargas
27 Auburn Street
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:

The applicant seeks to convert the existing one-story pool house at the rear of the property into a single (1) family dwelling

Reason for Denial:

- There will two (2) residential buildings on the same lot
- The current building is an existing non-conforming structure for a residential building, in that the rear yard is only 4'-0" in depth and the left side yard is only 2.8 feet.

Zoning:

Section 3 General Requirements paragraph C which states the following:

Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 3 General requirements paragraph 13 which states the following:

Any lot, which is to be occupied for residential purpose shall have a frontage of at least twenty (20) feet wide on one or more streets and there shall be not more than one (1) structure of the type permitted for each such lot. (Ord. of 4-11-88; Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional requirements line (6) Side Yard which states the following:

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

Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional requirements Line (7) Rear Yard which states the following:

- a. Twenty-five (25) feet minimum, except for open decks and porches which may encroach into the required rear yard providing that in no case shall the rear yard be less than fifteen (15) feet measured to any part of the porch or deck.

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PEARL HARBOR WAS
81 YEARS AGO:

It was 81 years ago this week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack as, “A day that will live in infamy,” and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan. Germany and Italy, allies of the Japanese who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for what would become the largest conflagration in world history.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans would die in battlefronts stretching from the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed most of the rest of the world in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. By the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hitler’s Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific.

Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation’s psyche.

But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although America had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese attack still came as a shock to every American.

Americans realized that thanks to the capabilities of modern armaments such as Japanese aircraft carriers and German U-boats, even the continental United States was not insulated from attack by a foreign enemy. Citizens on the West Coast braced for a Japanese invasion in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and curfews were instituted on the Eastern Seaboard.

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 20 years that have told the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn’t free -- and that we always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life.

Your opinions, please

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GUEST OP-ED

Christmas rest and peace

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas should be a relaxing time. If you believe Santa Claus is coming then let him take care of the work. Surely, he will show up. Just ask him to bring dinner when he comes. Make sure he comes in the front door. I don’t know about bringing broccoli casserole down the chimney.

If you are putting up lights, now is the time to do so. You want to have time to enjoy the lights and the more you string together and cover your house the more electricity you are using. This is turn creates a big electric bill but you are keeping the paychecks going for the utility people.

The main thing is don’t go crazy this Christmas. You don’t have to buy everything. The stores love for you to max out your credit cards but you won’t love it in February and March when you are paying it back. Use commonsense when it comes to the entire season. Eat

a piece of pie but don’t eat the pie. Eat a slice of turkey but don’t eat the turkey. Decorate if you wish but you don’t have to spend a week putting up lights. They all have to come back down you know. Spend only what you can afford. If you can’t afford much then don’t press yourself to do what you cannot do.

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus but we often make it a day of bedlam. The birth of Jesus was in Bethlehem. His parents were poor. They had gone to an out of the way town to pay their taxes. There was no place for them to sleep. They slept in a barn and Jesus was born while they were there. Mary laid him in a cow’s trough. They were poor, tired and life was not very easy for Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Keep in mind that Jesus came to save us from our sins. He came to give us peace. The Bible calls him the Prince of Peace. Most people need some peace

and one way to have more peace is to focus on the baby of Christmas. Christ is comfort and peace.

You don’t always find your peace at church. The church isn’t Jesus. If your church is stressing you out, harping about money every Sunday, and pulling you in ten different directions then you might consider taking a step back and reevaluating.

The season of joy is here. Don’t depend on others to create joy for you. Get alone with God every day and focus on him. You’ll discover a peace and a rest that only He can provide.

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

National Grid recommends home preparations ahead of winter

With colder weather and storm season approaching, including the likelihood of rain and strong winds later today, National Grid is encouraging customers to proactively prepare their homes and businesses for the weeks and months ahead.

Every day, National Grid works to ensure that customers receive the safest and most reliable energy service possible. National Grid has secured sufficient natural gas supplies to keep customers warm this winter, and is continuously inspecting, investing in, and upgrading critical infrastructure, performing vegetation management services to keep power lines clear of obstructions, and preparing our crews to respond to major weather events.

In 2021, National Grid made more than \$800 million in infrastructure and related investments across Massachusetts, including work that upgraded and secured critical facilities that help power and heat homes and businesses. These investments along with other efforts have resulted in National Grid having strong system performance so far in 2022, with our electric network operating at 99.995 availability -- a nearly 7 percent improvement over 2021 -- providing customers with reliable electric service day-in and day-out.

“As we head into the late fall and begin winter, the chance for inclement weather to potentially impact our customers in Massachusetts is greatly increased,” said Tanya Moniz-Witten, Vice President of New England Electric Operations. “Ahead of storm season, we recommend all our customers make sure they are prepared in

case of outages in their area. National Grid takes steps throughout the year to make our system more resilient, but major storms can cause significant damage. In the event of a power outage, our crews and support teams will be ready and working for as long as needed to safely restore service as quickly as possible.”

Winter will also mean higher electric and gas bills. National Grid recognizes increased bills will pose challenges for many customers. In September, the company launched its Winter Customer Savings Initiative, which is designed to help customers reduce their energy use and lower energy costs, manage their energy bills and payments, and help them secure available energy assistance if they need it. More information about the initiative can be found at ngrid.com/here-to-help.

Before inclement weather brings challenges to the region, National Grid is offering customers the following tips and reminders:

Stay Safe:

- People who depend on electric-powered life support equipment, such as a respirator, should let National Grid know. To register as a life support customer, call the company’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-322-3223. News Release

National Grid Recommends Home Preparations Ahead of Winter

National Grid is offering customers tips to make sure they are prepared for storm season

Prepare your home:

- Customers with generators are encouraged to conduct regular maintenance checks to ensure the generator is operating safely.
- If applicable, schedule a home’s furnace tune-up to ensure it is in proper working order, and ensure it and any water heaters are properly vented.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries every year.
- Remove dead or rotting branches on trees.
- Schedule a free Mass Save home energy assessment to learn ways to reduce winter energy use. Call 888-774-3167 to schedule an appointment.

Prepare a winter emergency kit in the event of a major storm with the following items:

- Water – the American Red Cross recommends one gallon of water per person per day.
- Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, plus a can opener.
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First-aid kit.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Personal hygiene supplies.
- Extra cash.
- Cell phone with chargers.
- Emergency contact numbers.

Other items to consider may be found on the National Grid website here.

Customers Should Stay Connected:

- Report power outages at www.nationalgridus.com or call 1-800-465-1212.
- Use a mobile device to track outage information and storm-related safety tips through National Grid’s mobile site accessible at www.ngrid.com/mobile.
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- Track outages and estimated restoration times at www.nationalgridus.com/outage-central.
- Make sure National Grid has updated email addresses and phone numbers on file. Update contact information at ngrid.com. Click on sign in/register.
- To stay connected during storms and outages, text to 64743 using any of the below commands.
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 - o OUT to report an outage
 - o SUM followed by your town, county, or state to get a summary of outages in your area
 - o HELP for the full list of commands

Additional safety information may be found at <https://www.nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Storm-Safety/>

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MELROSE ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

On December 12, the Melrose Arts and Crafts Society will hold the December monthly meeting at the First Baptist Church on 561 Main Street, Melrose. This December meeting has a definite holiday theme. Class instructors are Judi Lamntea on making jewelry, Sue Camberlain on making diamond dot projects and Lori Rossi on making poinsettia ornaments. Lida Camberlain and Lori Rossi will be handing out holiday sing-along sheets and leading holiday activities—fun for all! Members contributed to a table of their homemade wares at the Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church Alternative Fair on December 3. The January Monthly Meeting will be held at the same address as above. New members are always welcome whether from the surrounding communities or not. If interested, please call Dorothy Iudice at 781-662-2099. Hope to see you there.

EHS Roundup

EVERETT HIGH WINTER SPORTS TO GET UNDERWAY

The Everett High winter athletic season is set to kick into high gear in the coming week.

The EHS hockey team will open its 2022-23 campaign this Saturday, December 10, when the Crimson Tide trek to Lynn. They will travel to Medford next Thursday.

The Tide will engage in a full, 20-game schedule in which they will take on Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Lynn and Somerville twice each and Medford on three occasions.

Non-league opponents include East Bridgewater, Timberlane Academy, Matignon, St. Joseph's Prep, Taunton, Lowell, and Bedford. The Tide also will host the annual Bishop Mulloy Tourney in February at Allied Veterans Rink.

The boys and girls basketball teams swing into action next Tuesday evening (December 13) when they will meet GBL foe Revere.

Coach Stanley Chamblain's Tide, the defending GBL champs, will trek to the Beach City, while coach Riley Dunn's Lady Crimson Tide will host the Lady Patriots at the EHS gym at 6:00.

Both teams will meet their seven GBL foes (Revere, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Somerville, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical) twice each.

The boys' non-league

schedule consists of two contests in the Burke High School holiday tournament; single contests with Cambridge and Central Catholic; and two more games another tournament at the end of February.

In addition, Chamblain and his crew will have a special thrill this season when they meet Beverly in the TD Garden on Saturday, January 21, at 1:30.

The girls' non-GBL opponents are Lawrence, Malden Catholic, and Lowell, whom the Lady Crimson Tide will meet twice each to complete their 20-game schedule.

Coach Jehu Cimea once again returns as the head

coach for both the boys and girls indoor track teams, who will open their dual-meet season next Wednesday (December 14) at Revere, which is the defending GBL champion.

The Tide's dual-meet season will consist of contests against all seven of their GBL rivals every Wednesday through January 25, culminating in the league meet at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center on Friday, February 3.

Members of the team also will compete in the multitude of state invitational meets that will be held at the Reggie throughout the season.

MAYOR DEMARIA CONGRATULATES CRIMSON TIDE POP WARNER 8U CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM



Mayor Carlo DeMaria alongside the Crimson Tide Pop Warner 8U championship team players, coaches and team mom.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently congratulated the Crimson Tide Pop Warner 8U team on their 2022 National League 8U Division 1 championship and their undefeated season at City Hall.

The Mayor spoke with the players about what

NFL team they'd like to play for when they grow up and the importance of education and working hard in school.

"I was very pleased to have them as our guests at City Hall," said Mayor DeMaria. "They brought so much energy and ex-

citement, and I could tell they were proud of their accomplishment, as they should be."

Mayor DeMaria presented the players, coaches and team mom with citations on behalf of the City in recognition of their accomplishment.

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THE CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

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The City Of Everett held a celebration in lighting the Christmas Tree at Broadway and School Street. Musical performances, trolley rides, activities, food vendors, and more awaited attendees. Also Santa and Mrs Claus received visitors from the many good children in Everett at the Public Library. There was fun for all.



A Girl Scout pauses to contemplate the joy and magic of the Holidays.



Best friends Emily Wallace and Shivana Shrestha share in the Holiday magic.



Janey David sings O Holy Night and Christmas, Baby Please Come Home.



Neide, Erica, and Nina Lisboa enjoy some family time together.



Everett City Councilor Darren Costa with his son Luca.



Belinda, Joe, Giuliana, and Natalia Morello.



The Parking Lot at School Street Place was equipped with social media backdrops, a Snowman Bouncy-House, and a Holiday Trolley Ride.



Frosty The Snowman mingles in the crowd and makes some new friends.



The audience listens as a choir comprised of combined Girl Scout Troops throughout Everett sings various Holiday standards.



Hiba Benhafoua and Miranda DeMasi meet The Grinch.



Everett Police Sgt. Joe Gaff (left) and Chief of Police Steven A. Mazzie (right) keep an eye on Big Dougie Soule.



Iona Ware is going to need a little more time to let the Holiday fun win her over but a ride on her dad Edgar is helping.



The Everett 8-U Football Team.



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Branden Finley with his sister Alice Williams



Kids flock to the Snowman Bouncy-House.



Gina the Snow Queen is not above taking selfies as Isabela Bicalho and Leilana Ros Morales discovered.



A choir comprised of combined Girl Scout Troops throughout Everett sings various Holiday standards.



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FRESH AND LOCAL

Canned Tuna: 101

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Canned tuna options have changed over the past few years, so we’ve decided to review some of your choices in the canned fish aisle. Many of us keep cans or jars of tuna on hand. This pantry-stable product is an excellent source of protein and can add essential nutrients like omega-3 fatty acids to your diet.

What’s in the Can or Jar?

There are several factors you should consider when choosing tuna. Start with a bit of label scrutiny. First, read the ingredients. We always like any processed food to have as few ingredients as possible. Our favorite canned tuna has just two ingredients: Skipjack tuna and salt. Other ingredients that might be in a can of tuna are olive oil, water, vegetable broth, vegetable oil, and soy.

Two ingredients may signify that the tuna was

only cooked once and should contain all the original omega-3 fatty acids. The government requires pressure cooking in the container for safe preservation. Some brands cook the tuna twice, and you lose some nutrition in the liquid left behind in the first round. Our choice puts raw tuna in the can and cooks it once. The fat and liquid in our can are all from the tuna.

We choose Skipjack for lower levels of mercury. The Environmental Defense Fund explains, “There are two main kinds of canned tuna: chunk light and solid or chunk white (albacore). All canned white tuna is albacore. Its mercury levels are almost three times higher than the smaller skipjack tuna, used in most canned light tuna products.”

Finally, other words indicate that the tuna in the can is more sustainable and better for the environment. These are “pole or line caught,” and “dolphin and turtle safe,” “No Nets

and No Long lines.” You may see certification from the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) or choose a brand on the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Seafood watch list.

Quick Meal Starters

Many tuna brands have added packets, cans, or jars of tuna with seasoning or vegetables to their line-ups. These can turn a salad or a grain bowl into a meal in minutes. Since these are often single-serving sizes, you can try a few and add your favorites to your pantry.

At the end of a long day, you might reflect on what you ate and decide you didn’t get enough protein. When this happens, we grab a can of Freshé Sicilian Caponata or Provence Niçoise. You can have it with good bread, on top of a salad, or mixed with grains, legumes, or beans. We’ve added a few cans of these products to our emergency meal stash since canned tuna usually has an extended best-by



For a quick lunch, it took minutes to pull the tab on a can of Sicilian Caponata with tuna and arrange it on a bowl of arugula.

date. Our current supply has a date in 2026.

Zippy Ingredients

Flavored tunas can add zip to favorite comfort foods like tuna salads, tuna noodle casseroles, tuna melts, tuna patties, pasta al tonno, and salade Niçoise. As with any processed food, read the nutrition and ingredient information to decide if the

calorie count, sodium level, and percentage of saturated fat in these mixes are compatible with your family’s dietary needs and limitations.

As we all learn more to take better control of the food we eat, decisions require a bit more research. However, once you find a few products with flavor, nutrition, and sustainability standards that meet

your own, you can keep buying them. And, when you see something new, you’ll have a product that any new item will have to top to win a spot on your shopping list.

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

Public program honors Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at Charlestown Navy Yard

National Parks of Boston hosted a commemorative service and a wreath-laying ceremony at the USS Constitution Museum and on the World War II-era destroyer USS Cassin Young to remember and honor those who perished in the attack on the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The free three-part public program on Wednesday, December 7, was held in Charlestown Navy Yard, followed by an outdoor ceremony beside USS Cassin Young, and a return to the Museum for

refreshments, generously sponsored by the Mayor’s Office of Veterans’ Services.

Participating in the ceremony was National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey, USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand, USS Constitution Commander Billie J. Farrell, USN, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Affairs Cheryl Poppe, Boston Commissioner of Veterans’ Services Robert Santiago, and other special guests including Kay Van

Valkenburgh, great grandson of Captain Franklin Van Valkenburgh of USS Arizona. The program will include the USN Color Guard and rifle and cannon salutes from both Cassin Young and Constitution. The public will also be invited to participate in the Museum’s “50,000 Letters of Gratitude” initiative to send letters of appreciation to veterans, active service members, and their families.

USS Cassin Young was named for U.S. Navy Commander Cassin

Young, recipient of the Medal of Honor for his distinguished and heroic actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor, which initiated the United States’ entry into World War II. As commanding officer of USS Vestal, which was moored to USS Arizona, Comdr. Young took personal command of his ship’s three-inch antiaircraft gun at the beginning of the attack. When the forward magazine of Arizona was hit, Cmdr. Young was thrown overboard and incredibly swam back to his ship amidst burning oil on the water between the two ships. Despite the subsequent bombing of Vestral, Comdr. Young moved his ship away from Arizona to save the ship and countless lives.

Cassin Young has similarly served the country with distinction. It was built in San Pedro, California, typical of the many Fletcher-class destroyers constructed in the Charlestown Navy Yard during World War II. The ship was commissioned at the end of 1943 and first saw action in the Pacific Theatre in 1944. It took part in the landings in the Philippines, rescued survivors from the stricken carrier USS Princ-

eton, screened the American force that sank four Japanese carriers in the battle of Cape Engano, and survived two separate kamikaze hits, one of which killed 21 crew members. No stranger to Charlestown, the ship was recalled to service in 1951 and underwent modernization at the shipyard on several occasions during the next decade before finally hauling down her commissioning pennant in 1960. “It is fitting that we remember this day aside Cassin Young at Charlestown Navy Yard, one of the first of six Navy Yards in the country,” said National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey. “The National Park Service protects the Cassin Young and provides a home base for USS Constitution, to honor the service people of the United States Navy past and present, and provide current and future generations the opportunity to forge meaningful connections to these national treasures and iconic cornerstones of the American story.”

The National Parks of Boston is a collection of three National Park Service sites – Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American

National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Established by individual legislation and for designated purposes, the three units have come together under a unified organizational umbrella to collaborate in ways that celebrate our cultural heritage, reconnect people to history and nature, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities on land and on the water. For more information, visit: nps.gov/boston, nps.gov/boaf, and boston-harborislands.org.

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today’s 10Best Readers’ Choice in the “Best History Museum” category and Boston Parents Paper’s Family Favorites in the “Historic Sites & Tours” and “Museums & Attractions” categories. For more information, visit usscm.org.

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



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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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News and Notes

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Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and You Tube.

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

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor the bulletin! For a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

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

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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News and Notes

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to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

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During snow emergencies, it is very unlikely that trash pickup is delayed. In the rare occasion that it happens, we will contact you through the avenues listed above.



An easy way to tell if there is an impending snow emergency is to check the flashing blue lights on main roads.



Our 311 Constituent Services Department is open during all snow storms. The alternative phone number is 617-394-2270. You can use this number for all snow related issues.



If your vehicle is towed due to noncompliance with snow emergency rules, you can locate your vehicle by calling:

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REV. SIMPSON RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

LYNN - On November 10, 2022 the Reverend Bill Simpson, a member of the Lynn Rotary Club, was recognized as a Community Hero at a ceremony held at the Danversport Yacht Club. Several other Rotarians were also recognized at the ceremony attended by approximately 250.

Reverend Bill Simpson, soon to be 98 years old, was a Pastor of Bethany United Church of Christ of Lynn for 40 years. After officially retiring from active ministering, he was a volunteer pastor at the First Church Congregational in Swampscott. He was an ordained minister for over 60 years. He has been married for 39 years to Margaret, better known as Peg. He was born in Maryland in the mid 1920's and raised on a farm. He has a son Timothy as well as three grandchildren.

In 1995, the Rotary Club of Lynn honored one of their own members, the Reverend William Simpson, for his contributions to the community and for his support for Rotary causes over many years. Reverend Simpson was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh, Scotland in 1952-53, and joined the Lynn Rotary Club in 1983. In his nearly 40 years of membership, Reverend Simpson was known as a true Rotarian who lived the principle of "Service Above Self". He was the Program Committee Chairman, and participated in many Rotary activities over the years. He has been a strong supporter of Camp Rotary, a member of its Board, and helped each year in helping to identify local youths as camp participants in need of scholarship help. He was a youth counsellor in public schools in Lynn and Lynnfield for several years.

Reverend Bill consistently volunteered to serve at My Brother's Table well into his 90's. He

worked shoulder to shoulder with members 30 and 40 years younger than him. Bill was a regular volunteer at the monthly Catholic Charities food distribution. Unfortunately, Covid put a temporary stop to both of those activities. During the period when My Brother's Table could not have volunteers inside, Bill and Peg made hundreds of PB&J's at home for delivery to the "Table" numerous times.

In September 2022, he reached out to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist a woman with an urgent food need and in need of emergency funds for a dental procedure. In the summer of 2021 he provided personal funds to a woman so she could have an old RV towed from NH to Lynn for a place to call home for several months.

Those are only a couple examples of people reaching out to the "Reverend" for assistance. They knew that he was a person one could reach out to for help.

He is truly a Hero of the Community! The photo shows Bill at My Brother's Table shortly before Covid shut things down.

TAX BILLS TO REMAIN FLAT

REVERE - Revere homeowners will see their property tax bills stay fairly even in the next fiscal year.

The City Council approved the minimum residential tax factor, a vote that shifts the burden of property taxes to commercial property owners.

"That allows us to shift the tax rate 175 percent onto the commercial (property)," said Chief Assessor Dana Brangiforte. "Doing so allows us to adopt the lowest residential tax rate possible."

With the tax shift approved, the state's Department of Revenue still has to approve the project tax rate.

It's expected that the residential tax rate for FY23 will be \$9.51 per \$1,000 of valuation, while the commercial rate would be set at \$18.98.

Also taken into account in the amount residents will pay on their tax bill is the valuation of the properties.

"Single family homes, value wise, were up around 10 percent," said Brangiforte.

With the proposed

tax rate, the average single-family homeowner in Revere will see an increase on their tax bill of \$33 for FY23. The average single-family home value in the city is about \$473,000.

"Some will pay more and some less, but on average, it is not a substantial increase," Brangiforte said.

Condominium owners can expect to see a decrease in their bills of about \$40 on average, and owners of two-family homes a decrease of about \$20. The average tax bill on three-family homes will increase by about \$90, according to Brangiforte.

On the commercial side, he said property owners can expect to see a 14 percent increase in the tax bill, although he said that increase is more dependent on the size of the property, with owners of smaller businesses and properties likely not seeing as large of a hike.

Brangiforte also touched on the total amount of money the city can raise through property taxes in FY23, noting there was about \$3 million of new growth, raising the levy limit from about \$102 million last year to \$107,656,000 in FY23. Under state law, the city can increase the levy limit by 21/2 percent per year, and then add in the new growth.

Growth is anything that is subject to new taxation for the first time, from new building to renovations.

There was about \$1 million in residential new growth for FY23, with the main drivers being development at 656 Ocean Ave., the old G&J towing site on Whitin Avenue, 257 Washington Ave., and the planned residential development at the Suffolk Downs property.

Commercial new growth nearly doubled the residential growth at about \$2 million, with the the major parcels being the commercial development at Suffolk Downs, the new Amazon facility on Squire Road, and a new hotel at 400 Ocean Ave.

LETTERIE'S NOTES 20th ANNIVERSARY

WINTHROP - Letterie's Italian Market in Winthrop Center is celebrating its 20th anniversary under the ownership of Jim Letterie.

The current president of the Winthrop Town Council, Letterie spoke about the history of his store.

"The store's been in Winthrop since 1956 with the Abbatesa's (formerly Terrie's Food Mart)," noted Letterie. "I bought it in 2002 and we're celebrating the 20th anniversary this month. It's been an incredible opportunity for my family and me."

Letterie's has been a popular lunch-time destination for Winthrop families throughout the store's history.

"I think what I get the most enjoyment out of is to see a whole generation of kids come through the store," said Letterie. "Basically, when I started, they were just born and now they've graduated from college. To see a whole generation of children grow up, it's really special. Winthrop is a unique town and a special place. And as I like to tell everybody, it's just a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

Letterie's has a wide variety of specialties and submarine sandwiches, with the Italian and "Figlesworth" subs topping the list of favorites. As the Letterie's Italian Mar-

ket website proudly proclaims, the store is known for "its continued tradition of quality cold cuts sliced to order, its famous in-store roast beef, the tremendous line of subs, wraps, and salads all made to order, and its increasingly popular catering business featuring Italian specialties, homemade calzones, and our signature wrap platters, along with custom-made subs up to eight feet in length."

Letterie has served in town government for 17 years. He is entering his second year as council president.

Jim's wife, Dawn Letterie, has been a Winthrop schoolteacher for 35 years. Their son, Jake, is a 2020 graduate of George Washington University and now lives and works in the nation's capital. Their daughter, Jenna Letterie, is a senior at Middlebury College, where she is the captain of the reigning NCAA Division 3 national championship women's ice hockey team. The team was undefeated in the 2021-22 season. "That was an incredible experience and she's now the captain of this year's team hoping to defend the title."

Letterie said he was

grateful for the residents' support and patronage of his business over the past two decades.

"I can't thank the residents of Winthrop enough for their patronage over the past 20 years and all the employees who have worked at the store. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Abbatesas for their 40-plus years owning the former Terrie's and laying the foundation that I could build upon," said Letterie.

Rep. Turco offers his congratulations

State Rep. Jeff Turco is among the many residents who have stopped by the store to offer their congratulations to the business owner and long-time member of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce.

"It is with great honor that I congratulate Letterie's Italian Market on their 20th Anniversary. They have graciously fed the people of Winthrop delectable Italian food for two decades. It is always a pleasure celebrating the success of small businesses in Winthrop. Congratulations and to many more years of achievement serving the great community of Winthrop," said Rep. Turco.

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Boston Lyric Opera’s 2022-23 mid-season casting and ticket announcement

Casting and production announcements for Boston Lyric Opera’s (BLO) spring 2023 performances are being released today, including performers in BLO’s premiere production of Bluebeard’s Castle/Four Songs in March 2023 and the New England premiere of Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels’ new opera, Omar in May 2023. Public tickets for both performances are on sale December 1.

BLUEBEARD’S CASTLE/FOUR SONGS

Bass-baritone Ryan McKinny stars as the fictional, fairytale character Bluebeard in Béla Bartók’s one-act psychological thriller Bluebeard’s Castle that will be paired with the dramatic song cycle Four Songs (Vier Lieder) by composer Alma Mahler (wife of Gustav). The highly anticipated produc-

tion is directed by Anne Bogart, whose 2019 version of The Handmaid’s Tale for BLO received universal acclaim and was one of BLO’s best-selling shows. Naomi Louisa O’Connell sings the role of Judith, the bride who realizes she’s gotten herself into a much different post-nuptial situation than she envisioned. O’Connell also performs Mahler’s “Four Songs.” BLO Music Director David Angus conducts. Bluebeard’s Castle/Four Songs will play March 22-26, 2023 in an immersive, multi-genre experience that includes a salon-like atmosphere, dance and more installed at The Terminal @ Flynn Cruiseport in South Boston.

OMAR

Tenor Jamez McCorkle stars in Omar, the title role he premiered at the Spole-



JIVANG CHEN PHOTO

Ryan McKinny.

to Festival last spring and brought to LA Opera this fall. Omar is the story of Omar Ibn Said, a prominent scholar of the Islamic faith and many other subjects, who was born to a wealthy West African family. Enslaved in South Carolina at 37 years old, Ibn Said escaped his first place of enslavement and headed to North Carolina where he lived as a slave



LEIGH WEBBER PHOTO

Jamez McCorkle.

until his death in 1864. His is the only known autobiographical essay written in Arabic by a Muslim man enslaved in America.

Grammy winner Rhiannon Giddens wrote the libretto and composed the music in partnership with film and orchestral composer Michael Abels for a production conceived by Kaneza Schaal. Classical Voice San Francisco

called the production “a profoundly moving spectacle,” and lauded McCorkle’s performance as “a career-defining role.” Michael Ellis Ingram conducts the BLO Orchestra and Chorus.

Additional casting announced for Omar includes Cierra Byrd in the role of Fatima, Omar’s Mother and Daniel Okulich playing the dual roles of enslavers James Owen / Johnson. BLO Emerging Artists (current and alumni) in principal roles include: Neal Ferreira as Auctioneer / Taylor; Emma Sorenson as Eliza, Little Daughter; Nicholas LaGesse as Abdul, Omar’s Brother / Abe; and Fred C. VanNess Jr. as Amadou-Renty. Catherine Daniel plays Katie Ellen/The Caller. Omar plays May 4-7, 2023 at the Emerson Cutler Majestic

Theater.

Omar is co-commissioned by Spoleto Festival USA, Carolina Performing Arts, L.A. Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago and San Francisco Opera. It is inspired by Dr. Ala Alryyes’s translation of Omar Ibn Said’s autobiography in his book A Muslim American Slave: The Life of Omar Ibn Said.

TICKETS ON SALE

Individual tickets for BLO’s Spring 2023 performances of Bluebeard’s Castle/Four Songs and Omar are on sale December 1. Two-show subscriptions, also available now, offer a 10% discount over individual tickets.

Subscriptions and individual tickets can be purchased online at blo.org, by phone at 617.542.6772 or by email at boxoffice@blo.org.

Goldberg receives the Freda Johnson Award

Northeast Women in Public Finance (NEWPF) along with the Bond Buyer will present State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg with the Freda Johnson Award at the Bond Buyer’s Annual Deal of the Year Awards ceremony in New York City on December 6, 2022.

The Freda Johnson Award has been created in honor of NEWPF Founding Board Member Freda Johnson, whose highly successful career in public finance has been an inspiration to many people, particularly women in the industry.

The award recognizes a woman serving or who has served in a position for a public or non-profit issuer who exemplifies the qualities that Johnson

brought to the financial industry as a trailblazer, leader, innovator, and mentor.

“Treasurer Deborah Goldberg is dedicated to improving the lives of the citizens of Massachusetts through both her public position and her non-profit work,” said Freda Johnson. “She is a dynamo, a role model, and an outstanding mentor to women.”

Since taking office in 2015, Treasurer Goldberg has brought an innovative leadership style, and an unwavering commitment to create opportunities for every Massachusetts resident. Her initiatives and programs have supported and advocated for policies that advance effective strategies and foster long-term, sustained growth and

stability for everyone.

“The Treasurer has demonstrated a commitment not only to public finance, but also to the women within it,” said Vivian Altman, Managing Director of Northeast Women in Public Finance. “For her pioneering work and a highly accomplished career in public finance, for her unwavering dedication to diversity and supporting, promoting, and developing women in the industry, Massachusetts Treasurer Deborah Goldberg embodies all the qualities of the Freda Johnson Award. It is with the greatest esteem that we award her the 2022 Freda Johnson Public Sector Award.”

In 2016, the Treasurer started the Women + Finance Fellowship, the first

fellowship of its kind sponsored by a government organization. Understanding the importance of building a network and pipeline, the Treasurer wanted to identify and foster diverse talent for the financial industry, and advocate for the placement of women and non-binary people in leadership roles.

“To receive an award named after someone who was a tremendous trailblazer and overcame incredible barriers is an unbelievable honor,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “Freda exemplifies everything about staying the course, persevering, hanging in there, and then succeeding. So being awarded the Freda Johnson award is thrilling.”

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