

TIDE IN SEASON OPENER ACTION



LET IT RIP: Relief pitcher Alex Lara fires a pitch toward the plate. See Page 11 for more photos.

A rough first inning put the Crimson Tide in six-run hole early as the Crimson Tide dropped a season-opening game to Malden 14-4 Monday at Glendale Park.



ALMOST: Everett left fielder David Saia dives for a line drive in left field that was just out of reach and fell for a Malden base hit.

EVERETT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS RAFFLE DINNER

Staff Report

The Everett Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Executive Director Cheryl Smith, held its \$10,000 Raffle Dinner March 28 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield. More than 200 guests attended the annual event.

Colin Kelly, vice president of public affairs at Schnitzer Steel Industries and chairperson of the Everett Chamber of Commerce, did a great job presiding over the raffle portion of the event.

Each guest who purchased a ticket had a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000. Through an elimination drawing among all 200 tickets, the field of potential winners was pared down to nine people. Guests then had the opportunity to purchase a \$20 raffle ticket to be selected as the tenth finalist.

During the round of ten finalists, each of the final-



The five winners, who split the \$10,000 grand prize and received a \$2,000 cash prize, from left: Anna Indrisano, Matt Stead, Gisella DiPaola, Kevin Matson, and Lisa Scopa. Please see more Chamber Dinner photos on Page 9.

ists can opt to say "split" the \$10,000 prize or "go" for the entire \$10,000 prize. If one person says, "go," the contest continues. When the field of 10 finalists for the grand prize was cut one-by-one to five remaining ticketholders,

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School Committee approves Fiscal Year '24 budget

By Cary Shuman

The Everett School Committee approved a Fiscal Year '24 operating budget for the Everett schools in the amount of \$128.6 million at its meeting Monday night.

Supt. of Schools Priya Tahiliani told the Committee that part of the budget allocation includes \$4.6 million for special education transportation and city charge-backs in the amount of \$28.6 million.

Assistant Supt. of Finance Anu Jayanth joined Supt. Tahiliani in answering questions about the budget from School Committee members, including Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

In response to a prior inquiry by Committee member at-Large Samantha Lambert about school field trips, Jayanth stated that \$240,000 will be allocated for field trips in the coming school year, more than doubling the current allocation.

Jayanth also announced an amendment to the budget that came about after the Everett High Art Department requested the ad-

dition of a drama teacher to the EHS faculty.

"This year, a theater (drama) teacher was added to Parlin, Whittier, and the English [Schools] as part of our ongoing efforts to increase equity within the arts curriculum at the K-8 level," said Jayanth, noting that the Keverian School has had a dramatic arts program in place. "We do anticipate having a larger demand and enrollment in the theater program at EHS as a result. Hence, there is a plan to add this position [\$85,000 in funding was allocated for the drama teacher's position] to support the high school."

That's certainly awesome news for aspiring thespians and dramatic arts enthusiasts at the high school, which features a state-of-the-art auditorium for musical performances and school plays.

Mayor DeMaria poses questions about the budget

The highlight of Monday's meeting was the

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Transportation funding legislation benefits DiDomenico's district

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate last week to pass a bill that includes \$350 million in authorizations for transportation needs across the state, including \$200 million for the state's Chapter 90 program, which provides municipalities with funds for transportation-related improvements, including road and bridge repairs.

"Families throughout my district deserve reliable and safe roads, bridges, buses, and trains so they can get to work, pick up their kids from school, and enjoy every part of our community," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "I was proud to support this transportation funding because it is an investment in the wellbeing of our families and our state's economy for years to come. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Senator Crighton, and Senator Kennedy for

all their work putting this legislation together and passing it swiftly."

"This legislation will maintain and improve our state's infrastructure, ensure that residents have safe and reliable transportation options, and support sustainable, regionally equitable economic development in communities across the Commonwealth," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I'd like to thank Senator Crighton for his work in crafting this legislation, Senator Kennedy for his help in advancing it, and all of my Senate colleagues for working collaboratively to ensure the transportation needs of our cities and towns are addressed in a regionally equitable manner."

This legislation also authorizes \$150 million in programs that will assist municipalities with various transportation-related projects. This includes \$25 million for each of the following:

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For the latest news in Everett that you need to know, check everettindependent.com

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DiLoreto steps down as Everett High football coach

Rob DiLoreto, who led the Everett High School football team to back-to-back Greater Boston League titles and playoff berths the past two seasons, has announced that he will be stepping down from his position.

DiLoreto, who served three seasons as head coach (his first season as head coach came during the COVID-19-affected “spring” season, released the following statement:

“A series of circumstances over the past few months have led me to conclude that I cannot continue as the Head Football Coach at Everett High School right now. I was truly honored and forever grateful to be able to live out my childhood dream of coaching for the high school that I attended in the city I grew up in and love so much. The Everett Football Family will always be in my heart. I

extend a special thanks to my Everett players whom I love with all my heart. Players, the respect and love we shared with each other was very, very special to me and I commend you for your dedication as student-athletes. I was so proud to serve as your coach and I wish nothing but continued success to the program going forward!!!”

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- The municipal small bridge program;
- The complete streets program;
- A bus transit infrastructure program;
- Grants to increase access to mass transit and commuter rail stations;
- Grants for municipal-

ities and regional transit authorities to purchase electric vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them;

- And new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage, which is particularly helpful for rural

communities.

A different version having previously been passed in the House of Representatives, the two chambers will now reconcile differences before sending the bill to the Governor’s desk.

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question-and-answer exchanges between Mayor Carlo DeMaria - who had certainly “done his homework” in preparing diligently for his inquiries about the proposed budget – and Asst. Supt. Jayanth, who displayed in-depth knowledge and expertise about all aspects of the budget. The interactions were cordial, professional and very informative.

DeMaria asked about the inclusion in the budget of a director of special projects and strategic planning.

“That’s a position that we’ve put into the budget for next year, so it would be a July 1 start date,” said Jayanth, adding that a job description for the new position has been posted.

DeMaria inquired about

“unfilled positions” in this year’s budget. “What happens to those funds that you have allocated for those positions in this year’s budget?” asked DeMaria.

“There may be different strategic initiatives that we are providing funding for, utilizing any funds that we haven’t spent. Through the year, we’re monitoring unspent funding and new liabilities that come up,” replied Jayanth.

DeMaria asked about a potential \$3 million expenditure for the renting of additional classroom space.

“If we don’t find a place to rent and spend that \$3 million, what happens then?” asked the mayor.

“Our hope is that we will be utilizing it for that,

because that is a big priority for next year, but if we find space and it’s cheaper than \$3 million, and we can get some savings from that, then we’d be looking at what else we can utilize the funding for,” said Jayanth.

DeMaria asked Jayanth how many Everett students participate in after-school enrichment programs at various Everett schools, and Jayanth said she would get back to the mayor and provide the exact number of students participating in the programs.

All in all, the interactions were cordial, professional and very informative, and Mayor DeMaria joined his colleagues in supporting the passage of the new budget.

News in Brief

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES HYDRANT FLUSHING

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Water Department has begun flushing water mains throughout the City and will continue through Friday, May 26, 2023. Hydrant flushing will be performed Mondays – Fridays between the hours of 8 A.M. and 8 P.M.

“Flushing our hydrants is crucial to maintaining clean water throughout the community,” said Mayor DeMaria. “I am grateful to the Water Department for dedicating their time to ensure the City is providing clean water to our residents.”

The purpose of flushing is to remove sediment build up in the mains and to verify the safe operation of hydrants and valves. Hydrant flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles that dislodge during the flushing, as well as temporary reduction in pressure.

Discolored water will be temporary and is not harmful. However, the discolored water might stain your laundry, especially white materials. Therefore, please avoid doing laundry during the noted flushing period.

Prior to washing clothes, including times after the hours stated in this notice, please check the cold water for possible discoloration. If water is discolored, let the cold water run for a few minutes until water becomes clear. If it does not clear at that time, try again later. Unfortunately, the City cannot fully guarantee the safety of doing laundry and/or the possibility of discoloration even during the evenings and other times of the day as the water system has been disturbed. Therefore, please check your water carefully prior to doing laundry and inspect the laundry before drying it.

The Water Department appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of the drinking water. If you would like additional information, please call the Water Department at 617-394-2327.

joy. Following our visit to Pickity Place, we are off to Parker’s Maple Barn, also in Mason, NH. The shop features their famous maple products produced right on the premises. After this exciting day, we will depart for home.

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, it’s our annual lobster bake trip. We will depart the Connolly Center at 8:30am. Our first stop is Stonewall Kitchen, where you can sample and purchase the many jellies, jams and spreads produced on the premises. After our first stop, it is off to Warren’s Lobster House for our feast on your choice of a boiled Maine lobster, BBQ chicken or New York sirloin steak. Warren’s is famous for their tremendous soup and salad bar. After lunch, we head to York, Short Sands Beach. Here you will marvel at the Goldenrod taffy-making company. You will also have time to visit the shops or enjoy the fresh beach area. There are two more stops, one to When Pigs Fly Artisan Bakery, where you will receive a loaf of bread and more opportunity to purchase others. Our final stop is at Yummies’ Candy in Kittery, Maine. You’ll be amazed at their candy selection of many nostalgic candy and nuts. From Yummies, we will depart for home.

For more information about these exciting trips, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to Cathi or Dale at the Connolly Center.

Lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, April 14th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Ramona and Beezus with your friends and family.

Youth Robotics & Coding Workshop (Session One). Parlin Meeting Room. Friday and Saturday, April 14th and 15th from 11-12:30pm. We’ll be making robotic kits from Legos: LEGO Education WeDo Software and Activity Pack. Children will build robots with Legos and get an excellent introduction to computer coding to make the robots move and make sounds. Appropriate for children aged 7-10. Registration is required for a session, and includes 2 days of activities. Limit of 6 participants per session. Patrons may register online. This program is funded by the Everett Cultural Council.

Shute Adult and Teens Yarn Club, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, April 11th at 3:00 PM. Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. No registration is required. For ages 11-109.

Shute Children Storytime with Vera. Shute Children’s Room. Thursday, April 13th at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES EVENTS

Parlin Adult and Teens Connolly Center Book Group, Thursday, April 13th at 12:00pm. In Joanna Schaffhausen’s Gone for Good, The Lovelorn Killer murdered seven women, ritually binding them and leaving them for dead before penning gruesome love letters in the local papers. Then he disappeared, and after twenty years with no trace of him, many believe that he’s gone for good. (Amazon) See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Author Event with Stephen Puleo, Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm. Stephen Puleo re-creates the molasses flood in its social, political and economic environment. (Publishers Weekly) Coffee and pastries provided by The Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. Supported by a grant from the Everett Cultural Council, part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Parlin Children Lego Club. Parlin Children’s Room. Monday, April 10th from 3-5pm. Attention all Lego lovers: Lego Club is back at the Parlin Memorial Library! Come to the Children’s Room after school on Mondays for some free-building

SENIORS ON THE ROAD

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Council on Aging (COA) are excited to announce two upcoming day trips for seniors. On Friday, May 26, 2023, the COA will be headed to Mason, New Hampshire to Pickity Place. Here you will enjoy a seasonal five-course creative luncheon using the best of the season items. This enchanting cottage was the model for grandmother’s house in the Red Riding Hood stories. Here you will enjoy the lush gardens and lighten your spirit. The gift shop provides local herbs and delicacies for you to purchase and en-

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Sedhain, Shiva	Lourenco, Misaël S	73 Estes St	\$950,000
95 Lynn Everett LLC	Fasoulas Gregory Est	95 Lynn St	\$375,000
Leonard, Gregory	Ciochetti, Joao	134-136 Elm St	\$670,000
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# of Bedrooms	Minimum Income 80% AMI	Household Size	Maximum Income 80% AMI
1-Bedroom	\$61,320	1	\$78,300
		2	\$89,500
		3	\$100,700
		4	\$111,850
		5	\$120,800
		6	\$129,750

** 2022 Area Median Incomes for Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, MA-NH MSA.*

Minimum incomes **do not apply to households receiving housing assistance such as Section 8, MRVP, or VASH.**

Applications are available during the application period, from Monday, March 27th, 2023 through Friday, May 26th, 2023

To request an online application or to have one sent by email, visit www.302BroadwayLottery.com, email 302Broadway@MaloneyProperties.com or call (617) 639-3064 Ext 770.

If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at (617) 639-3064 Ext 770, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.
Applications can also be picked up in-person at:

Parlin Memorial Library 410 Broadway Everett, MA 02149
Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 9:00pm
Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **Friday, May 26th, 2023.**

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Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 12pm

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THREE EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS RECEIVE THEIR OATHS

Three Everett firefighters, Michael Vitukevich Jr., Derek Volpicelli, and David Joyner, received their oaths from City Clerk Sergio Cornelio during a ceremony March 27, in the City Council Chambers.

All three men were joined at the ceremony by proud members of their respective families.



Everett City Clerk Sergio Cornelio administered the oaths to David Joyner, Derek Volpicelli, and Michael Vitukevich, officially installing the three men as new firefighters in the Everett Fire Department.



Everett Firefighter Derek Volpicelli, with his wife, Valerie Volpicelli, and their children, (front row) Victor Volpicelli, Amelia Volpicelli, Vito Volpicelli, Olivia Volpicelli, Ava Volpicelli, and Joseph Volpicelli (back row, left).



Everett Firefighter David Joyner, with his family, a part of three generations of Everett firefighters in Everett, from left: Retired Firefighter Rick Joyner (uncle), Retired Firefighter Dave Joyner (father), Lucy Joyner (daughter), Jessica Joyner (wife), Patty Joyner (mother), and Firefighter Derek Joyner (twin brother).



Everett Firefighter Michael Vitukevich Jr., with his family, from left: Nancy Vitukevich (grandmother), George Riley (grandfather), Jeanne Vitukevich (mother), and Michael Vitukevich Sr. (father).



From left, City Councillors Al Lattanzi, Stephanie Smith, Darren Costa, and John Hanlon, Council President Michael Marchese, new Everett Firefighters Derek Volpicelli, Michael Vitukevich Jr., and David Joyner, Fire Chief Scott Dalrymple, and Councillors Rich Dell Isola, Vivian Nguyen, and Irene Cardillo.



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Mayor DeMaria



2023 STREET SWEEPING SEASON: APRIL 1ST THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH

Please be reminded that the 2023 Street Sweeping Season begins on April 1st. Please be sure to check the signs on your street for parking restrictions in your neighborhood. Street sweeping is essential to eliminate issues and costs related to trash and debris getting into the underground sewage system.

Please be aware that vehicles that do not comply with this ordinance may be subject to ticketing and towing. Please call 311 with any questions. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

TEMPORADA DE BARRIDO DE CALLE 2023: 1 DE ABRIL AL 30 DE NOVIEMBRE

Recuerde que la temporada de barrido de calles de 2023 comienza el 1 de abril. Asegúrese de revisar las señales en su calle para ver si hay restricciones de estacionamiento en su vecindario. El barrido de calles es esencial para eliminar problemas y costos relacionados con la entrada de basura y escombros al sistema de alcantarillado subterráneo.

Tenga en cuenta que los vehículos que no cumplan con esta ordenanza pueden estar sujetos a multas y remolque. Llame al 311 si tiene alguna pregunta. Su cooperación es muy apreciada.

2023 STREET SWEEPING SEZON: 1YE AVRIL JIS KO 30 NOVANM

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Si ou gen kesyon, rele nou nan 311. Koperasyon ou apresye anpil .

2023 TEMPORADA DE VARREDURA DE RUA: 1 DE ABRIL A 30 DE NOVEMBRO

Lembre-se de que a Temporada de Varredura de Rua de 2023 começa no dia 1º de abril. Verifique as placas na sua rua para ver se há restrições de estacionamento na sua vizinhança. A varredura de ruas é essencial para eliminar problemas e custos relacionados à entrada de lixo e entulho no sistema de esgoto subterrâneo.

Por favor esteja ciente de que os velculos que nao cumpram com esta ordem podem estar sujeitos a emissao de multas e reboque. Em caso di duvidas ligue para o 311. agradecemos a sua colaboracao.

EVERETT OFFICIALS ATTEND GREATER BOSTON LABOR COUNCIL BREAKFAST

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, State Reps. Joe McGonagle and Judith Garcia, and City Councilors Al Lattanzi and Darren Costa attended The Greater Boston Labor Council Legislative Breakfast held March 29 at La Colaborativa headquarters in Chelsea.

Darlene Lombos, executive secretary-treasurer of the Greater Boston Labor Council, organized the breakfast that sought to “foster a dialogue between unions and elected officials on our shared values.”

Chartered by the National AFL-CIO, the Greater Boston Labor Council’s mission is to improve the lives of working families within the 24 cities and towns in the Council’s jurisdiction, including Everett, Chelsea, and Revere.

La Colaborativa Execu-



Pictured at the GBLC Legislative Breakfast are, from left: State Rep. Judith Garcia, La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, Chelsea City Councilor Norielez DeJesus, GBLC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Darlene Lombos, and Chelsea City Councilor Melinda Vega.

tive Director Gladys Vega and her staff did a great job as the host venue for the event.

The guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast before Lombos led the informational portion of the forum.



Everett City Councilor Darren Costa arrives for the Greater Boston Labor Council Legislative Breakfast.



From left: Mass. AFL-CIO Vice President Brian Doherty of the Greater Boston Building Trades Union, State Rep. Judith Garcia, Greater Boston Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Darlene Lombos, Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria, La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, and Everett City Council Al Lattanzi.



Pictured at the GBLC Breakfast are, from left: Jaimie McNeil and Suzanne Pompeo, representing Boston Local 26, and State Rep. Joe McGonagle.



From left, Chelsea District 3 Councilor Norieliz DeJesus, Greater Boston Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Darlene Lombos, Everett City Councilor Al Lattanzi, La Colaborativa (formerly the Chelsea Collaborative) Executive Director Gladys Vega, and La Colaborativa Chief Operating Officer Dinanyili Paulino.



Pictured at the Greater Boston Labor Council Legislative Breakfast are, from left: Jimmy Vaughan, business agent for Plumbers Local 12, Rick Keogh, business agent for Sheet Metal Workers Local 12, Everett City Council Al Lattanzi, and Chelsea City Councilor Calvin T. Brown.

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Lynn

Saturday, April 29
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North Shore
Community College
750 Washington Street

Revere

Saturday, May 6
10:00am–1:00pm
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CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN

The City of Everett recently held its Lunch and Learn for the month of March at City Hall.

This month’s program was titled: “The Totality of Us: Tips for Creating Inclusive Workspaces for Women.”

This month’s Lunch and Learn focused on women in honor of Women’s History Month. The special guest speakers were Antoinette Octave Blanchard, Health and Human Services Equity Access Officer; Krista Costello, Public Health Nurse Manager; and Sabrina Firicano, Executive Director of the City of Everett’s Health Department.

During the program, these accomplished women shared about bringing their diverse lived experiences together to build a strong and inclusive work culture. Some of the topics they spoke about were the importance of inclusivity in their department and working together as a team. They also shared their thoughts on the pay gap between men and women and the recently passed Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA), set to go into effect on June 27, 2023. This act will require employers to provide a reasonable accommodation to workers for known limitations related to pregnancy, Childbirth or related medical conditions.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria

would like to thank the ladies from the Health Department for sharing their experiences at the

March Lunch and Learn program.

Lunch and Learn is a monthly program created

and moderated by the City of Everett’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Cathy Draine. It allows

City employees to come together, share ideas and experiences, and discuss new topics while enjoying

lunch. The series is a part of the City’s commitment to engage, educate and elevate.



The City of Everett’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Cathy Drain alongside Antoinette Octave Blanchard, Health and Human Services Equity Access Officer; Krista Costello, Public Health Nurse Manager; and Sabrina Firicano, Executive Director of the City of Everett’s Health Department.



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City employees gathered in the ECTV studio for the March Lunch and Learn.



City employees gathered for the City’s March Lunch and Learn.

PCSS STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT WOMEN IN HISTORY IN CREATIVE NEW WAYS

In celebration of Women’s History Month in March, the students of Pioneer Charter School of Science (PCSS) in Everett (PCSSI) and Saugus (PCSS2) learned about women in history in creative new ways.

PCSSI installed a TikTok-inspired QR code board, linking students to an Instagram account dedicated to important female historical figures. This method proved a success, as the account was a conversation starter, and the social media aspect engaged students with the curriculum in a new and innovative way.

In addition to the successful implementation of the QR code, the school continued to employ technology as a learning tool, using curriculum sites such as BrainPOP, as well as virtual field trips and Ted Talks to open up vital conversations about Women’s History and give students the opportunity to learn more on their own time.

At PCSS2 in Saugus, teachers constructed a

HERstory board, a bulletin board depicting key historical figures from Frida Kahlo to Marie Curie. The board evoked feelings of girl power and a desire to continue learning about those on the board and beyond. With Women’s History Month coming just after Black History Month, teachers noted black female students were proud to be doubly recognized, expressing that they felt celebrated, acknowledged, and empowered.

The mission of PCSS is to prepare educationally under-resourced students for today’s competitive world. PCSS will help students develop the academic and social skills necessary to become successful professionals and exemplary community members through a rigorous academic curriculum emphasizing math and science. Balanced by a foundation in the humanities, a character education program, career-oriented college preparation, and solid student-teacher-parent collaboration, PCSS will meet its mission.



Students at PCSSI in Everett interact with a QR code linked to an Instagram account celebrating important women in history.



Middle school students at Saugus PCSS2 study the HERstory Board in honor of Women’s History Month.

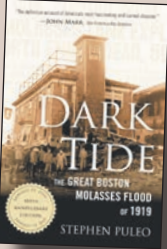
Author Stephen Puleo at the Everett High School and the Parlin Memorial Library



In celebration of the 20th anniversary of Dark Tide: The Great Molasses Flood of 1919, the Everett High School and Everett Public Libraries will host a two-part event on Thursday, April 13th. In the morning, two U.S. History classes will have the opportunity to discuss the book with author Mr. Stephen Puleo. In the evening, at 7:00 pm, the Everett Libraries will host Mr. Puleo at an Author Event in the Parlin Library Meeting Room.

Please join us for the presentation, open to all. Coffee and pastries are provided by the Friends of the Everett Libraries and the evening is supported by a grant from the Everett Cultural Council, part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Dark Tide not only describes what happened on that terrible day, but places it within the context of the social, political and economic environment of the time. The book has been selected by more than 25 cities and towns for community reads and chosen by almost 50 book clubs. It has been reviewed by The History Channel, the New Yorker, the Boston Globe, the Associated Press, the Providence Journal, Publishers Weekly, Scientific American and all major networks.



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HAPPY RAMADAN, EASTER, AND PASSOVER

One of the things that we take for granted as Americans is our freedom to worship -- or not to worship -- as we see fit.

What brings this thought to mind is the plethora of religious-oriented observances that are occurring this month: the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has been on-going since March 22 and extends through April 20; the week-long Jewish celebration of Passover begins today (Wednesday); Easter Sunday, preceded by Good Friday, is this Sunday for Catholics and Protestant denominations; and the Orthodox Christian observance of Easter is set for next Sunday.

In addition, the Cambodian community will be celebrating the Cambodian New Year for three days from April 14-16.

This confluence of religious holidays serves as a reminder to all of us that the concept of freedom of religion began -- and still exists -- in America. Most of the Pilgrims, as well as many of the other early settlers of America, were religious separatists who had broken from the Church of England and who came to America in order to be free from persecution (though the Pilgrims, who were known as Puritans, were themselves intolerant of other religions),

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our readers of all religious preferences a happy and healthy holiday season.

GOOD LUCK, MR. ENG -- YOU'LL NEED IT

Governor Maura Healey last week announced the appointment of Phillip Eng as the next General Manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Eng is an engineer with nearly 40 years of experience in transportation, including serving as the President of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) Long Island Rail Road and the Interim President of New York City Transit.

To say that Mr. Eng will be facing a number of significant and immediate challenges is not even an understatement.

His appointment comes on the heels of an announcement by the T a few weeks ago that speed restrictions between 10-25 miles per hour on the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green Lines -- in other words, the entire system -- were to go into effect immediately because of the decrepit condition of the rail beds on the T's tracks.

As we can attest after riding on the Red Line two weeks ago -- in which we crawled along at a snail's pace for almost the entire ride from South Station through Quincy -- the T's Rapid Transit system is anything but rapid and more aptly could be described as the Turtle Trolley.

In addition to unsafe tracks, the T also has to deal with the roving gangs of thugs on its trains who terrorize passengers with seeming impunity, as has been the case recently on the other end of the Red Line, where passengers were mugged during rush hour at Harvard Square station.

The T also has to address a serious shortfall of workers. According to news reports, the T is offering new employees a \$7500 cash signing bonus in order to make a dent in its present shortfall of 2800 workers. The manpower shortage already is having an effect on the frequency of bus routes. But given the low unemployment rate in the state, the T's prospects of getting the new workers it needs to function at anywhere near 100 percent optimization seem slim.

The T also is dealing with a huge decrease in ridership across all of its modes of transportation. We took the Hingham Ferry to Rowe's Wharf last week during rush hour. Before the pandemic, there would be a long line of commuters snaking along the waterfront from the Rowe's Wharf hotel to board the ferry back to Hingham.

Instead there were no more than 10 people waiting to get onto the boat -- and this was at 5:30 on a Friday evening, usually a prime-time rush hour boat that ordinarily would be packed with commuters. This decrease is not confined to the ferry. According to the T's own figures, there were 1.2 million daily riders of the T in February, 2019. However, in February 2023, the number was 702,000 -- a huge decline that is not expected to increase any time soon.

In addition, the T's ambitious plans to electrify its buses have encountered significant delays. In order to electrify its buses, the T needs to construct new garages that are capable of charging an electric bus fleet. However, the garages that already are under construction in Cambridge and Quincy are facing significant delays and the third garage on the Arborway in Jamaica Plain already is two years behind schedule. Plus, according to news reports, the T is facing delays in the delivery of the electric buses it has ordered.

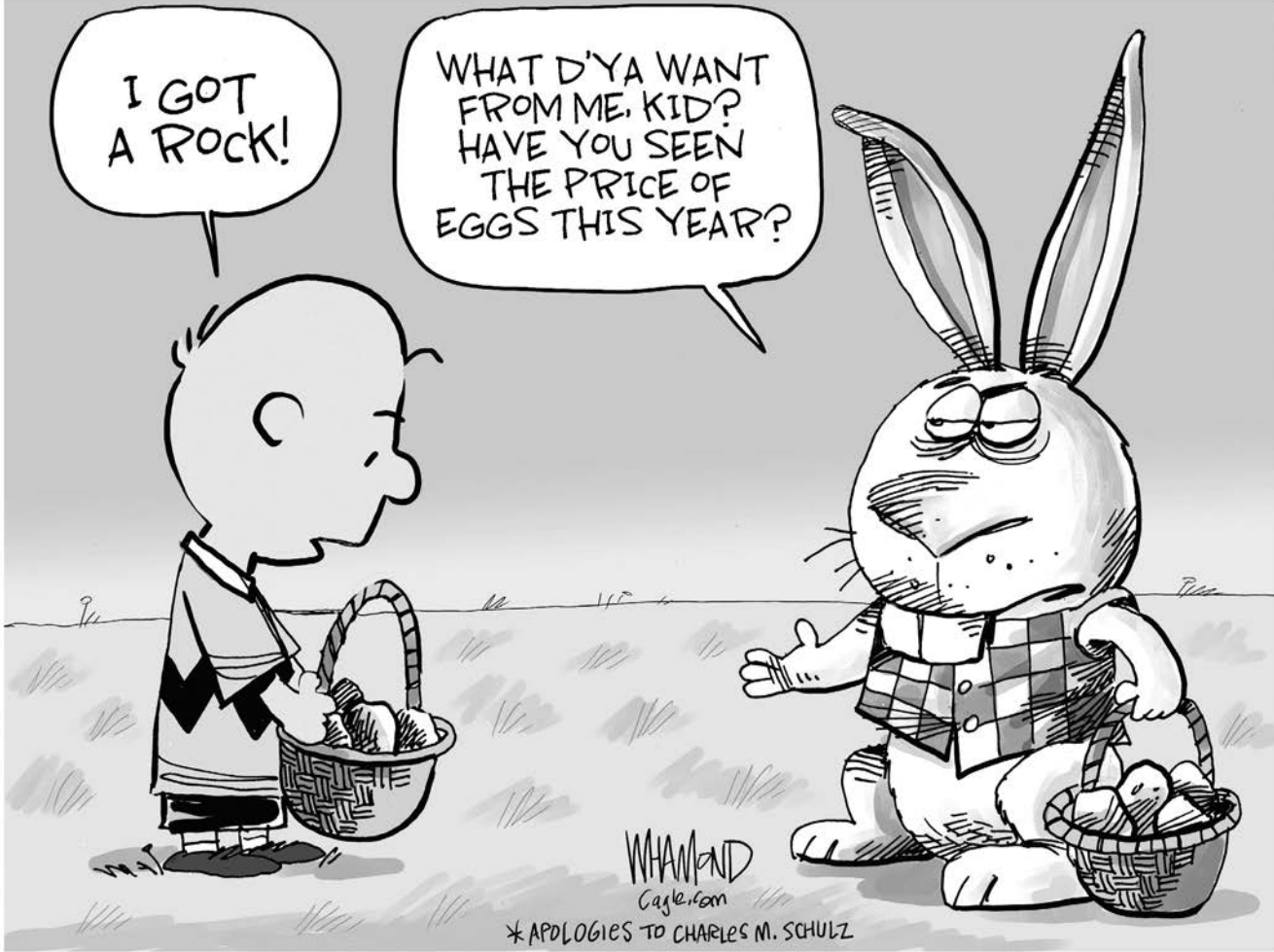
It is clear that even with a significant infusion of cash from the legislature, the T will have difficulty bringing its system into the 21st century. Moreover, given the already-low ridership and the poor quality of service, the T will continue to lose riders who cannot afford to be late for work everyday because of decrepit infrastructure and a lack of workers.

The MBTA always has been a favorite target for criticism from the press and politicians. However, the many years of neglected maintenance, which are due entirely to underfunded budgets from the legislature, combined with the after-effects of the pandemic, have brought the T to the crisis situation it is facing today.

Mr. Eng may very well be a superb choice for the top job at the T, but no one should expect him to work miracles.

All of us should wish him the best of luck because a modern and efficient public transportation system is essential for the Boston Metropolitan area to thrive.

Independent Forum



LETTER to the Editor

PROUD TO REPRESENT

To the Editor,
Since before I announced my candidacy for state representative, I've been in awe of the historic seat I am humbled to now hold. During my campaign, I promised the voters of the 11th Suffolk that I would use this seat to center the priorities of this district--which also means giving a voice to the most vulnerable, marginalized, ignored people in our Commonwealth. In my opinion, it is a core responsibility of whoever is fortunate enough to represent this community, because we know as well as anyone what it feels like to be unheard.

After being sworn in on January 4, I, along with my colleagues, had a few weeks to read, write, confirm support for, and file our legislation. Among those I am proud to have sponsored are bills that seek to protect renters from discrimination, ad-

dress healthcare inequities, and promote youth development in working class communities like ours. Last week, one of the bills I co-sponsored, HD 3822, attracted significant national attention. This particular legislation was written at the request of one of the most ignored groups of people in society: incarcerated individuals and their families. It sought to allow people in prison to voluntarily donate organs and bone marrow to family members and loved ones in need of treatment. Presently at the mercy of our criminal justice system, they lack a clear pathway to do that. After speaking with my colleagues and supporters of the bill, I, along with three other state representatives of majority-minority districts across our state, sponsored a bill hoping to establish that pathway.

The bill in its original form included reduced sentencing provisions for donors, which we are in the process of removing

to prevent dangerous and unethical incentives. My co-sponsors and I are currently working with Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts and other criminal justice reform advocates as we edit and amend the bill to improve it further. The truth is that some communities are more impacted by this legislation than others. Chelsea has the highest respiratory illness rate in the state, and Chelsea and Everett also face higher levels of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. There is also racial inequity in the speed in which Black and Brown people are able to obtain life saving treatment. African Americans, for example, spend an average of 1,335 days on the kidney transplant waitlist compared to an average of 734 days for whites. Thousands of Massachusetts residents are currently on the organ donor waitlist, and their chances of finding matches increase dramatically if they have family members

in their donor pool. It is no secret that people of color are at a higher risk of unjust incarceration, which effectively removes them as an option for a loved one seeking life-saving treatment. That means that many people who suffer from a high chance of organ failure also have a higher chance of their potential donors being locked up. That is wrong.

Addressing this inequity was always the goal of this legislation, and filing the bill was only the start of a much-needed conversation. I'm grateful for all the input I've received which has shed light on ways to make it better. As always, I look forward to working with constituents, activists, and stakeholders to continue this conversation and address other issues that impact Everett and Chelsea--like affordable housing, healthcare equity, and food justice.

Thank you,
Judith Garcia
State Representative,
11th Suffolk District

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MBTA continues aggressive hiring campaign, offering \$7,500 sign-on bonus for multiple positions

The MBTA announced that, effective April 15, the MBTA will increase its sign-on bonus to \$7,500 for applicants applying to a number of eligible positions throughout the MBTA as part of its aggressive hiring campaign.

The list of positions eligible to receive the \$7,500 sign-on bonus has also been expanded and includes Bus Operators, Rail Repairers, Track Laborers, Streetcar Operators, Subway Train Operators, Service Technicians, and Fuelers. Previously, the MBTA's recruitment efforts included a \$4,500 sign-on bonus for new Bus Operators only.

Prospective candidates looking for a rewarding career where they can have a positive impact on the entire region should visit mbta.com/careers for more information on open positions and to learn about the MBTA's many benefits and incentives. The MBTA continues to be part of area career fairs throughout the spring and summer months and beyond, and will also host several mobile recruitment events within various Boston-area neighborhoods. The MBTA continues to seek out opportunities to connect with the public on open positions at the T, and the mobile recruitment events will include a customized MBTA bus outfitted with workstations and computers where applicants can meet with MBTA recruiters, discuss career opportunities, and apply for a job on the spot:

MBTA Recruitment Event

In person on April 15 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Jubilee Christian Church, 1500 Blue Hill Avenue, in Mattapan.

UMass Dartmouth Career Fair

In person on April 18 from noon to 3 PM at UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Road, in Dartmouth.

MBTA Recruitment Event

In person on April 22 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Wollaston Station Parking

Lot, 90 Woodbine Street, in Quincy.

MBTA Recruitment Event

In person on April 29 from 10 AM to 1 PM at North Shore Community College - Lynn Campus, 750 Washington Street, in Lynn.

Latino Career Expo

In person on May 4 from 1 PM to 8:30 PM at the Marriott Courtyard Boston Downtown, 275 Tremont Street, in Boston.

MBTA Recruitment Event

In person on May 6 from 10 AM to 1 PM at Wonderland Station Parking Lot, 1234 North Shore Road, in East Revere.

National Aviation Academy Career Fair Career Fair

In person on July 13 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the National Aviation Academy, 130 Baker Avenue Extension, in Concord.

National Aviation Academy Career Fair Career Fair

In person on October 26 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the National Aviation

Academy, 130 Baker Avenue Extension, in Concord.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has requested \$20 million in the Commonwealth's March supplemental budget for new resources that can enable the MBTA to better recruit and retain employees to meet its needs. This includes money that could be used for incentives such as hiring and retention bonuses, increased pay for Bus Operators, and a robust marketing campaign.

As a tight labor market impacts staffing at transit agencies across the country, the MBTA has streamlined and fast-tracked its hiring process through digitization, improving hiring cycle times, and doubling the size of its HR Recruiting team. The MBTA has also gone to many online and in-person career fairs across the region; collaborated with local partners like education centers, MassHire, and more regarding identifying eligible candidates; and continues to brainstorm innovative ideas to promote the MBTA's many benefits and incentives. Making steady progress on its recruitment efforts, the MBTA nearly doubled the number of new hires in the first half of Fiscal Year 2023 (676 hires) when compared to the same period in Fiscal Year 2022 (344 hires). Employee retirement is cyclical and is incorporated into the MBTA's ongoing workforce planning and retention efforts.

The MBTA offers competitive salaries, extensive healthcare benefits, free public transit, training programs, tuition assistance, employee assistance programs, and an emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion. MBTA employees also receive attractive retirement plans, paid vacation, holidays, and sick time, and flexible spending accounts. The MBTA also covers the cost of obtaining a Commercial Driver's License as part of the Bus Operator hiring and training process, which is an over \$10,000 value.

Members of the public can view open positions online and visit the MBTA website for more information on insurance and other benefits.

The MBTA envisions a thriving region enabled by a best-in-class transit system. The MBTA's mission is to serve the public by providing safe, reliable, and accessible transportation, and holds core values built around safety, service, equity and sustainability. Each employee that works for the MBTA performs their roles based on our vision, mission, and values. The MBTA is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

For full information on starting a career at the T, visit mbta.com/careers, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, or TikTok @thembta.

DIDOMENICO VISITS WITH PCSS' CIVIC STUDENTS

Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico, whose district includes his hometown of Everett, recently visited the students at Everett's Pioneer Charter School of Science (PCSS). The Senator visited the campus for a meet and greet with twelfth-grade Civics students.

To prepare for the visit, each student drafted questions to ask the Senator during a Q&A session. Then, with help from a twelfth-grade instructor, their best questions were selected for the discussion. Senator DiDomenico answered queries about local infrastructure

impacting new drivers and his role in the State Senate entirely off the cuff.

The visit came on the heels of an essay assignment on political courage, prompting thoughtful questions for the Senator. Students inquired if there was ever a time he had to vote on a bill he disagreed with, eliciting an on-topic response from the Senator who encouraged those curious about entering politics to do the right thing. Senator DiDomenico engaged the students during his visit and reminded them always to remember the institution from which they came.

The mission of PCSS is to prepare educationally under-resourced students for today's competitive world. PCSS will help students develop the academic and social skills necessary to become successful professionals and exemplary community members through a rigorous academic curriculum emphasizing math and science. Balanced by a foundation in the humanities, a character education program, career-oriented college preparation, and solid student-teacher-parent collaboration, PCSS will meet its mission.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico speaks to twelfth-grade Civics students about his role in local politics.

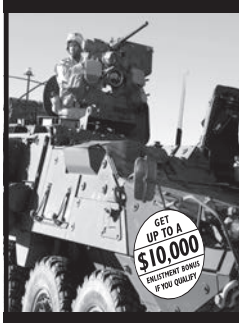
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



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Students at PCSS in Everett ask the Senator thoughtful and engaging questions.




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| Matthew 28:5-6

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APRIL 6 at 7PM

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GROOVES FOR GOOD DANCE PARTY FUNDRAISER EVENT

Grooves For Good Dance Party, a monthly fundraiser series, at Aeronaut Cannery on Saturday night to benefit Art Lab Everett.



Jose Antonio hosting at Grooves For Good.



Dj Donuts.



Dj Saucy Lady.



Sioux Gerow, Martha and Jerry Chason-Sokol.



Martha Chason-Sokol and Joanna Garren making art.



Eleanor and Mark Gayhart.



Art on display at Aeronaut Cannery for Grooves For Good event.

MBTA launches online speed restrictions dashboard

The MBTA launched a live, online Speed Restriction Dashboard that provides riders with up-to-date information on speed restrictions across the MBTA system. The dashboard reports on location, speed limit, when a restriction was put in place, and the reason for the restriction on the Red, Orange, Blue, Mattapan, and Green lines. The dashboard also provides the percentage of track under restriction, distance by individual line or systemwide, and total number of restrictions and can be viewed at [mbta.com/speedrestrictions](https://www.mbta.com/speedrestrictions). The dashboard is refreshed daily with data provided by the MBTA's enterprise asset management system and helps riders see where speed restrictions are located with maps they are accustomed to seeing. The speed restriction activity summary will help illustrate the ongoing work the MBTA is doing to clear restrictions within the system. Last month, the MBTA began to provide riders with speed restriction data by releasing a static dashboard that reported information from the previous month.

“Today’s dashboard provides daily updates on our data based on activity from the previous day and was launched with the goal of providing transparent and timely information to our customers,” said Interim General Manager Jeff Gonneville. “The dashboard delivers information that is clear and will assist riders in better understanding why they are experiencing slower conditions while riding the T. As we continue to validate and address track deficiencies, we also expect that over time, this platform will demonstrate the progress we’re making to remove speed restrictions. We know these restrictions impact riders’ daily commutes and we will continue to be transparent about the ongoing, daily work to improve our transit system.” Users of the dashboard will be able to see when speed restrictions were put in place starting from January 2023 and review a summary of changes over time. This dashboard will provide riders with the latest information available at the start of each day providing a new level of transparency.


Public Shade Tree Hearing Notice

Public Shade Trees are protected by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87. The removal of a healthy public tree requires an advertised public hearing. Removal of Public Shade Trees – Reconstruction of Ferry Street Project City of Everett, Department of Public Works Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on **April 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall – 3rd Floor Keverian Room, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149** to consider the removal of the following public trees:

ID #	Species	Diameter	Location
2301	Norway Maple (Acer Platanoides)	20"	4 Crescent Street
2304	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	2'	156 Chelsea Street
2309	Green Ash (Fraxinus Pennsylvanica)	7"	4 Irving Street
2310	Norway Maple (Acer Platanoides)	7"	14 Cannell Place
2314	Norway Maple (Acer Platanoides)	12"	66-72 Ferry Street
2315	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	9"	66-72 Ferry Street
2320	London Plane (Platanus Acerifolia)	5"	190-192 Ferry Street
2321	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	5"	198 Ferry Street
2328	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	3"	Glendale Park
2327	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	11"	Glendale Park
2326	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	13"	Glendale Park
2325	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	12"	Glendale Park
2341	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	13"	Glendale Park
2342	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	18"	Glendale Park
2343	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	20"	Glendale Park
2344	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	9"	291 Ferry Street
2345	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	8"	5-7 Sycamore Street
2348	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	5"	315-335 Ferry Street
2349	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	4"	315-335 Ferry Street
2350	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	4"	315-335 Ferry Street
2351	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	3"	315-335 Ferry Street
2352	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	3"	315-335 Ferry Street
2353	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	3"	315-335 Ferry Street
2354	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	3"	315-335 Ferry Street
2355	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	14"	330-342 Ferry Street
2356	Red Maple (Acer Rubrum)	2"	736 Broadway
2360	Red Maple (Acer Rubrum)	24"	487-489 Ferry Street
2406	Red Maple (Acer Rubrum)	12"	493 Ferry Street
2362	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	12"	507-509 Ferry Street
2363	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	5"	4 Bennett Street
2364	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	3"	520 Ferry Street


ID #	Species	Diameter	Location
2305	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	8"	201 Chelsea Street
2306	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	9"	201 Chelsea Street
2307	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	5"	201 Chelsea Street
2383	Norway Maple (Acer Platanoides)	18"	137 Elm Street
2384	Little Leaf Linden (Tilia Cordata)	33"	143 Elm Street
2387	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	12"	177 Elm Street
2389	Bradford Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)	2"	201 Elm Street
2391	Sugar Maple (Acer Saccharum)	8"	223 Elm Street
2392	Red Maple (Acer Rubrum)	14"	231 Elm Street
2404	Red Maple (Acer Rubrum)	2"	302 Elm Street
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The project will include the planting of approximately 90 street trees and an assortment of hedges, perennials, and annuals along Ferry Street and portions of Elm Street. The tree(s) identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of Public Works, prior to or during the hearing. The mailing address for the Executive Director of Public Works is: **Everett Department of Public Works**
19 Norman Street
Everett, MA 02149
PJ 617.394.2286
Attn: Jerry Navarra
Executive Director of Public Works



- LEGAL NOTICE -

CITY OF EVERETT



BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSION

484 Broadway Everett, Massachusetts 02149

Public Hearing Tuesday, April 18, 2023, @ 6:30 PM

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M. at Everett City Hall, 2nd Floor, in room 27. Opinions will be heard regarding the following application:


An application has been presented to the License Commission from Neide Souza for the approval of a Short-Term Rental License for 28 Fuller St, 1st floor, Everett, MA 02149. A copy of the application is on file and available in the Office of Inspectional Services, room 26 located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be viewed by request during regular City Hall business hours by contacting ISD at 617-944-0211.

All interested parties may attend.

Phil Antonelli


Chairman

April 5, 2023



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An application has been presented to the License Commission for a Transfer of License from Diaz Restaurant Corporation DBA Rumors Bar & Grill, 56 Ferry Street to Daniela's Corporation DBA Rumors Bar & Grill, 56 Ferry Street. This application is for an On-Premises, Restaurant, All Alcoholic Beverages License.

A copy of the application is on file and available in the Office of Inspectional Services, room 26 located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be viewed by request during regular City Hall business hours by contacting ISD at 617-944-0211.

All interested parties may attend.

Phil Antonelli

Chairman

April 5, 2023

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each finalist told Colin Kelly that they wanted to split the jackpot. Each of the five winners received a \$2,000 cash prize.

The many guests enjoyed a social hour followed by a catered full-course dinner and dessert.

Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting such an outstanding social event.



Representing the Office of Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Antoinette Blanchard and Mirlande Felissant.



Alex Krisak holds the Tom Brady-autographed photo that he won as the highest bidder in the auction at the dinner. Also pictured are Scott Brown and Dave O'Neil.



The leaders of the Everett Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Cheryl Smith, President Dan Cameron, and Chairperson Colin Kelly.



Linda Maloney, retired Everett High School administrative assistant who helped out the Everett Chamber of Commerce at the event, with her husband, Tom Maloney.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton and Everett Police Chief Steven Mazzie, pictured at the Everett Chamber of Commerce Raffle Dinner.



Seated are Mike Supino, Mike Cameron, Maria Vitale, Patty Cameron, and Dan Cameron. Standing are Tom Marchand, Kurt Hunziker, Scott Brown, John Brainard, and Dennis Cataldo.



The Members Plus Credit Union and Bay State Financial table, seated are John Ivas, Justin Lasko, Leo Lemos, and Anne Powers. Back row are John Murphy, Everett Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Janis Caines, Eric Rich, Chris Ross, and Alex Krisak.



Seated are Rosemary Hughes, Diane Canavan, and Marzie Galazka. Standing are Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Rosemary Hughes, Louise Cafasso, Fred Cafasso, and Bill Carafa.

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DEMARIA CONGRATULATES EVERETT RECREATION BASKETBALL TEAM ON CHAMPIONSHIPS, REMAINING UNDEFEATED

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CITY OF EVERETT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently invited the Everett Recreation 5th grade Travel Boys Basketball team to Everett City Hall to congratulate them on remaining undefeated all season (20-0) to win the Massachusetts and New England Championships.

The team was invited to enjoy pizza, soda and water in the Mayor's conference room while chatting with the Mayor. The championship team presented Mayor DeMaria with a basketball signed by all of the players as a token of their accomplishment. They also talked about their season, what schools they are attending and how they are doing academically. Mayor De-

Maria stressed the importance of reading as much as possible and doing well in school to be successful in anything they want to do.

At the end of the celebration, each player was presented with a citation to commemorate the significant milestone they all achieved together. Mayor DeMaria would like to thank the players, coaches and parents for visiting with him to say congratulations on their outstanding achievement.



Mayor DeMaria chatted with the team while they enjoyed pizza, soda and water.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria alongside the Everett Recreation 5th Grade Travel Boys Basketball team.

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Mayor DeMaria

Celebrate Earth Day

Saturday, April 22, 2023

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Rivergreen Park
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In addition to many other fun projects, enjoy a participant BBQ, boat and canoe rides, activities and more at 12 p.m. with music and fun for all.

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cityofeverett.com/events/celebrate-earth-day



SCAN ME



Mike DiPietro from the Recreation Department presented Mayor DeMaria with a basketball signed by all of the players.

TIDE IN SEASON OPENER



NO THANKS: Isaiah Goffigan lets a high pitch go by for a ball on Monday at Glendale Park. See Page 11 for more photos.



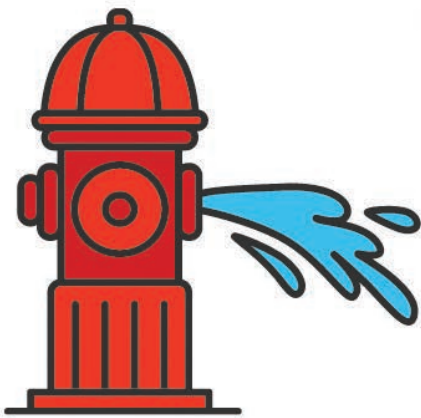
MAD HATTER: Second baseman Albert Santana had to deal with his cap falling off as he fielded a ground ball, but he made the play.



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TIDE IN SEASON OPENER ACTION AGAINST MALDEN

A rough first inning put the Crimson Tide in six-run hole early as the Crimson Tide dropped a season-opening game to Malden 14-4 Monday at Glendale Park.



NO PLAY: Shortstop Nordeivy Santana fields a throw that was too late to prevent a Malden stolen base.

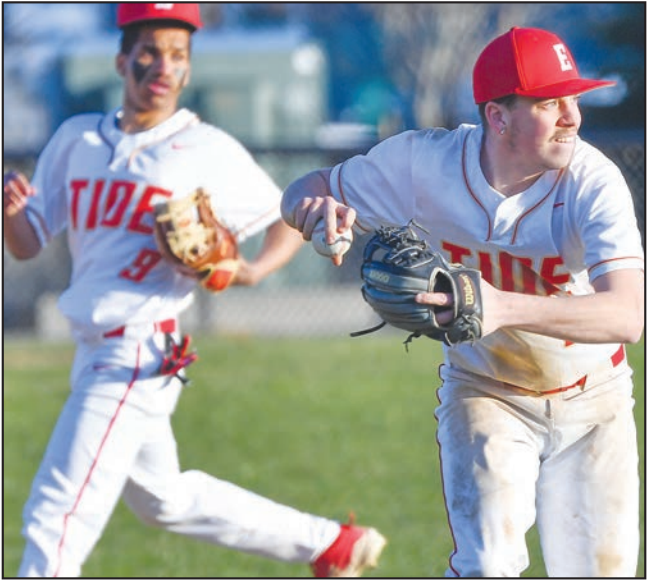


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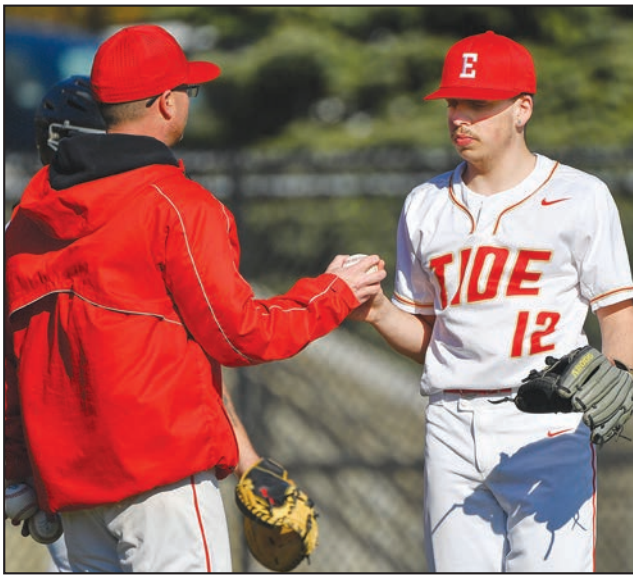
THE FORCE BE WITH YOU: Shortstop Nordeivy Santana steps on second base for the force out on a Malden runner that ended the second inning.



PLAYING DEFENSE: Pitcher Enrico Vega readies a throw to first base after fielding a slow roller back to the mound.



MAKING THE PLAY: Third baseman Matt Turilli lines up a throw to first after fielding a slow roller.



NOT HIS DAY: Starting pitcher Matt Turilli had control problems on a chilly and windy afternoon and was relieved early.

EHS Roundup

A NEAR-PERFECT OPENING DAY: EHS SOFTBALL TEAM BLANKS MALDEN, 12-0

The Everett High softball team, which shared the Greater Boston League (GBL) championship last year with Lynn Classical, served notice that it will be a contender for the 2023 GBL crown with a 12-0 victory at GBL rival Malden in a contest that was halted after five innings because of the mercy rule.

The Lady Crimson Tide received an outstanding performance from pitcher Kristi Skane, who spun a masterful one-hitter. Kristi fanned nine Lady Golden Tornado hitters (out of the 15 Malden outs) and walked none.

After a scoreless first inning, the Lady Crimson Tide erupted for six runs in the top of the second.

Emilia Maria-Babcock started the rally with a base hit behind shortstop and promptly stole second. Alexa Uga then delivered a double to bring in Babcock with the first

EHS run of the 2023 season.

After walks to Ashley Seward and Bryanna Mason loaded the bases, Emma Longmore singled, knocking in Uga and Jayla Davila drew a walk, forcing in Seward. Skane (the Tide's number three batter) helped her own cause with a double, knocking in both Mason and Longmore. Kaylee Rossi reached first on a dropped third strike, which also was a passed ball, allowing Davila to score.

The Lady Crimson Tide doubled their lead with another six-run outburst in the fourth.

Everett's top-of-the-lineup batter Emma Longmore started off with a single into the outfield. Jayla Davila reached first after being hit by a pitch and Skane delivered a base hit into the outfield, knocking in Longmore.

Kayley Rossi doubled, scoring Davila and moving Skane to third, and Skane scored on a passed ball, on which Rossi

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Everett Arts & Cultural HAPPENINGS


THANK YOU! From Arts For Everett to all the people who came out to the April Grooves for Good fundraiser at Aeronaut Cannery. It was a great time! Learn more at artsforeverett.org

FREE Youth Robotics and Coding Workshop
Everett Cultural Council Grantee Komal Markan will be leading Youth Robotics & Coding at the Parlin Library for 3 session: April 14 & 15, 18&19 and 20&21 at 11AM, Participants (ages 7-10) will build a Lego robot and write code to make it move and make sounds. Parlin Library 617-392-2300.

OPEN HOUSE at Art Lab Everett
On April 16th, 3-5PM. Meet local featured artist KAVA, try an art project, tour the lab, meet people, sign up for classes. Art Lab Everett is at 132 Bucknam St. Art Lab Everett is the community art space operated by Arts For Everett, Inc.

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4月11日周四下午 5 — 8 点

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Madi 11 avril, depi 5 p.m. jiska 8 p.m.

Junte-se a nós para saber mais sobre o desenvolvimento East of Broadway, atividades de envolvimento comunitário e oportunidades de emprego.

Terça-feira, 11 de abril, das 17h às 20h

Por favor, asista y obtenga más información sobre nuestro desarrollo East of Broadway, sobre las actividades de participación comunitaria y sobre las diversas oportunidades laborales.

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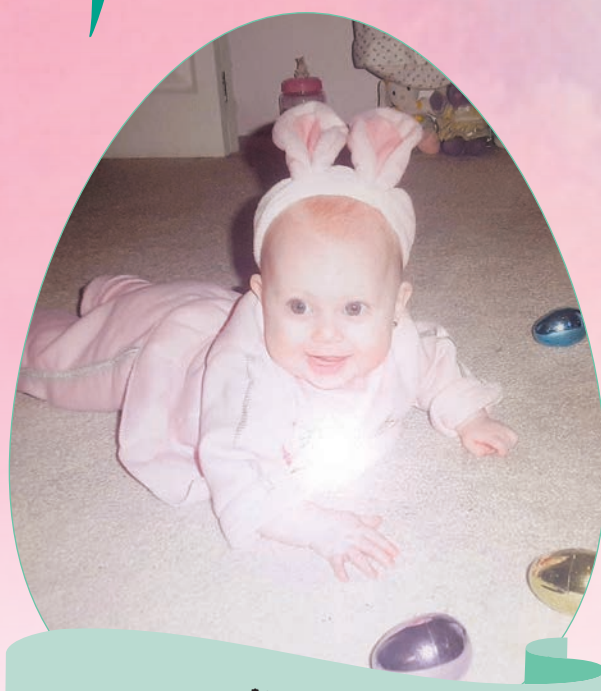
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Student led lobby day at State House champions college hunger

More than 60 students, legislators, and advocates convened at the Massachusetts State House for a student-led lobby day around the often-overlooked issue of college hunger. As 37 percent of public university students in Massachusetts face food insecurity, and with the Healey Administration’s focus on keeping the Massachusetts workforce competitive and higher education affordable for all, the Massachusetts Hunger-Free Campus Coalition and MASSPIRG Students congregated around deep-rooted food insecurity among students and corresponding legislation to relieve it.

The Massachusetts Hunger-Free Campus Coalition assemblies over 40 colleges, students, advocates and anti-poverty organizations to dismantle barriers to healthy, consistent meals for students. Co-led by The Greater Boston Food Bank, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, and the Mass Law Reform Institute, the coalition promotes food access through awareness and advocacy, and connects students facing food insecurity with federal assistance programs and other resources. MASSPIRG Students represent colleges across the state, organizing students around issues of public health, climate change and democracy.

During the program, speakers shared personal



Pictured (left to right) are Sean Simonini, MASSPIRG Chapter Chair at UMASS Lowell; MA State Rep Andy Vargas, and Senator Sal DiDomenico.

experiences and called for prioritization of the urgent issue alongside legislative action. The program called for the passing of An Act Establishing the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative (S.835 / H.1293), which would fund hunger relief solutions and resources across college campuses including food pantries, educational resources around SNAP and provide a single point of contact for hunger needs on campuses. The coalition and MASSPIRG students are seeking additional funding in the FY24 state budget – \$4 million – towards the Hunger Free Campus Initiative.

The bill’s legislative sponsors; State Representative Andy Vargas of Haverhill, State Representative Mindy Domb of Amherst, and Senator Joan Lovely of Salem as well as co-sponsor Sen-

ator Sal DiDomenico of Everett joined to share sentiments and support of the pressing issue.

“Hunger can have a profoundly negative impact on students, including loss of concentration and heightened depression and anxiety” said Senator Joan B. Lovely (D-Salem). “For college students who struggle to afford tuition, rent, and the high cost of living, the effects of food insecurity can be especially detrimental. That is why I am proud to partner with Representatives Vargas and Domb, MASSPIRG, and the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition to file legislation to establish a Hunger-Free Campus Initiative. By creating on-campus programs that improve access to food, like those found at Salem State University and North Shore Community College, we can help our students lead healthy, productive lives both in-

side and outside of the classroom. I will continue to champion this important work on Beacon Hill to end hunger across our colleges and universities.”

“We know that hunger exists on college campuses, but too often college students are overlooked,” said State Representative Andy Vargas, (D-Haverhill). “College students manage busy schedules and often work full-time jobs on top of managing their schoolwork. No student should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from or compromise their education to eat. While many campuses have created incredible programs to support their students, we need a systems-wide approach to maximize federal funding and scale best practices. The passage of our bill will give colleges infrastructure to address hunger on campus in a sustainable way, and I’m grateful to the Hunger-Free Campus coalition for their advocacy.” -

“Today’s students are responding to historic economic pressures whether it be escalating costs of college, the burden of student debt, the escalating costs associated with textbooks, housing and transportation, and in many cases, childcare,” said State Representative Mindy Domb (D-Amherst). “In this puzzle and trade-offs surrounding their economic insecurity, something has to give, and too often it is food. We know that food insecurity on campus exists, and it undermines stu-

dents’ academic success, completion, and retention. Hungry students can’t learn and can’t succeed, and that includes students in college. The Hunger Free Campus legislation will help deliver the interventions that work to reduce college student food insecurity and support our students.”

“I am proud to cosponsor the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative bill and advocate for funding in the FY24 state budget to ensure no student goes hungry at any public college in our state,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “We spend a lot of money to ensure our state universities have talented professors and world class resources, but this money is wasted when students are hungry, can’t concentrate in class and can’t afford to feed themselves. I look forward to working with Senator Lovely, Representative Vargas, Representative Domb, and the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition to pass this critical piece of legislation.”

Following the speaking program, student representatives met with legislators for lobby meetings around the coalition’s priorities and advancing solutions for college hunger.

“The students who are spending their time today to improve the quality of life for all students are the very ones that will continue to be on the forefront of improving our communities through organizing,

advocacy and service,” said Dierdre Cummings, MASSPIRG Legislative Director.

“No student should ever have to go hungry,” said Sean Simonini, MASSPIRG Chapter Chair at UMASS Lowell. “How can we be expected to do our best work if our biggest worry is where our next meal is going to come from? The thought that over 1-in-3 college students - including my classmates - have faced food or housing insecurity is more than enough reason for our legislature to pass the Hunger Free Campus Act now.”

Several members of the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition were also present at today’s event at The State House. This state-wide coalition was formed in 2019 and today includes over 40 schools, civic agencies and hunger-relief organizations across Massachusetts.

“In a commonwealth that prides itself on its world-class higher education, that invests millions of dollars in public education every year, we’ve fallen behind in making sure that our students don’t go hungry,” said Kate Adams, Policy Manager at The Greater Boston Food Bank. “We’re encouraged that Governor Healey has made significant commitments to expand access and remove barriers to higher education, but we can’t miss the essential role that food plays in the retention, achievement, and graduation of students.”

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484 BROADWAY
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 99 Bow Street
Map/Parcel: H0-05-000158
Building Permit: B-23-69
Property Owner: DAG Trust, Ms. Denise Varoudakis Trustee
48 Fatherland Drive
Byfield, MA 01922

Person Requesting: Mr. Michael Bono
193 Belmont Street
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:
To add an additional use to the property specifically a Class II Auto Sales use to the existing Service and Repair station use.

Reason for Denial:
The property is in the Lower Broadway Economic Development District – Specifically the Lower Broadway Employment Sub-district - and the proposed use is only permitted in this Zoning District by the grant of a Special Permit from the planning board per Section 30 Appendix A Table of Use Regulations for the Sub-District

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Property Address: 148 (146) Main Street.
Map/Lot: E0-05-000103
Person Requesting: Al-Li Service Center Inc.
1 Seal Harbor Rd.
Winthrop, MA 02152

PROPOSAL:
Applicant seeks a permit to add an additional License for an Auto Body Shop to the property.

Reason for Denial:
There is currently two (2) Licensed business on the property that have been approved by the Everett City Council, one business is a motor repair shop and the other is a 2nd class motor dealer Section 3B Auto Body Shop line L which states the following: No other business licensed by the city council shall be conducted on the licensed premises except for a first-class motor dealer’s license.

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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesdays April 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 87-89 Malden Street.
Map/Lot: L0-05-000095
Person Requesting: Jean Thermitus
33 Jackson Ave.
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:
In addition to the relief previously granted to permit the conversion of the preexisting lawfully nonconforming three-unit residential structure to a six-unit residential structure, the applicant seeks a special permit pursuant to Section 3.C of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the enclosure of three porches, thereby increasing the floor area ratio from .75 to .86.

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Property Address: 121 Florence St
Map/Parcel: L4-04-000148
Person Requesting: Yimmi Granados
207 High St
Randolph, MA 02368

PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to convert the existing two-family dwelling to a three-family dwelling on a 5,933-sf lot located within the dwelling district as per plan by Framingham Survey Consultants, dated 11/7/2022. The plan contains five (5) parking spaces 9' x 18'. A permit to build the existing structure was issued on November 6th 1897. The structure received an occupancy permit as a two-family dwelling on April 6th, 2022. The existing structure contains 3,062 sf of gross floor area and has a current FAR of .51. Reason for Denial: Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A. The applicant shall seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows: Zoning: 1. Pursuant to Section 17.A.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, a three-unit residential use would require six (6) parking spaces, but the lot contains only five (5) parking spaces. You may either seek a

variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals or participate in the Transportation Demand Management program under Section 35 of the Zoning Ordinance.

2. Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 4(B) (2)b requires 7,000 s.f. of lot area for a two-family dwelling. Accordingly, the 5,933 s.f. lot is currently nonconforming as to area, and the addition of a third dwelling unit will increase this nonconformity. A special permit is required, pursuant to Section 3(F) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this refusal to appeal this decision

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Property Address: 94 Tremont Street
Map/Parcel: D0-04-000003
Permit Number: B-23-70
Person Requesting: Michael Bono and Joseph Bono
193 Belmont Street
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:
To construct a new mixed use 5 Story building with 32 residential units and 2 retail spaces.

Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance with the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows.

Zoning:

- The proposed rear Yard is shown to be 15 feet but per Section 26 (c) Dimensional requirements line 4 requires 25 feet.
- Section 26 C) line 7 allows for 70 units per acre where the lot is only 12,629 square feet in area which would allow for a maximum of 20 units
- The proposed side yards while both meet the minimum the total is not meet per Section 26 (c) Dimensional Requirements 3 requires 30 feet total.
- The proposed building a FAR of 2.5 which requires a Special permit per Section 26 (c) Dimensional requirements limits FAR to 2.25 but 4 to 1 by Special Permit.

- Parking of 13 parking spaces is shown to be below the requirements of Section 17 for Off-Street Parking but the owner can go before the Everett Planning Board under the guidelines in Section 35 the Transportation Demand Management (TDM).
- Open Space Requirements the plan is not clear as to how much space is to be provided but it does appear to be below the required 15% per Section 26-Dimensional requirements (c) Line 8 which requires 15 %.
- Landscaping requirements indicated on provide plot plan are not clear as to the depth at the Front and Rear per Section 26 Dimensional requirements (d) requires at least 10 feet at the front and rear lot lines.

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Emily Sweeney discusses her book ‘Gangland Boston’ at West End Museum

Story & photos by Marianne Salza

Boston Globe reporter, Emily Sweeney, discussed her book, “Gangland Boston: A Tour Through the Deadly Streets of Organized Crime,” on March 23, at The HUB50 Community Room, Boston. The Dorchester resident shared fraudulent and violent stories of local mobsters that prevailed in Boston during the West End Museum event.

“The mafia made its debut in the late 19th century Boston,” began Sweeney. “It was difficult being a police officer around the turn of the century. Back then, nobody carried ID’s. Criminals constantly used aliases. Boston Police didn’t start using fingerprints to identify people until 1906.”

Until then, officers relied on mug shots, and measurements such as the length of the left foot, middle finger, or forearm to identify suspects.

“One of the first gangs that rose to prominence in the late 19th century was the Swindling Beggars Gang,” Sweeney noted. “The leader of this gang was Frisco Slim, from California. He would fake being injured and beg for money on the street. He would recruit young kids to wear bloody bandages and limp. Then they’d go back to the West End and split the proceeds. When the police did bust this gang, they found that

kids were working for them like child slaves.”

One of the earliest instances that Sweeney could locate in a digitized newspaper was from the Boston Sunday Post in 1895. The article specified the structure of the mafia and estimated that there were about 200 mafia members in the Boston area at the time. Many newspaper articles that Sweeney read from the turn of the century described people in mortal terror.

“My book, ‘Gangland Boston,’ has a lot of information about the Gus-tin Gang,” mentioned Sweeney. “They were one of the first, prominent Irish mobs. They rose to power during Prohibition.”

The leader of the Gus-tin Gang was 5-foot-5-inch-tall Stevie Wallace, of South Boston. Wal-lace, who was a member of the 1920 US Olympic boxing team, hugely impacted Boston’s or-ganized crime; and was protected by powerful government officials and law enforcement.

“In December 1931, these guys go to 317 Han-over Street – a Citizens Bank now – in the North End to have a sit down with leaders of the mafia. They did not leave alive. This was a major turning point in organized crime in the City of Boston,” Sweeney emphasized. “The Italians established their power over the city.”

In addition to smug-



Emily Sweeney discussing her book, “Gangland Boston: A Tour Through the Deadly Streets of Organized Crime” during a March 23 West End Museum event.

gling and distributing alcohol during Prohibition, organized gambling was another illegal source of income for criminal groups.

“People gambled what little they had,” said Sweeney. “Back then, you could place a bet with a bookie who was standing on a street corner, in shoe shine parlors, barber shops, and regular stores.”

The most famous West Ender in the bookmaking business was Doc Sagan-sky, the son of Lithua-nian immigrants. Grow-ing up, Sagansky sold newspapers at the Mas-sachusetts State House. He graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1918, and practiced dentistry in Scollay Square.

“Through betting and gambling, he built a for-

tune,” said Sweeney, a descendant of a West End resident displaced during Urban Renewal. “He be-came an owner of two Boston nightclubs, and operated a loan agency, which allowed him to fi-nance other enterprises.”

One illegal bookmak-ing establishment was Swartz’s Key Shop, 364 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, where bets on horse and dog racing could be made. The pop-ular shop was raided by the Internal Revenue Ser-vice in 1961.

“In addition to gam-bling, when people ran out of money, they turned to loan sharks, who were excessively vi-olent against customers,” Sweeney mentioned. “This was before cred-it cards. You could get a loan on the street.”



Emily Sweeney, author of “Gangland Boston: A Tour Through the Deadly Streets of Organized Crime.”

Emily Sweeney is a board member of the New England First Amendment Coalition, and the New England Society of News Editors. Her book, “Dropkick Murphy: A Legendary Life,” a biography about the professional wrestler

and doctor during the Great Depression, will be available through Amazon on May 23, 2023. Visit www.Facebook.com/BostonOrganized-Crime to view images, videos, and newspaper articles about Boston’s organized crime.

CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congrega-tional Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Ev-erett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sun-day Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Commu-nion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour

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

**Mystic Side
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422 Main Street
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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Bishop Robert G. Brown and Zion Church Ministries invites you to join us every Sunday at our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service for a time of wor-ship, praise and preaching, at 757 Broadway, Everett, MA. You can also join

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Face-book and You Tube.

For more information, they can be reached on-line at zionchurchminis-tries.com or via email at office@zionchurchminis-tries.com.

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

Glendale United Meth-odist 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 ded-icate 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 particu-lar week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pas-tor’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.

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CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

The City of Everett recently hosted the annual Senior Health Fair at the Connolly Center. After being unable to host the event since the pandemic, Mayor DeMaria was pleased to once again bring this event back for Everett’s seniors.

The health fair brings together many vendors that offer various types of services like health check-ups, assisted living, financial assistance and more. This year, over 20 vendors participated in the event to greet attendees and provide more information about the services they can offer to seniors. There were also free service demos like blood pressure checks, glucose and cholesterol testing, massage demos and bone density tests offered for attendees to be informed about their current health.



Attendees received information about services from participating vendors.

Those who attended were also treated to a surprise belly dancing performance by our seniors who participate in just one of the many different classes we offer at the Connolly Center.

“I’d like to thank the

entire Council on Aging team for all their work in putting together this wonderful event,” said Mayor DeMaria. “I’m glad we were able to once again offer an important event like this to our seniors.”



Over 20 vendors gathered at the Connolly Center to offer to provide more information about how they can serve Everett seniors.



The seniors who participate in the belly dancing class at the Connolly Center gave a surprise performance.

ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR PARTNERS WITH ALL THE CITY’S MAJOR SPORTS TEAMS

Encore Boston Harbor Announces Partnership with the Boston Encore Boston Harbor announced a multi-year partnership with the nine-time World Series champions, the Boston Red Sox. With the newly formed collabora-

tion, Encore Boston Harbor now has partnerships with all the region’s professional sports teams, the Boston Red Sox, Boston Bruins, Boston Celtics, New England Patriots and New England Revolution.

“Boston is the city of

champions and Encore Boston Harbor is proud to be a partner of all the city’s major sports teams,” said Jenny Holaday, president of Encore Boston Harbor. “We truly believe this makes us the premiere destination for all sports

enthusiasts and entertainment seekers.”

To celebrate the partnership, Encore Boston Harbor has made \$25,000 donations to the Red Sox Foundation, Shamrock Foundation, Boston Bruins Foundation, and Pa-

triots Foundation. The donations were commemorated by check presentations with Encore Boston Harbor President Jenny Holaday; Bekah Salwasser, Executive Vice President, Social Impact and Executive Director of the Red Sox Foundation, Dave Hoffman, Senior Vice President of the Boston Celtics; Kerry Collins, Senior Director of Community Relations of the Boston Bruins, and Andre Tippett, Pro Football Hall of Fame and Executive Director of Community Affairs for the New England Patriots.

“The Red Sox are proud to partner with Encore Boston Harbor, an organization that is highly regarded as a staple to Boston locals and tourists alike and revered for playing an active role in the Greater Boston community,” said Troup Parkinson, EVP, Partnerships, Boston Red Sox. “Through this partnership, Red Sox fans will have access to exclusive offers to enhance their gameday experience with Encore Boston Harbor as

a post-game destination.”

This newest collaboration between two of Boston’s most recognizable organizations demonstrates commitment to the fundamentals of what makes Boston special. Together, both the Boston Red Sox and Encore Boston Harbor will continue to invest in community organizations, build on Boston’s passion for sports and offer top-level entertainment to Encore Boston Harbor guests and baseball fans alike.

Under the partnership, the organizations will jointly participate in marketing and co-branded program elements including:

- Complimentary shuttle service to Encore Boston Harbor from Fenway Park after each Red Sox home game.

- Red Sox Ticket and overnight stay packages

Team-related events held at Encore Boston Harbor including watch parties, a Boston Red Sox take-over day, and Red Sox Foundation events.



Pictured (left to right) are Bekah Salwasser, Executive Vice President, Social Impact and Executive Director of the Red Sox Foundation; Andre Tippett, Pro Football Hall of Fame and Executive Director of Community Affairs for the New England Patriots; Jenny Holaday, President of Encore Boston Harbor; Dave Hoffman, Senior Vice President of the Boston Celtics; Kerry Collins, Senior Director of Community Relations of the Boston Bruins.

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moved to third. Babcock singled, bringing home Rossi, and then stole second.

Gianna Masucci doubled, delivering Babcock, and Gianna eventually scored after moving to third on a groundout and scooting home on a passed ball.

The rest of the contest was uneventful, save for Malden’s lone base hit in the bottom of the fourth with two outs and two strikes by the Tornado clean-up hitter.

“These girls came ready to play,” said EHS head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo, whose 25th season at the helm of the Lady Crimson Tide softball program began on a near-perfect note. “Kristi Skane did an amazing job on the mound with Kayley Rossi being solid behind the plate.

“They did not allow much play in the field,” continued Poste-Schiavo. “However, when the ball was hit, Mason and Longmore made the plays.

“Kristi had a no-hitter going into the fourth inning, and I thought she had the K, but it was so close, the umpire called it a ball and then the next pitch Lightbody hit the double,” added the coach. “Starting off the season with a win

is always a positive and booster. I am hopeful this enthusiasm continues. The team has been working hard in the off-season and it has definitely shown in practice.”

The Lady Crimson Tide are scheduled to host GBL foe Chelsea today (Wednesday) at Glendale Park at 4:00. They will trek to Lynn Classical on Monday and return home to entertain Lynn English next Wednesday at Glendale at 4:00.

EHS BASEBALL TEAM PLAYS AT CHELSEA TODAY

The Everett High baseball team will seek to shake off a 14-4 loss to Malden in its season-opener this past Monday when coach Joel Levine and his crew make the short trek across the Parkway to Carter Field in Chelsea this afternoon (Wednesday).

“We gave up seven runs in the first inning,” said Levine. “Our pitching struggled, issuing 11 walks over the course of the game.”

After today’s contest with the Red Devils, the Tide will host Lynn Classical next Monday at Glendale at 4:00 and will travel to Lynn English next Wednesday.

EHS GIRLS TENNIS DROPS SEASON-OPENER

The Everett High girls tennis team came up on the short end of a hard-fought 5-0 decision to Malden, the defending Greater Boston League champions, in the season-opener this past Monday.

Senior captain Luisa DaSilva played first singles, junior captain Yasmine Laabadla played second singles, and senior Brooklyn Acevedo played third singles. At first doubles, the Tide had senior captain Aline Silva and junior Rebecca Hickey and at second doubles, the Everett players were the duo of sophomores Nga Ho and Tracy Pham.

Courtney Meninger and her crew are scheduled to host GBL foes Somerville today (Wednesday), Lynn Classical on Monday, and Lynn English next Tuesday on the courts at Rosetti Park.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS FOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL IN SEASON-OPENER

Although the Everett High boys volleyball team came out on the short end of a 3-0 decision at Greater Boston League (GBL) opponent Malden in its

season-opener on Monday, EHS head coach Michael Fineran saw a lot of good signs from his team that should bode well for the 2023 season.

“It was an encouraging opener,” said Fineran, “The end result, a 3-0 loss, is not what we were looking for, but realistically, we knew we were going up against one of the top teams in the state (ranked 18 by the Boston Globe this weekend).

“For the first set and a half, we showed that we could hang with them,” Fineran said. “We actually jumped out to a decent lead in the first set. Junior Dawens Germain served four in a row to take an early 6-5 lead, and senior captain Dimitar Dimitrov served seven points right after that, taking a 7-7 tie to a 14-7 lead.

“The offense was led in the set by senior co-captain Said Soaib, who had three kills, and sophomore Henrique Franca, who had two kills. Three serves and a kill from sophomore setter Dantae Bauer pushed the lead to 20-12, and Franca had a chance to ice the set, serving up 24-21,” Fineran continued.

“But Malden tightened up their defense and utilized quick attacks to claw back and take the set 26-

24,” Fineran said. “We had our chances, and the ball didn’t bounce our way, but I’m proud of our competitive level.

“Junior Andrew Linhares emerged as a force to be reckoned with this season, with four kills and three blocks in the first two sets, and Franca and Soaib added four more kills in the second set,” Fineran added.

Soaib had two aces in an early serving run that put Everett up 5-1, but the set was much closer for most of the set, with Linhares’s serving tying the game in two rotations, 7-7 and then 17-17.

But that would be as close as Everett would get, as Malden rolled to a 25-17 win, and then continued to roll in set three, winning 25-11.

“We looked tired and deflated after battling hard all game, and we couldn’t stop them once they got on a roll,” Fineran noted. “But we showed that our success last season wasn’t a fluke, and that we have the talent to compete at a high level this year.”

Fineran and his crew will play the role of road warriors for the rest of this week, We stay on the road this week, making the short trek to GBL for Chelsea today (Wednesday) and to non-league rival Wake-

field tomorrow (Thursday) before their home opener next Monday against Lynn Classical.

EHS BOYS TENNIS OPENS 2023 SEASON

Although the Everett High boys tennis team dropped a 5-0 decision to Greater Boston League (GBL) opponent Malden in the season-opener this past Monday, EHS head coach Gregory Bluestein saw some positive signs from his squad,

“It was a competitive loss,” noted Bluestein. “We have some good players this year and I think we may take a couple of matches.”

The Crimson Tide lineup vs. Malden consisted of sophomore Bryant Jimenez at first singles, senior captain Shishir Pokhrel at second singles, freshman Henry Chen at third singles, the duo of senior captain Johnny Pham and senior Swarnim Chaudhary at first doubles, and the tandem of sophomore Ricardo Contreras and junior Alejandro Sanchez at second doubles.

Bluestein and his crew will hit the road for their next three matches against GBL rivals Somerville today (Wednesday), Lynn Classical next Monday, and Lynn English next Tuesday.



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FORMER COUNCILLOR APPOINTED CLERK

CHELSEA - Former City Councillor Clifford Cunningham will be back in the council chambers next month, but in a new role.

The council voted 9-0 to appoint Cunningham as the new clerk to the city council. He will replace long-time council clerk Paul Casino.

Last year, Casino announced his intention to retire at the end of 2022, but has stayed in his position on a temporary basis while the council has sought his replacement.

“As folks know, our beloved city council clerk is leaving, and we were really in crunch time to fill his position, and we were fortunate enough to be able to find someone in a former city councilor, Clifford Cunningham,” said Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot, who chaired the subcommittee in charge of the search process. “We really had a beautiful interview and a really robust dialogue. We’re looking forward to him serving with us; he has big shoes to fill, but I have no doubt that he’ll be able to fulfill all the duties of that role.”

The starting salary for the position is \$54,819.06, and Cunningham is slated to begin his new position on April 3. There will be a 12-month probationary period as part of the job, and Cunningham will have six months to apply for and complete an online parliamentary course with an average of at least 70.

Vidot said the online course was added to the requirements of the position because there were not many people who applied for the job who were registered parliamentarians.

In other business, the council officially voted on the recommendation of members to serve on a screening committee to help select a new city manager. That committee will go through applications, conduct interviews, and select a handful of candidates for the council to interview to find a replacement for former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

The full members are Fidel Maltez, Joan Cromwell, Michelle Nadow, and Juan Vega. The alternate members selected by the committee are Jen Hassell and Jonathan Gomez-Pereira.

Eugene O’Flaherty was previously appointed by Council President Leo Robinson to chair the screening committee.

“A lot of residents put their names in, and we had some heated debates, but we think we have a great combination of folks from the community involved to help us get through this very difficult and very serious business,” said District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown.

Vidot noted that councilors have been meeting with the Collins Center, which is facilitating the search process, to find out the priorities each councilor has for a new city manager.

“They will then take that information and create a profile to help the steering committee and

guide them in the search for a new city manager,” said Vidot.

RESIDENTS AGAINST ZONING CHANGES

EAST BOSTON - At least a couple hundred Orient Heights residents gathered together on Wednesday, March 22, in the Madonna Shrine Function Room to voice their displeasure with zoning changes proposed by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

As described by Kathleen Onufer, the BPDA’s Assistant Deputy Director for Downtown & Neighborhood Planning, the zoning proposal “tries to focus on the form of a building to make sure we’re thinking about what is the appropriate scale building to go into neighborhoods.”

The proposed zoning would have parameters for certain aspects of a building, such as setbacks, height, width, and more.

As part of this proposal, Orient Heights would be split into two zoning areas. In the first area, which makes up most of Orient Heights and Baysview, buildings would be limited to two-and-a-half stories and allow only two units plus an additional dwelling unit (ADU).

As for the other area closer to MBTA stations, buildings of up to three stories would be allowed with three units and an ADU. However, lots over 50 feet wide would allow for a maximum of six units and an ADU.

It should be noted that Jason Ruggiero, a Community Engagement Manager with the BPDA, indicated that developments could only include an ADU if owner-occupied.

Additionally, as part of the zoning proposal, the off-street parking requirement would be waived for buildings with three units or fewer.

Along with several elected officials and a significant amount of Orient Heights residents, the BPDA’s Chief of Planning, Arthur Jemison, was also in attendance.

“This is not an effort to dramatically up-zone your neighborhood,” said Jemison – which got a loud collective groan from the couple hundred Orient Heights residents.

It was clear from the beginning of the meeting that residents did not want anything to do with this plan. Several signs around the room criticized the BPDA and Mayor Michelle Wu for a plan that residents felt would destroy single-family housing in the area.

While Mayor Wu was not in attendance – which elicited more groans from the crowd – several other elected officials were and showed their support for Orient Heights.

Senator Lydia Edwards was one of those elected officials in attendance and stood behind residents.

“When we hear about the up-zone or changing of zoning as a form of predictability, a lot of people just don’t believe it is going to be real,” said Edwards, referencing the abundance of variances given to developments even with today’s zoning

guidelines.

“What needs to be part of any plan for us to trust this process is to see you stop giving out variances and enforcing the zoning that we have right now,” she added, which garnered a round of applause.

At-large, City Councilor Erin Murphy also threw her support to residents saying, “It’s my job as your at-large City Councilor to be your voice. I will say, and I don’t mean this in an adversarial way at all, but – I don’t work for the Mayor – I work for those who voted me in,” which got another round of applause.

After several elected officials spoke, it was finally time for residents to take one of the microphones around the function room and state their positions. Several did so – loud and clear.

One resident was concerned with the ADU aspect, explaining that even if ADUs were limited to owner-occupants, what is to stop owners from knocking down a one-family home, building a two-family building, living at a property, then building out the ADU before leaving.

In response, Jemison said that his “reasonable person” answer was, “Developers don’t typically do that – developers don’t typically move into a neighborhood and then live there for years and then add an ADU.”

Jemison’s answer elicited a loud, sarcastic laugh from residents. However, Jemison went on to say that rules could be written into the zoning to prevent that from happening.

Another concern brought forth by another resident, John Casamassima, was regarding the actual allowable size of buildings under this proposal.

“The part that is not clear about what’s been presented is how large these buildings are going to be. We’re talking about saving backyards, but for example, every house on this side of the street can have a foundation of 3,000 square feet – it’s 40% of the lot size,” said Casamassima.

“You can have a first floor of 3,000 square feet, you can have a second floor of 3,000 square feet, and I don’t know if there’s a cap ... I don’t want to live next to a 10,000 square foot Wellesley mansion whether it’s one unit or three.”

Essentially the answer Onufer gave was that a cap would depend on different given lots across the neighborhood, dependent on things like a maximum floorplate, setbacks, and lot coverage guidelines.

As the meeting went on, resident after resident voiced their displeasure with the plan. One resident called the plan a “war on family,” while others shouted for the BPDA to “go away.”

Through all the comments and views stated, Joe Arangio, another resident, probably summed up the feelings of those in the crowd best by describing what they wanted from the plan.

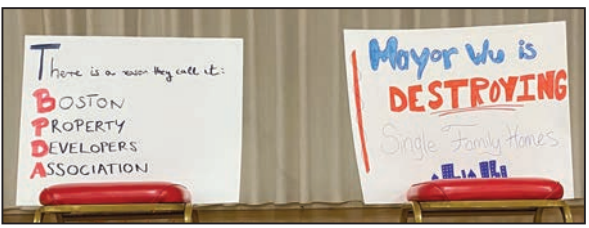
“We want to maintain the fabric of this community. We want two or less units, and we want them in buildings that have

ORIENT HEIGHTS STANDS AGAINST ZONING CHANGES



Joanne Pomodoro (above) makes her views about the zoning plan known.

Signs (right) created and put on display during the meeting.



front and side and rear setbacks that are consistent with the rest of the community – that’s the bottom line – with parking,” said Arangio.

Overall, it is clear that residents of Orient Heights are not going to lie down and accept what has been proposed for their neighborhood and are willing to fight for the fabric of their neighborhood.

Moreover, it is even more apparent after the turnout last Wednesday, and as Ruggiero alluded to at the beginning of the meeting – the conversation is not over just yet.

COUNCIL SEEKS MITIGATION WHEN TUNNEL CLOSES

REVERE - With the Summer Tunnel slated to close for a big portion of the summer for reconstruction, some City Councilors would like to see the state’s transportation department provide some relief for local commuters on the Tobin Bridge.

At a recent meeting, the council approved a motion from Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti requesting a representative from MassDOT and the state legislative delegation appear before the council to discuss plans for the tunnel closure. In addition, Visconti requested state officials not enforce the bus lane on the Tobin Bridge to help alleviate congestion for commuters.

“Any relief we can give travelers on that bridge would help the city, as well,” said Visconti. “I would like to know what their intentions are, and what they can do to help the congestion on the bridge.”

Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo said he often drives over the Tobin Bridge and doesn’t believe there is enough bus traffic to warrant all other vehicles being forced to use the left lanes. He added the city could discuss with the DOT making them HOV lanes to help with traffic while the tunnel is being reconstructed.

“That bus lane on the Tobin Bridge has really been a disaster for our community,” said Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino. “What happens now is you take an entire lane of the Tobin Bridge, and now the traffic backs up to around Park Avenue and Mountain Avenue at times.”

Serino said it would be nice to see the state give

Revere a little consideration when it comes to traffic and other issues on Rte. 1.

“As always with the state, we get screwed when it comes to Rte. 1 in terms of the transponders, the tolls, and no sound barriers,” said Serino. “The least they can do is suspend the bus lane, and, I would argue, get rid of it because it was a stupid idea in the first place.”

COUNCIL GOES OVER BUDGET

WINTHROP - Town officials held their annual spring forum last week, with Town Manager Tony Marino and new Finance Director Dylan Cook running through the capital plan and budgeting process for Fiscal Year 2024.

“One of the things we worked on and that the council really pushed me to do was to put together a five-year capital plan,” said Marino. “We’ve had one in the past, but we wanted to do an all-encompassing capital plan.”

Marino said the five-year plan breaks down the capital needs for the coming years, as well as the potential funding sources for the projects.

In addition, Marino said the town is working with a new vendor that is doing a facilities needs assessment of the school and town buildings that should be completed by the summer.

“Once we get that, we will be incorporating the list of work they are suggesting,” said Marino. While the facilities needs assessment will look at potential projects 25 years out, Marino said they will also be making recommendations for projects that should be undertaken in the next five years.

“Along with that, we are looking at the infrastructure for the utilities department with the water,” said Marino. “We are looking at all the water mains, grading them, making sure we know which water mains need to be done, and then we will formulate a capital plan for that.”

Marino discussed how the town administration is looking to increase the amount of free cash it certifies each year in order to pay for more capital projects.

“We certify \$1.2 million to \$1.6 million in free cash a year,” he said. “My goal long term is to get that number up to around \$3 million a year to fund the capital plan.”

Some of the capital

items planned for funding in FY24 include some new crosswalks on Pleasant Street and on Revere Street.

“Many residents have asked for additional striping for crosswalks on Revere Street,” said Marino. “Then we have some ADA compliant crosswalks that are going to go in at Winthrop, Pleasant, and Washington streets.”

The capital plan also looks ahead to larger capital projects that may be coming down the line, Marino said.

“One, as we all know, that we are working on ... is the new fire station,” said Marino. “That could cost upwards of approximately \$30 million to \$40 million.”

In addition, Marino noted that Winthrop is a Green Community, which allows the town access to grants through the program.

“We haven’t applied for one since 2017, but we put all the required data that we have to do for our energy usage and we are on track to put an application in this spring,” said Marino. “We are going to put in for a \$500,000 grant to do some improvements at the schools for rooftop units, as well as at the DPW and the police station.”

Marino said the overall goal of the capital plan is to show the public the capital needs of the town.

“The goal of this is to show that even though we are not going to do all the work, this is what the capital needs of the town are, so we would be transparent and let everybody know,” said Marino. “We may not have the money to do it, but we are identifying things that have to get done, and prioritizing and making a plan to get there.”

Marino also discussed the operating budget process for FY24, noting that there will be a draft version of the budget to the finance committee by April 13, with the final version of the budget submitted to the Town Council on May 2.

This year, the budget will have all school expenses reflected in the school side of the budget. In past years, costs such as retirement and health insurance costs for school employees have been included in the town side of the budget.

“What this budget does is it puts those expenses back on the school side so you get an accurate picture of exactly what the school system is costing,” said Marino.

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To: Rigoberto Jose Rodriguez
any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.
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Real Estate For Seniors

Some want to downsize, others are looking for new adventures

About one-sixth of home-buyers are older than 50, according to the National Association of Realtors. This has opened up new areas in the real estate market, while encouraging some agents to narrow their focus to this growing segment.

NO MAXIMUM AGE

There is no maximum age to apply for a mortgage, and there are laws in place making age-based discrimination illegal. Still, you and your prospective lender need to keep certain realities in mind. You will have to be sure that savings and retirement income will be enough to cover expenses when you eventually leave the workforce — and you can't wait too long. Lenders won't



qualify those whose only income is derived from IRAs, 401(k)s or other account distributions. (Remember that withdrawal from these retirement distributions are subject to penalties.)

SPECIALIZED HELP

The National Association of Realtors has developed a new designation called senior real-estate specialist to provide any needed special assistance. These pros have additional training in helping older buyers and sellers with the often-complicated decision making and financial planning involved with purchasing a home late in life. Their skill-sets also include in-depth knowledge of estate-planning, tax implications and benefit programs aimed at helping seniors with these transactions. They'll

also be able to recommend properties and developments that are closer to desirable amenities like senior centers, recreation options and community services.

BEFORE YOU BUY

Price notwithstanding, not every property is suited for purchase by a senior. Educate yourself on the lending options available for seniors in your area with help from a trusted real estate professional. Once you've secured a pre-approval, every step of the home search should be geared toward your individual situation: The property should have the potential for fast and very high appreciation, since you might not complete the entire 30-year payment cycle on your mortgage.

If you're considering a condo, remember that owner-ship includes certain maintenance and amenities — but they're paired with additional owner-association fees. That might make this a poor option if you're trying to keep monthly expenses low. Whatever you choose, make sure all of your potential showings are move-in ready, with few or no need-ed repairs. With an expert agent guiding the way, you should be able to find a dream home at any age.

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Don't Wait On a Will

Avoiding these necessary decisions can make your passing much more difficult

The AARP reports that nearly two-thirds of Americans have never gotten around to writing their will. Of course, it's an unpleasant topic, but those who die without completing one leave an unsettled estate. Final disbursement will ultimately be decided in probate court with a third-party administrator — the last thing you'd want grieving family members to endure.

Here's how to begin the process, and what to include while completing this important document.

GETTING STARTED

You'll have to choose an executor for the estate, some-one who will follow your finish wishes. You'll also need to choose beneficiaries. Next comes the hard choices of who will get what. Try to be as specific as you can be, with complete explanations of your decision-making process, in order to potentially avoid family strife after you're gone. Remember that there can be disputes and regulatory issues if these beneficiaries are not also attached to your various accounts. Attach a letter to the will with additional information, if you'd like to go into more detail. Finally, contact a respected attorney you trust to make the document official. This isn't always

required, but doing so will ensure that your will is proper and legal.

GETTING HELP

Many seniors avoid completing a will simply because they don't have the resources to hire a lawyer. Thankfully, there are free programs like Serving Our Seniors, which helps with wills and pow-er-of-attorney decisions in many states. Certain cities have local programs, too. The Denver-based Wills on Wheels drafts free legal documents with assistance from lawyers and paralegals. AARP sponsors Legal Counsel for the Elderly, a Washington, D.C., program connecting volunteer attorneys with seniors who need wills, social services or other legal advice. Popular online options, according to U.S. News and World Report, include LegalZoom, Do Your Own Will, U.S. Legal Wills, Total Legal and Gentreo, among others.

FINAL STEPS

You're not done when you sign. Wills must be officially witnessed before they're considered complete, and the witness can't be under 18 or listed as a beneficiary in the document. They'll need to be available to attend court and testify on your behalf during a hearing after your death. Once you've met all of these standards, place the will in a secure, fire-safe place with other vital paperwork and then notify a trusted family member as to its whereabouts.