





# Greystar celebrates the start of development at 1690 Revere Beach Parkway with demolition event

Greystar Real Estate Partners, LLC (“Greystar”), a global leader in the investment, development, and management of high-quality rental housing and commercial properties throughout the world, and locally in Greater Boston, yesterday held a ceremonial demolition event to mark the start of development at 1690 Revere Beach Parkway, the company’s newest residential project in Everett. 1690 Revere Beach Parkway is a two-phase, 741-unit residential development in Everett’s fast-growing Commercial Triangle district.

Attendees of the demolition event, which included State Representative Joe McGonagle; Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria; Everett Director of Planning & Development Matt Lattanzi; and Everett City Engineer Julius Ofurie, were encouraged to help commence work on the development by picking up a sledgehammer and taking a swing at the existing structure on the site, formerly a Stop & Shop grocery store.

Upon completion of Phase I in early 2025, 1690 Revere Beach Parkway

will deliver 325 units to the Commercial Triangle district. Phase II, set for completion in early 2026, will deliver 416 units. The development, designed by CUBE 3, will provide 875 parking spaces, over 9,500 square feet of retail space, and 22,800 square feet of welcomed amenities for residents.

“We are tremendously pleased to close out 2022 by kicking off work on 1690 Revere Beach Parkway, our third development in Everett’s Commercial Triangle,” said Gary Kerr, Greystar’s Managing Director of US East Development. “This development, along with Greystar’s others at 35 Garvey St. and 85 Boston St., represent a significant expansion of the housing options as well as investment in the public realm that will help the district grow into an attractive live/work/play area. We appreciate the support and partnership from Everett’s leadership and staff on 1690 Revere Beach Parkway.”

Amenities of the two seven-story buildings will include five courtyards, a pool exclusive to each building, a dog park, and

an upper-level terrace on the 7th floor. 1690 Revere Beach Parkway is a seven-minute walk from the Chelsea MBTA station, which offers access to the Silver Line and Commuter Rail. Chelsea Station is the only MBTA station that provides direct access to South Station and North Station, as well as to the Seaport and multiple bus lines. 1690 Revere Beach Parkway also offers proximity to the MBTA’s Wellington Orange Line station, the Encore Boston Harbor resort, and the bustling Assembly Square District.

1690 Revere Beach Parkway, along with Greystar’s other residential developments in the Commercial Triangle, represent a more than \$730 million investment in the city and will help to usher in a new era for the district, with transit-oriented residential, retail, and pedestrian corridors. Located a half-mile away, 35 Garvey St. will deliver 450 units and 85 Boston St. will deliver an additional 714 units across two phases, dubbed Mason (330 units) and The Maxwell (384 units), respectively. Combined, these projects will



Pictured (L to R) Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Gary Kerr, Greystar’s Managing Director of US East Development, Steve Jussaume, Commercial Real Estate, VP at Brookline Bank, and State Representative Joe McGonagle.

also deliver more than 100 affordable units to Everett.

Greystar is making various community improvements throughout Everett’s Commercial Triangle. These include enhancing the streetscape with a new public outdoor space with multimodal connections, improved pedestrian walking paths and sidewalks, and public dog parks. Additional contributions include \$125,000 donation to the Mayor’s Everett Summer Youth Job Program (or similar City of Everett youth program), a Greystar-hosted annual career path education program, an annual

Greystar Giving volunteer day in Everett, and an annual community block party fundraiser on Vale Street.

Greystar is a leading, fully integrated real estate company offering expertise in investment management, development, and management of rental housing properties globally. Headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina, Greystar manages and operates approximately \$230 billion of real estate in 215 markets globally including offices throughout North America, Europe, South America, and the Asia-Pacific region.

Greystar is the largest operator of apartments in the United States, manages more than 754,000 units/beds, and has a robust institutional investment management platform with approximately \$49.9 billion of assets under management, including \$22.6 billion of development assets. Greystar was founded by Bob Faith in 1993 with the intent to become a provider of world-class service in the rental residential real estate business. To learn more, visit [www.greystar.com](http://www.greystar.com).



An artist rendering of the 1690 Revere Beach Parkway development.

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Supt. of Schools Priya Tahiliani, who sat at the same table as DeMaria during his remarks, has advocated for the use of the former Pope John XXIII High School to help alleviate the overcrowding in the local schools. The School Committee also supports using the Pope John property for that use.

As some councilors strayed from the topic of the 880 Broadway property, Council President John Hanlon tried to limit the discussion to the property.

Councilor Richard Dell Isola cut right to the prevailing topic, stating, “What we have here is, it looks like you [Mayor DeMaria] made a decision, people agree or don’t agree – Pope John is not going to happen for a school. We have to decide on what the next step is going to be here for the

students. Let’s talk about what the next step is going to be.”

“We hope to work with the superintendent, and we’ll send you a plan on what buildings we’re going to add modulars to, because we won’t be renovating Pope John, and we won’t be looking at RFPs renovating the old high school because it’s not going to happen, it’s going to be way too costly,” said DeMaria.

DeMaria added that he was hopeful that the MSBA would grant approval for a new Everett High School within the next two or three years.

Dell Isola then asked Supt. Tahiliani which schools would need modular classrooms.

“We have five schools that would need them,” replied Tahiliani. “I’m not sure what a cost would be

for the [classrooms] that connect, but if we’re saying \$6-7 million for five schools, I think that money is better spent on renovating a current school building that you have.”

To her credit, the superintendent was able to cite the exact number of students in “overcapacity” situations at the five schools: Parlin (256), Keverian (221), Lafayette (165), Whittier (75), and Everett High School (500).

Councilor Stephanie Smith concluded the discussion of the property. “As the mayor stated, there will be no RFP. This piece was about an RFP, and we’ll refer it back to sponsor with the hopes that the City Administration and the School Department works together for a new plan for us to vote on,” said Smith.

## Encore / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“All options are certainly on the table,” said Lattanzi. “We have not yet begun true negotiations what a host community agreement, or a revised agreement could look like. We are going to start internally with these conversations this week.”

Councilor Stephanie Martins requested information about the possible renegotiation of the current host agreement that exists with Everett.

“Is the casino agreeable to renegotiating the host agreement versus the other option?” Martins asked.

“We have to know sort of what the parameters are, but to broadly, what I would say, we know

we’re going to be paying additional taxes, so how that gets structured, we’re open to sit down and talk about it,” said Gordon.

Lattanzi said if there were a new host agreement being negotiated, the parties at the negotiating table would include the mayor, the mayor’s chief of staff, the city solicitor, the CFO, and himself.

Martins said she would like to include the Everett police chief and fire chief in the renegotiating process.

The five-star Encore Boston Harbor resort and casino has been a success story for the City of Everett and Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who first launched

the proposal to bring a world-class casino to the city. Business at the resort is booming, and sports bettors may soon be able to wager on this year’s Super Bowl at the sportsbook.

Councilor Wayne Matewsky spoke enthusiastically about Encore’s ongoing financial benefit to the city and its proposed expansion.

“I’m going to vote for this rezoning,” said Matewsky. “It’s passed all the various boards. Our community development director has supported it. It’s the right thing to do. Let’s move this forward. Let’s vote in favor of this tonight.”

## EHS HOCKEY TEAM OPENS WITH 8-1 WIN

The Everett High hockey team, under the direction of new head coach Craig Richards, opened its 2023 season in fine fashion with an 8-1 victory over Lynn this past Saturday on Lynn’s home ice at Connery Rink.

David Saia and Ollie Svendsen paced the Crimson Tide’s scoring barrage with two goals apiece. Teammates Liam Thompson, Frankie Annunziata, Chris Cecca, and Jacob Canton all lit the lamp once each.

“Andrew Crasco, Ryia Tanzinaki, Cam Couto, and Jonathan Brandano played solidly on defense and Ben Rosa played well in goal,” said Richards.

Members of the 2023 squad, which is a co-op team comprised of skaters from Everett, Revere, Malden, and Mystic Valley Charter School, are: Jacob Cantone, Chris Cecca, Aaron Al-Marayati, Austin Annunziata, Frankie Annunziata, Vishant Chawla, Riley Constantine, Cam Couto, Andrew Crasco, Lucas Deguire, Matt Lacroix, Sophia Leung, Ben Rosa, Ben Saia, David Saia, Mykell Schovanec, Jake Simpson, Jacky Summers, Ollie Svendsen, Riya Tanizaki, Liam Thompson, Jonathan Brandano, and Michael Brandano.

The 2023 squad will be led by a quartet of captains: David Saia, Chris Cecca, Jake Simpson, and Lucas Deguire.

Richards and his crew are scheduled to play vs. Medford tomorrow (Thursday) just down the Parkway at LoConte Rink at 4:00, and then will host Lynn next Wednesday afternoon at Allied Veterans Rink for a 4:00 face-off.

## EHS BOYS BASKETBALL SET FOR SEASON-OPENER

Coach Stanley Chamblain and the Everett High boys basketball team were scheduled to open the defense of their Greater Boston League title with their 2023 season-opener last night (Tuesday) at GBL rival Revere.

“The pre-season went fairly well,” said Chamblain, whose 2022 squad was a perfect 14-0 vs. GBL foes last year. “We have a lot of new faces on this year’s roster, but they have shown the ability of really getting after it and wanting to be coached up.”

The Crimson Tide will be led by senior captains Steven Cordero and David De Souza.

“The leadership of our veterans, Steven Cordero, David De Souza, and Kevin Ruiz, has been tremendous,” noted Chamblain. “They have held their teammates accountable from day one. This is an extremely fun group to coach thus far and I’m really excited to see what this season brings.”

The full varsity roster for the 2023 team is as follows: Kamarri Ellerbe, David De Souza, Alex Callejas Portillo, Steven Cordero, Leison Ruiz, Anderson Joseph, Jacob Ward, Lian Santos Do Rosario, Cleevance Erius, Allsin Desruisseaux, Steve Nunes, Adam Penafior, Kevin Ruiz, Aidan Volquez, Jomanuel Desruisseaux, Aidan Duclos, and Sebastian Bryan.

Chamblain will be assisted on the sidelines by assistant coaches Gerry Boyce, Lawan Swain, Brian Benson, Devante Santiago, and Pierre Valmera.

After last night’s season-opener, Chamblain and his crew will play at

GBL foe Medford tomorrow evening (Thursday) and then will make the short trek to GBL rival Malden next Tuesday.

## EHS GIRLS BASKETBALL LOOKING FORWARD TO SEASON

The Everett High girls basketball was set to tip off its 2023 season last night (Tuesday) with a contest against Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere.

“We’re super-excited for the season to begin,” said an enthusiastic EHS head coach Riley Dunn. “We have a strong core group of returners who have been playing together for over two years now and continuing to gel. A few seniors are now healthy and will make some important contributions now that they are back.”

The 2023 Lady Crimson Tide will be led by a pair of captains, senior Kayley Rossi and junior Kaesta Sandy.

In addition to that duo, returning varsity players are: Emilia Maria-Babcock (Soph), Nehemie Lucien (Sr), Lamiah Wyzard (Sr), and Japhnie Pierre (Sr).

“We’re also very excited for the new wave of varsity players,” noted Dunn, a group that includes Malaica Guillaume (Jr), Taisha Alexandre (Jr), Gleidy Tejada (Jr), Tatiana Moran (Sr), Brooklyn Acevedo (Sr), Tanaeja Elie (Sr), Nehemie Joseph (Sr), Olivia Lavaud (Jr), and Malica Guillaume (Jr).

The Lady Crimson Tide scrimmaged two tough teams in Haverhill and Stoneham last week. “They are great programs,” noted Dunn. “A



## News in Brief

### MIDDLESEX SHERIFF'S OFFICE HIRING CORRECTION OFFICERS, MEDICAL PERSONNEL

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) is actively recruiting correction officers and medical personnel to join one of the nation's leading correctional agencies.

In addition to offering free, weekly written exams for potential correction officers, the MSO is currently accepting applications for Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and paramedics. As part of the ongoing recruitment effort, the MSO is offering sign-on bonuses of \$2,500 for new correction officers and \$1,500 for new nurses and paramedics.

The starting base salary for new correction officers is \$60,885 with the ability to earn over \$10,000 more in overtime and bonuses, while the base salary for RNs is \$72,904 plus additional benefits. The starting base salary for LPNs and paramedics is \$70,825.

Individuals interested in learning more about careers with the MSO can do so by visiting [middlesexsheriff.org/hr](http://middlesexsheriff.org/hr).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adults and Teens Meditation, Parlin Tower Room. Tuesdays, December 20 and again on Thursday, December 22 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.

Chess Club, Parlin Fire-

place Room. Wednesday, December 21 from 3-5pm. Play, learn, and practice chess at our club meetings every other Wednesday. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Call 617-394-2300 with any questions. No registration required.

Thursday Night Movies, Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 pm in the Parlin Meeting Room. Bye Buddy, we hope you find your dad! Join us for Elf, hot chocolate, candy canes, and popcorn.

Parlin Children Storytime with Kathleen, Parlin Childrens Toddler Room. Mondays, December 19 at 10am! Visit the Parlin Memorial Library Children's Room to attend a storytime in Spanish. Read by Librarian Kathleen! Suggested ages 2-6.

Drama Class, Parlin Children's Craft Room. Wednesday, December 21 at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children's Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Shute (All Ages)  
A Christmas Carol with the Delvina Theatre Company, Shute Meeting Room. The Christmas season comes alive on Tuesday, December 20 at 7 PM with Delvena Theatre Company's production of the beloved story of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. A dramatic reading, including scenes, of A Christmas Carol, featuring three actors in period costumes. Watch in fascination as Marley comes back from the dead to help Scrooge amend his miserly ways here on earth and transform himself into a pleasant, giving old gentleman. Registration is not required. This program is for all ages.

## DIDOMENICO JOINS PEARL HARBOR COMMEMORATION



Pictured (left to right) are Anne Grimes Rand, President, USS Constitution Museum; Commander B.J. Farrell, USN, 77th in Command of USS Constitution; Kay Van Valkenburgh, great grandson of USS Arizona Captain Franklin Van Valkenburgh; Superintendent Michael Creasey, General Superintendent, National Parks of Boston; Robert Santiago, Commissioner, City of Boston Veterans Services; Cheryl Lussier Poppe, Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services; USS Cassin Young Veteran.

On December 7, Senator DiDomenico joined veterans, the National Parks Service, and USS Constitution crew to remember the courageous servicemembers who were lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor 81 years ago. The commemoration took place on the USS Cassin

Young, an historic WWII destroyer, and at the USS Constitution Museum where veterans and servicemembers spoke about this anniversary and its impact on our country.

"I was honored to join veterans in remembering and paying our respects to the many soldiers who

tragically lost their lives on this day 81 years ago," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "Serving our country in the military is a courageous and dangerous job, and I am proud to lead on legislative efforts that support and take care of our

current servicemembers, veterans and their families. Pearl Harbor Day is also a time to reflect on the many heroes serving our country and the many sacrifices they make to keep our nation and residents safe. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for all they do for our country."

## Senator Warren and Senator-elect Welch raise concerns over reports of Pfizer's planned COVID-19 vaccine price hike

United States Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Senator-elect Peter Welch (D-Vt.) sent a letter to Pfizer CEO Albert Bourlas, criticizing Pfizer plans to dramatically increase prices for its COVID-19 vaccine in the new year, which would make it more difficult for millions of Americans to afford the vaccine. The Senators sought information from Pfizer about the justification for the price increase, and the impact of this price increase on Americans forced to pay high out-of-pocket costs for the vaccine.

"Pfizer is already raking in billions in profits through the sales of their COVID-19 vaccines," said Senator Elizabeth Warren. "Everyone deserves easy and affordable access to these lifesaving vaccines and I'm urging Pfizer to reverse this planned price hike and put public health ahead of corporate greed."

"Here we go again. Throughout the pandemic, Pfizer promised to put public health before their bottom line. But not anymore. Pfizer's planned price hike would break that promise and once again put a lifesaving medication out-of-reach for many Americans," said Sena-

tor-Elect Peter Welch. "I urge Pfizer to meet its past commitments to vaccine equity and scrap this brutal price hike."

In November 2022, Pfizer announced plans to quadruple the cost of its COVID-19 vaccine increasing it to \$130 per dose. This price increase would likely put the vaccine out of reach for many uninsured or underinsured Americans, while the U.S. is still in a public health emergency from the pandemic, and despite the fact that billions of federal dollars were used to support production and delivery of the vaccine.

"Although Pfizer has pointed to its Patient Assistance Programs to help cover the cost of the drug for those without insurance, it is unclear how these will work or whether they will actually close the cost gap for the uninsured Americans who cannot afford the life-saving vaccine," wrote the lawmakers.

The pharmaceutical giant stands to bring in an additional \$2.5 to \$3 billion in annual revenue with this planned price hike. This comes after the company raked in billions throughout the pandemic, including a \$1.95 billion

advance purchase agreement under Operation Ward Speed and predicted profits of around \$4 billion from the vaccine in 2021 alone.

"Pfizer has made past assurances that market pricing for a COVID-19 vaccine would be 'unethical' and would amount to 'taking advantage of a situation,'" wrote the lawmakers. "But that is exactly what the company is doing, and the impact of this price increase will fall hardest on the uninsured and underinsured, who could be forced to pay the full cost of the vaccine – likely putting it out of reach for many, and creating deadly risks as the pandemic continues to kill hundreds per day in the United States."

The lawmakers are requesting information from Pfizer regarding the company's pricing plans no later than January 9, 2023, and urging Pfizer to rethink their "unseemly" price hikes to "ensure COVID-19 vaccines are reasonably priced and accessible to people across the United States."

Senator Warren has long fought to ensure that the COVID-19 vaccine is accessible and affordable for everyone:

- In July 2021, Senator Warren, Rep. Jayapal (D-Wash.), and their colleagues called on Congress to provide \$34 billion for global vaccine manufacturing in the reconciliation package. She also called on Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson to expand global vaccine access.

- In June 2021, Senator Warren sent a letter with Senator Murphy (D-Conn.) and Representatives Porter (D-Calif.) and Pocan (D-Wis.) to Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, raising concerns over Pfizer executives' statements earlier this year indicating the company would significantly raise the price of its COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, once the pandemic subsidies.

- In April 2021, Senator Warren, along with Senators Markey (D-Mass.), Baldwin (D-Wis.), Merkley (D-Ore.), and Murphy (D-Conn.) sent letters to Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson requesting information on their plans to expand access to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines and vaccine manufacturing capacity across the globe.

## Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

lot of hard work and hustle was seen on the floor by all of the teams.

"I'm very lucky to have all my coaches coming back," Dunn added. "Their dedication and commitment to this program is immeasurable. My assistant, Courtney Meninger, JV Coach Michelle Fenelon, and freshman coach Haileys are all EHS alumni.

"It's so important for our girls to learn from them and see them as role models, as we continue to help these girls become better athletes, but more importantly, strong and

confident young women in this world," Dnun continued. "I'm very grateful for my coaches. It is a TOTAL team effort this year.

"I'm very excited and this group has a lot of potential," the coach added. "Everyday they show up and soak up the information like a sponge and are really working on competing with each other this year. Our focus is to compete every day."

After last night's opener with Revere, the Lady Crimson Tide will entertain GBL foes Medford tomorrow (Thursday) and Malden next Tuesday.

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### ENCORE’S PROPOSED EXPANSION -- WOW!!!

It was 10 years ago this month that Encore Boston Harbor (formerly known as Wynn Resorts) filed its application with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to become the license holder for a casino-hotel complex in the Boston area on the site of the long-abandoned Monsanto brownfield site along the Mystic River .

Up to that point, the group that was eyeing Suffolk Downs for the hotel-casino complex was the odds-on favorite to win the lone license for Greater Boston.

But at the last minute, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the team from Wynn submitted their bid -- and the rest, as the saying goes, is history.

Encore Boston Harbor has been a huge success both for the company and for the city of Everett and Encore now is seeking to expand on that success with its proposal to develop what presently is about 13 acres of parking lots across Broadway from the current hotel-casino complex into a new development that will include two hotels with ballrooms with a combined 800 guestrooms, multiple restaurants, a 200-seat comedy club, a roof deck day club, a 980-seat theater, an indoor nightclub, a poker room, and a WynnBet Sportsbook.

Altogether, the project would entail 1.8 million square feet of indoor space. The new nightlife and gaming area would be connected to the main casino via a pedestrian bridge over Broadway. The expansion would also offer a parking garage on the east side of Broadway with roughly 2,100 parking spaces.

It is estimated that when the project is fully completed, it will bring \$15 million in property and hotel taxes to city coffers, a huge boon for Everett taxpayers.

In addition, a Boston company, Big Night Entertainment Group, which is led by noted Boston restaurateur Ed Kane, will operate the restaurant and nightclub venues in the new complex (other than the betting parlors) that will generate hundreds of new jobs.

Encore’s proposal is a win-win proposition for our city -- more taxes, more jobs, and construction of a beautiful complex on what is now just acres of asphalt parking -- and we hope that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission gives its speedy approval so that this incredible development can get underway as soon as possible.

### HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Sunday evening, December 18, and will culminate on Monday, December 26.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees -- a group of fierce warriors who used guerilla tactics against an occupying army -- in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day’s worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes.

We want to take the opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season.

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# Independent Forum



### GUEST OP-ED

## Celine Dion, Kirstie Alley, Christmas, good news and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Award winning actress Kirstie Alley was diagnosed with cancer shortly before her untimely death at the young age of 71. Grammy award winning Celine Dion has recently been diagnosed with a neurological disease called Stiff Person Syndrome. The disease attacks about one in a million and is a very debilitating disease. She is 54 years old.

Disease, death and bad news can attack anyone at any age and none of us are immune.

Good news came to Britney Griner who spent 10 months in a Russian prison for allegedly having hashish oil in her suitcase at a Moscow airport. She was recently released and is now back in the United States. The Bad news is that arms dealer Victor Bout who smuggled millions of weapons to the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa

was released from prison in exchange for Griner’s release.

Paul Whelan a former United States marine received bad news in that he is still being held in a Russian prison accused of spying. Russia is apparently holding onto him for another deal with the United States. It’s tragic that he wasn’t released with Griner.

Please stay out of Russia, North Korea, Iran and China. There are other places to avoid as well but there are plenty of nice places to visit.

My deceased wife was 37 when she received the bad news that she had multiple sclerosis. The diagnosis was very bad news and Karen died one day at a time for 12 years. The last four years of her life she could do nothing. She required 24-hour care. She became a person trapped inside a body. She died at the age of 49. The toll that such a disease took on our fami-

ly and my young sons was severe. Such an illness changes the lives of the entire family. Everyone to some extent is involved in the caregiving and are changed by the emotional drain of sickness and death. However, no one suffers as much as the person struggling with the disease.

Such life struggles play havoc with holidays such as Christmas. Our family never had a normal Christmas for at least 12 years. However, it became our new normal.

Jesus is good news at Christmas. He was bad news to King Herod of Judea. Herod was a mental illness case who ordered the death of all male babies two years old and under in the vicinity of Bethlehem. He hoped to eliminate Jesus because wise men from the East had come to worship him.

We must pray for the families of Kirstie Alley, Celine Dion and Paul Whelan and many others.

These families are suffering. Fame and fortune never provide a way of escaping bad news and the results of bad news. We should also pray for one another and rejoice with any good news that comes each other’s way.

We are all sojourners in this life. The message of Christmas is a Savior is born, Christ the Lord, peace on earth and good will toward all.

May good news find its way to you this season of the year and may we all with God’s grace be there for each other when the news is not so good.

*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.*

### CITY PAWS

## Dog training season

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Winter is a great time to concentrate on dog training. When icy cold days have you seeking alternatives for long walks to burn off your dog’s energy, turn to training to engage the dog’s mind. Learning something new can be exhausting. Following a training session with a game of fetch is good exercise.

Neither your dog’s age nor how long you’ve had the pup matters. Solid basic training and constant reinforcement are critical to a great canine/human

relationship. Think about how you’d like to adjust how you and your dog interact and use the quieter months ahead to work on specific goals.

#### Positive Training, Not Pain

The Humane Society of the United States warns, “Some trainers use aversive collars to train ‘difficult’ dogs with correction or punishment. These collars rely on physical discomfort or even pain to teach the dog what not to do. They suppress the unwanted behavior but don’t teach him what the



Training your dog to sit quietly under a table without begging is something you can do over the winter.

proper one is. At best, they are unpleasant for your dog, and at worst, they may cause your dog to act aggressively and even bite you. Positive training methods should always be your first choice.”

#### First, Train Yourself

After years of having dogs, training dogs, and writing about dogs, Penny recently took an online course in positive dog training. She learned new ways to approach specific issues we still have with our Westie Poppy, like barking inside our home. This approach proved worth the time it took to train the human.

#### Motivation

Whatever positive method you choose, you must determine what motivates your dog. Since many treats are needed to keep up the training, they should be small. Tiny bits of cheese, sausage, or jerky might work. It should be something re-

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## Your opinions, please

The Everett Independent welcomes letters to the editor. Our mailing address is 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.

Letters may be e-mailed to  
**editor@everettindependent.com.**

Letters must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and content.



# Everett Public School robotics students prove to be fast learners

Special to the Independent

Given the fact that Everett middle schoolers were making their inaugural appearance in the First Lego League (FLL) competition, they could have been forgiven for not giving too much thought to results.

Then again ... The Everett Public Schools enjoyed a smashing debut in the First Lego League regional competition on Saturday, December 10, at Revere High School. Two of the six teams the EPS sent to Revere earned high enough scores to qualify for the FLL Robotics State Championship, set for Saturday, December 17th at Worces-

ter Polytechnic Institute (WPI).

Madeline English Team No. 1, coached by Bruce Jaffe and Jennifer Cavaleiri, finished fifth out of 36 teams from communities including Weston, Andover, Wellesley, Reading, Milton, Saugus, Quincy, Boston, and others. The Whittier Team, coached by Dawn Munro and Michelle Conkin, earned a 9th-place honor. Both are bound for Worcester, where they will showcase their coding skills against teams from across the Commonwealth.

The Madeline English Team No. 2 and Lafayette School team placed 11th and 13th, respectively,

just missing out on qualifying for the State Championship by a hair. Most importantly, all of Everett's teams, students, and coaches had an enjoyable time preparing for the regional competition and experiencing the fun and collegial atmosphere of an FLL event.

"Our mentors stated that it is rare for a first-year team to qualify for state championships, but we did it not only with one team but with two!" said EPS K-8 STEM Director Rupī Kaur. "We are very proud of the accomplishments of all of our students and coaches who participated in the Robotics Competition."

In total, the EPS had 46 students and 10 coaches at the regional tournament — two from the Madeline English and one each from the Keverian, Lafayette, Madeline English, and Parlin schools. Tori Milano and Christie Mercuri coach the Keverian team, James Santerre and Tenzin Lhadon lead the Lafayette team, and Brian Benson and Alessandro Cornelio coach the Parlin team.

FLL Challenge teams engage in research, problem-solving, coding and

engineering by building and programming a LEGO Spike Prime robot so it can perform specific tasks. In addition to the Challenge, teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem.

"Congratulations to these students and teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm," said Superintendent Priya Tahiliani. "We were thrilled to launch an after-school robotics program for our middle school students,

and it has been more popular and successful than we could have imagined."

The Superintendent added that the district is planning to enhance its robotics club offerings in the spring and next school year, both by expanding opportunities in grades 6-8 and adding programs for different grade levels.

The teams bound for Worcester are hard at work this week refining the code and preparing their robots for the State Championship.



The English School team.



The Whittier School team.



David Gergen signs a copy of his book, "Hearts Touched with Fire: How Great Leaders Are Made" for Superintendent Priya Tahiliani. In the book, Gergen traces the journeys of iconic leaders throughout history, from pathbreakers like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, John Lewis, John McCain, and Harvey Milk to historic icons like Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Winston Churchill, and Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt, to contemporary game changers like Greta Thunberg, the Parkland students, and the Black Lives Matter movement.

## Gergen serves as featured speaker at City Year Breakfast

Superintendent Priya Tahiliani and Chief Financial Officer Anu Jayanth had the honor of attending City Year Greater Boston's annual Investment Community Breakfast. Held this year at the In-

terContinental Boston, the event brings together community leaders who are dedicated to maximizing resources to benefit and serve local students. In addition to valuable networking opportunities,

the breakfast featured an address and book signing event by distinguished political commentator and former Presidential Adviser David Gergen.



Superintendent Priya Tahiliani (lft) enjoys a laugh with a City Year representative during the Investment Community Breakfast on December 2, at the InterContinental Boston.



Chief Financial Officer Anu Jayanth (left) and Superintendent Priya Tahiliani enjoy the City Year Greater Boston Investment Community Breakfast on December 2.

## Tide to play in Andrew James Lawson Foundation Invitational at TD Garden

The Everett High School boys basketball team has been invited to play in the annual Andrew James Lawson Foundation Invitational on Saturday, January 21st at the TD Garden. The Crimson Tide will tip-off against the Beverly Panthers at 1:30 p.m. The game will count in the standings and towards the MIAA's tournament rating system.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting the EHS Athletic Department or head coach and EHS Vice Principal Stanley Chamblain. Participating schools commit to selling 400 tickets to the event and EHS is planning to have a large contingent in the Garden for this special occasion.

"A tremendous opportunity, to say the least," said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani. "I am thrilled for our players, coaches, and families, and I am even more pleased that we can benefit such a great organization in the process. I expect the Garden to be filled with Crimson on January 21st."

Andrew James Lawson had Down Syndrome and was 27 years old when he passed away after a two-year battle with cancer. He grew up in Norwell and attended Norwell Public Schools from pre-K through his graduation from high school in 2008. Andrew benefited from inclusion in both academics and sports.

"Andrew didn't have

stats and records," said his mother, Regina. "Andrew's accomplishments have a different kind of measurement, mostly in hugs, love and laughter. I can think of no better measure of a life well lived."

EHS last played in the Garden in March of 2018 when it fell to Mansfield, 73-65, in the Division 1 Eastern Mass. final. That Crimson Tide team featured current Baltimore Ravens tight end Isaiah Likely.

The 2022-2023 EHS basketball teams begin the season on Tuesday, December 13th. The girls will host the Revere Patriots at 6 p.m., while the boys will travel to Revere for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

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CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Council on Aging recently hosted the annual Holiday Party at the Connolly Center. Those who attended were able to enjoy a delicious buffet prepared by the COA with choices like stuffed shells, eggplant parmigiana, meatballs, salad, desserts and coffee. DJ Chris Fiore kept the

crowd moving and comedian Johnny Pizzi had the audience laughing. It was such a merry celebration that even Santa and Mrs. Claus had to stop by and join in on the fun. Mayor DeMaria and State Rep. Joe McGonagle welcomed and greeted the guests at the event and wished everyone a Happy Holidays.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Marlene Westerman in front of the Christmas tree at the Connolly Center.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Council on Aging recently hosted the annual Holiday Party at the Connolly Center.



Volunteers served delicious food to attendees.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and State Rep. Joe McGonagle alongside Sandy Schiappa and Linda Dall.



Santa and Mrs. Claus attended the Holiday Party.



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served for training and that your dog loves. Naturally, you can double up the reward with lots of praise and a pat here and there.

**Have Fun!**

You can invent your helpful interactions. Penny taught Poppy to back up using the cue, “Beep Beep.” It’s useful when our little dog climbs like a goat on the arm of a sofa or tries to invade the kitchen.

You might teach your dog to dance with you, do funny tricks, or play fun games like finding a hidden treat. As long as your dog enjoys the activities and it makes both of you happy, it’s good training.

**Favorite Tips**

Whatever you decide to teach your dog, add a sound to indicate you want your dog to pay attention to you. A hand signal, in addition, to each verbal cue, is helpful when you’re on Zoom or engaged in conversation. Hand signals are valuable in later years if a dog’s hearing fails.

For some training, you might need another dog or person to act as a distraction. When your dog is dependable inside, it’s time to add the challenge of doing the same outside around other dogs and people. Consider partnering with another dog family to refine some behaviors.

Dogs need to learn and remember how to behave in public, and it’s more critical with city dogs because they spend so much time out and about. Training should begin at the start of your relationship and continue for a lifetime.

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CITY OF EVERETT LIGHTS TREE AT GLENDALE TOWERS FOR ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett recently brought holiday greetings and well wishes to the residents of Glendale Towers for the annual tree lighting.

The event kicked off with serving all who attended a delicious meal provided by Mayor DeMaria and the Council on Aging with choices like pasta, eggplant parmigiana, haddock, salad, desserts and more. Then, each resident was given a reusable gift bag containing an assortment of goodies, an ornament and a holiday hat.

Throughout the evening, attendees were treated to the wonderful sounds of Ray Cavicchio along with his signature Cavichord and the magnificent voice of Therese DiMuzio as they played all the holiday favorites. Both performers encour-

aged those in attendance to dance and sing along with them.

Mayor DeMaria thanked all who attended for coming together for this celebration and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays as the tree was lit in celebration of the holiday season.



The lit tree at Glendale Towers.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria speaking to all who attended.



Some residents couldn't resist the urge to dance along to the holiday tunes.



Handing out Holiday gift bags to those who attended.



City workers volunteered to serve the residents at Glendale Towers.



Therese DiMuzio singing holiday songs to the residents.



Many residents gathered with their friends and neighbors to enjoy the special evening together.

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Stephanie Esposito from Special Olympics Massachusetts speaking to attendees inside of the Recreation Center.



A member of the National Guard taking the plunge into the cold pool to help support Special Olympics Massachusetts.



School Committee Vice Chairperson Michael McLaughlin, EPD Lt. Larry Jedrey and City Councilor Al Lattanzi alongside the Polar Plunge Bear.



The community gathered inside of the Recreation Center before taking the plunge.



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CHURCH News

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News and Notes

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Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator, Rev. Gustavo Buccilli S.M.A Parochial Vicar, Barbara Canon Secretary, Parish Secretary.

Weekly Mass Schedule at the Immaculate Conception Parish is as follows:

1: Monday-Saturday at 7:00Am in the Chapel.  
2: Saturday at 4:00Pm (Sunday Vigil) and at 7:30pm Vietnamese Mass Upper Church.  
3: Sunday at 7:00am and 10:00am English Masses. At 12:00Pm Spanish Mass and 4:00Pm Haitian Creole Mass.  
4: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 at the Confession

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News and Notes

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

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News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

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.



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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### COUNCILORS RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT 311 SYSTEM

CHELSEA- The 311 system is intended to give Chelsea residents a number to call if they have municipal issues they would like to see taken care of, from trash pick up to potholes and sidewalk repair requests.

But at Monday night's City Council meeting, several councilors had questions about the 311 service itself.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni introduced an order requesting City Manager Thomas Ambrosino verify that 311 employees are working either out of an officer or their home. Recupero said he's received a number of complaints lately from residents unable to get through to one of the city's three 311 operators.

"I don't understand why it goes to a recorded message," said Recupero. "People have complained to me, and I've called myself, and it went right to a recorded message."

Recupero said he understands that one of the 311 employees is pregnant and working from, which he said he didn't see as an issue. Still, the councilor said he was flummoxed as to why so many calls go unanswered.

"Who supervises these people?" Recupero said. "It's supposed to be the DPW, but I don't understand how you have three people and it goes to an answering machine."

District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez said he's also heard complaints about 311 going unanswered. He said he was also concerned because when Spanish speaking residents call the line, there is not someone there who speaks Spanish.

"I thank Councilor Recupero for bringing this up," said Lopez. "There are some answers that need to be given to our community."

With changes in recycling for items such as

textiles and mattresses, Lopez also noted that the calls to 311 from the community are also likely to increase.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor added to the chorus of those who have received complaints about 311.

"As a councilor, I've been getting feedback from the community that this isn't working," said Taylor.

He said he understood from the city side that the 311 system might be more convenient than the older ticket-based computer system, but that it wasn't working well for a number of residents.

"Some improvements need to be made if we are going to stick with this 311 system, otherwise we need to figure out something else, because this is not just coming from up here, this is real feedback coming from the community," said Taylor.

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said she has not heard the complaints about 311, but recommended discussing the issue further at a subcommittee on conference meeting to hash out what the issues are and how they can be fixed.

"I think it does bring value, but we should have a discussion on how we can work out the kinks," Vidot said.

### SLIM MAJORITY OPPOSES BROOKE CHARTER SCHOOL'S ADDITION

EAST BOSTON- In a vote of 15 to 13, a slight majority of residents who attended and voted during the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, were not in favor of the proposed addition to the Brooke Charter School on Horace Street.

The Brooke Charter School is a public college preparatory school that serves underserved students in the community – low-income students, students of color, English language learners (ELL), and students with dis-



Princess Kate holds a bouquet of flowers that were given to her as she greeted the large crowd during her Dec. 1 visit to Roca headquarters in Chelsea.

### A ROYAL VISIT TO CHELSEA



Prince William is pictured in Chelsea during his visit to ROCA where he met with Executive Director Molly Baldwin and ROCA officials to highlight the success of the internationally recognized organization.

abilities. Over time the school has done tremendous work for its student body and was named the best-performing non-exam High School in the city just last year.

However, even as the school has succeeded, it is still looking to improve and better serve its students. Now the Brooke Charter School is looking to add an addition to its building that would span about 4,500 square feet.

"Our school next door – 94 Horace Street – has always been one of our smallest buildings which means it has kind of the smallest ability to provide programmatic space for our students, and we want to improve that with this addition," said Brooke Charter School's Chief Operating Officer Mark Loring.

The three-floor addition would add space to build science labs, a designated art room, and additional small pull-out spaces for special education and ELL students.

"There's been new regulations that have been passed in the last several years which effects this in terms of

number of kids within a group, number of minutes that we need to serve students, so it's affecting how many spaces we need to be able to provide these services," said Loring.

Loring indicated the school's population has changed over time, saying, "As we tried to recruit more ELL and special needs students, we have gotten those students, and as we get those students, we have more need for staff or spaces in order to provide the required services for those students."

Since March, this project has been presented and debated; if the latest vote is any indicator, it has been polarizing.

One of the main issues with the project brought up in the past and even at Monday's meeting is that the school would increase its enrollment, admitting more students and contributing to more traffic in the area.

However, Loring once again denied that notion saying, "There's a common belief that we're going to build this addition because we're trying to add more students. We have stated clearly and continue to state clearly that is not true – we are not looking to expand our enrollment."

Loring mentioned that the school has been willing to put the fact that the addition is not being built to add students in writing with the board of

the HVNA.

Debate raged on Monday, mainly about the school's enrollment, as some residents were not convinced that the school would not add students even with it in writing.

Other concerns broached Monday about the project involved parking issues during construction as well as construction bringing rodents to the area.

While an HVNA majority opposed the project, the project is slated to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday, Dec. 13.

"All I'm trying to do is build space as considerately as possible, knowing that there's some disruption and trying to address those disruptions in order to give the space for the kids who deserve it – I'm not trying to build myself an office," said Loring.

### FINALISTS CHOSEN FOR LYNN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS POSITION

LYNN- The Superintendent Search Screening Committee has chosen three finalists for the superintendent of schools position and will recommend them to the School Committee at its meeting Thursday night.

The finalists are: Dr. Evonne Alvarez, chief academic officer of

Providence (R.I.) Public Schools; Molly Cohen, interim deputy superintendent of Lynn Public Schools (LPS); and Kevin McCaskill, assistant superintendent of Boston Public Schools (BPS).

The next steps are for the School Committee to vote to accept the finalists and schedule site visits and public interviews. The original timeline called for a superintendent to be named in December and that is on schedule.

"I'm thrilled with the finalists and the way the search process has been conducted," said Mayor Jared C. Nicholson, chair of the School Committee who served in the same capacity on the search committee, which has worked in conjunction with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. "I'm grateful for the hard work and thoroughness of the committee members."

Alvarez worked in the Miami-Dade school district in Florida for 27 years as a teacher, principal, district director and administrative director. She came to Providence earlier this year as redesign and innovation officer before being named chief academic officer.

Alvarez earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Maryland, a master's from Nova Southeastern University in Florida and a doctorate

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from the College of William and Mary in Virginia. She lives in Revere.

Cohen started her teaching career in Chile 25 years ago. When she returned to the U.S., she worked a sheltered English immersion teacher at Salem High and Lynn Vocational Technical Institute (LVTI). She then served as a bilingual guidance counselor at Lynn English High School, assistant principal at Breed Middle School, and principal of Thurgood Marshall Middle School from 2015-22. She was named interim deputy superintendent in August.

Cohen earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Vermont and master’s degrees from Simmons University and Salem State University. She lives in Marblehead.

McCaskill worked in Springfield Public Schools for 22 years as a teacher and administrator, including six years as principal of Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy. After serving as director of secondary schools and operations for Hartford Public Schools from 2010-15, McCaskill moved to BPS as executive director of Madison Park Vocational High School. In 2021, he was named chief academic officer for high schools, a position recognized as assistant superintendent.

McCaskill earned a bachelor’s degree from Western New England University in Springfield, a master’s from Westfield State University and an education specialist certificate from UMass Amherst. He lives in Boston.

There were 16 applicants for the superintendent position, nine of whom were selected for a 75-minute interview, with three advancing as finalists.

Debra Ruggiero has been serving as interim superintendent since August, after the resignation of Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. She was not an applicant for the permanent position.

In addition to Nicholson, search committee members include: LPS parent Amy Butterworth; School Committee mem-

ber Donna Coppola; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Faustina Cuevas; Lynn English High School teacher Lisa Escalera; Washington Elementary School Principal Anthony Frye; LVTI Principal Fred Gallo; North Shore Community College President Dr. William Heineman; LPS parent Quendia Martinez; LPS parent Tanisha Soo Miller; Lynn Teachers Union President Sheila O’Neil; School Committee member Len-nin Pena; and Shoemaker Elementary School teacher Julie Potter.

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

WINTHROP- After months of discussion and debate, the Town Council approved new parking regulations for the Center Business District at its meeting Tuesday night.

There will now be two hour street parking allowed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown district street spaces, with a handful of 15 minute spaces in front of several local businesses.

There are no meters going in, but there will be time limits on parking in the spots during the daytime hours. Winthrop residents with residential parking stickers will still be able to use those spaces to park overnight.

In addition, the council also approved new regulations for the town’s municipal lots, allowing people who need to park longer to conduct business downtown to park for up to four hours or longer in some municipal lots.

“The rationale behind this is because parking down in the center is a resource and we need to manage that public resource like we do most other public resources,” said Precinct 6 Councilor Stephen Ruggiero. “It’s not the most exciting thing to talk about, I don’t think we all feel great about it, but at the end of the day there are plenty of downtowns in the Commonwealth that have parking restrictions. What we are not talking about is meters, we are just talking about what

our ordinance is going to say.”

While the parking restrictions are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Councilor-At-Large Rob DeMarco noted that it does create some leeway for residents who use the downtown spots for overnight parking. Since there is a two-hour parking limit, DeMarco said residents would be able to park in the spots until 9 a.m., and could take a spot again at 5 p.m., and still be within the bounds of the time limit and the allowable resident overnight parking.

Ruggiero stated that there are also parking spots on Putnam Street that were not included in the new ordinance, allowing residents to park for an unlimited amount of time, provided they move their vehicles within 72 hours.

“I just want to commend the rules and ordinance committee,” said Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher. “I went to most, if not all of the meetings on this, and think these ordinances do a really great job of striking a balance between protecting resident parking for people who live in the CBD and businesses. I think this is a really good way to meet in the middle.”

Public Works Director Steven Calla stated that the town is already sitting on \$6,000 worth of parking signs that have the parking hours listed as 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Calla agreed that the town could possibly still use the same signs, but cover up the five with a seven.

The municipal parking lot ordinance sets a four hour time limit in the town’s downtown municipal lots, giving residents who need a longer time to park downtown and other areas of Winthrop more time. Ruggiero noted that there would be some spots with unlimited parking, and that the parking lot near the town tennis courts would not have a time limit because it is near a school.

In other business Tuesday night, Town Manager Tony Marino gave an update on several projects and initiatives around Winthrop.

“The capital plan is en route, we are sending out forms this week to all the department heads,” said Marino. “We’ve got a smaller capital plan that was formed by our facilities department, but we are going to do a more in-depth one this year.”

Marino said the town is also working on finalizing a draft for a trash policy.

“I’ll get that out to the council hopefully by the end of the week to take a look at and review, and we can bring that up at a future meeting,” said Marino.

Marino added that the \$160 annual trash bills will also be going out in January.

The town received five bids on a request for proposals for town legal services, including one from the town’s current legal counsel, according to Marino. He said those bids will be reviewed in the coming days.

Marino also said the town ferry is currently in Newburyport undergoing repairs.

“When all is said and done, we will have two new engines and two new transmissions and we will be ready to kick off,” said Marino. He said the town had the \$100,000 needed for repairs, and that the ferry should be ready for service again in March.

COUNCIL APPROVES INITIAL DEPOSIT TO OPIOID RECOVERY TRUST FUND

By Adam Swift  
REVERE-More than \$250,000, the initial payment in a statewide opioid settlement, has been transferred to a special trust fund in Revere.

Monday night, the City Council approved transferring the \$254,470 for calendar year 2022, the first year of the settlement, to the new Opioid Recovery and Remediation Trust Fund. Revere is slated to receive over \$1.2 million as a result of the settlement through 2038.

The council had the option of reviewing the transfer in subcommittee, but unanimously voted to move ahead and

approve the transfer to the trust fund.

“I have no problem whatsoever, we talked about creating the trust fund at our last meeting, and it just makes perfect sense to fund it,” said Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo. “It just makes perfect sense to fund it, the funding is there, (city finance director Richard Viscay) shows where the money was allocated in the general fund and it’s just a matter of sliding it over.”

Last month, the council approved setting up the trust fund.

“The purpose of this trust fund, once established, will be to supplement prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs throughout the city,” stated Viscay.

In July of 2021, state Attorney General Maura Healey announced a \$26 billion resolution with opioid distributors and Johnson & Johnson which will provide more than \$500 million to Massachusetts and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

Per the state’s revenue department, all the money collected from the settlement goes into a municipality’s general

fund unless a general law exists to spend it for a particular purpose.

The vote to create the special trust fund allows the city to use the funds in the manner set out in the opioid settlement.

Healey, the governor-elect, also has several other potential opioid settlements in the works, which could mean more money for cities and towns.

On Nov. 15, Healey announced a proposed \$3 billion nationwide resolution with Walmart, which could provide more than \$61 million to cities and towns in Massachusetts.

On Nov. 23, Healey announced a proposed \$6.6 billion nationwide resolution with drug-makers Teva and Allergan, which will provide more than \$130 million to the Commonwealth and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery across Massachusetts, once finalized. The AG stated that the parties are optimistic that the proposed settlements will gain critical support from attorneys general nationwide, so that local governments have an opportunity to join the resolutions during the first quarter of 2023.

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The DiDomenico Foundation is an all-volunteer organization and one of their primary missions is to distribute toys to children in homeless and domestic violence shelters, parishes, and local schools.

“We are grateful for the tremendous support of our Foundation benefactors, members, and volunteers, who help make the holidays a lit-

tle brighter for hundreds of children,” said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. “With the help of so many friends and supporters, our toy drive grows each year, and that helps us do our part to help families that have gone through a very tough year.”

The Wong family, owners of Kowloon Restaurant, have once again generously offered to host this year’s toy drive and

provide a complimentary buffet and cash bar. The Foundation requests a new, unwrapped toy as a donation for admission. In addition, Hank Morse of Northshore Radio 104.9 FM will be on hand to provide music for the evening. For more information, or if you would like to donate toys but will be unable to attend please call (617) 387-3327.

## State Fire Marshal reminds residents to handle candles with care

Special to the Times-Free Press

Candle Safety Day is observed on the second Monday of December, and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding residents to follow safety guidelines as we enter the period when most candle fires start.

“There have been more than 1,000 candle fires in

Massachusetts over the past 10 years,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Together, they caused nine deaths, 192 injuries, and over \$32 million in damages. More of these fires started in December than in any other month, and especially on the days leading up to Christmas. If candles are part of your celebration or decoration,

be sure to use them carefully.”

Candles are part of many holiday traditions this time of year, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered the following safety tips to reduce the risk of fire:

- No matter the season, have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside bedrooms, at the top of open stairs, and at the base of cellar stairs.
- Keep a one-foot “circle of safety” around candles, free of anything that can burn.
- Always extinguish candles when you leave the room or go to sleep, and don’t leave them unattended.
- Use a non-combustible saucer or candleholder.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets, and store matches and lighters up high where kids can’t access them.
- Consider switching to battery-operated flameless

candles.

There were 93 candle fires in Massachusetts last year and 75 took place in residential settings. The most common location was the bedroom, followed by the kitchen, bathroom, and living room. One such fire in Boston began when a candle ignited bedroom curtains and spread, causing half a million dollars in damages and displacing five people from their home.

“Candle fires peaked in Massachusetts in 1999, when we recorded 342 of them,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “The following year, we began observing Candle Safety Day on the second Monday of December to promote awareness of the problem. Since that time, we’ve observed a 73% decrease in candle fires. Let’s continue to practice safe candle use, especially around the holidays.”

For more candle safety resources, including Spanish-language information, visit the DFS website.

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The many gifts that filled an office at Everett City Hall.

### DEMARIA THANKS EVERETT KIWANIS FOR DONATION TO TOY DRIVE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria would like to thank Everett Kiwanis for donating 105 gift cards to the City of Everett’s Annual Toy Drive.

“This donation they make every year is a huge contribution,” said Mayor DeMaria. “It enables us to

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