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## TEASA CELEBRATES KICK BUTTS DAY



PHOTO BY GRETCHEN ERTL

Young people from Teens in Everett Against Substance Abuse (TEASA), sponsored by the Cambridge Health Alliance, celebrated Kick Butts Day; Youth Day of Action, at the Massachusetts State House recently for the first time since 2019. As part of The 84 Movement, teens educated their legislators about the tobacco industry's historic and unjust targeting of youth, communities of color, and LGBTQIA+ youth. shown are (top row left to right): Youth leaders Abby Medilme, Bryhanna Germain, and Tracy Pham, and Adult Advisor Angielance Gbozee. Bottom row (left to right): Adult Advisor Marie Yveline Antoine and youth leaders Mayra Gutierrez, Katie Pinto Gutierrez, and Melissa Gomez.

## Engineering director updates Council on reconstruction projects

By Cary Shuman

Erik Swanson is an engineering professional with more than 30 years of experience in the profession. The city's director of engineering, Swanson showcased his superior knowledge and experience while providing a thorough update of the Ferry Street/Elm Street/Chelsea Street reconstruction project for Everett city councilors at their meeting Monday night.

The project is expected to forever transform the flow of traffic in a good way on a few of Everett's busiest roads and intersections. Also captivating in the update was a discussion of the new roundabout that is being erected (at the intersection of Chelsea Street and Ferry Street), replacing the current traffic lights. A roundabout is a circular intersection and differs from a rotary in that it is smaller, with (usually) only one lane within a roundabout.

Swanson began his presentation with an explanation of "the southern section of the project where we will have reconstruction of both roadway and sidewalks for South Ferry Street, Chelsea Street, and the southern portion of

Ferry Street, as well as the installation and creation of a roundabout."

"This work has already started, with full excavation – pavement work will start later this week, and that work will be done at night," Swanson told the Council.

At the northern end of the project, Elm Street and Ferry Street (toward Glendale Square) will be fully reconstructed – sidewalks as well as roadways, added Swanson.

Councilor-at-Large Rich Dell Isola, who had requested the update, inquired about the utility work still to be done in the project.

"The water is partially done, the majority of the utilities remaining will be electrical service for the new lights and traffic signals, some sewer work, and some gas work done by National Grid," replied Swanson.

### New roundabout creating excitement

After confirming that there will be no traffic signals (no red, yellow, green lights, but plenty of signage indicating the new design) at the roundabout,

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## HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Special to the Independent

On Saturday, April 22, hundreds of members of our community came together to celebrate Earth Day at Rivergreen Park and Everett's waterfront.

Together we improved our wetlands, cleared trash and debris, removed invasive plant species, mixed and spread wildflowers, mulched, built bird and bee houses and expanded our clean-up efforts to include 66 Main Street this year to increase our area of impact.

The best part about the event was the sense of community and teamwork. Members from local organizations such as Boot Strap Compost, BSC Group, EHS Crew team, Eliot Family Resource Center, Encore, Everett Girl Scouts/Immaculate Conception students under the leadership of Holly Garcia, Everett Haitian Community Center, Everett Youth Initiative Council, Fishing Fanatics, For Kids Only, Friends of the Malden River, LUMA, Mystic River Watershed,

Neighborways, Wentworth Institute for Technology Crew team and City employees joined together for one purpose, Everett's environment. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

"For all those who took time to come today and celebrate Earth Day and show your commitment to our City, I would like to say a great big thank you," said Mayor DeMaria. "Your actions speak volumes. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for making our City

a better place for all of us to enjoy."

The City's commitment to Everett's waterfront is not limited to just on Earth Day. There is so much tremendous work being done by members of our team year-round. Residents are encouraged to take some time to walk around our riverfront. The area has gone through a massive transformation and has come a long way from being an industrial site filled with pollution and inva-

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Above, one of the volunteer groups cleaned up 66 Main Street this year to increase our area of impact.

Right, cleaning up any trash and debris around Everett's waterfront. See Pages 5 and 6 for more photos.



## DeMaria accepts \$25,000 donation from Greystar for Summer Jobs Program



Mayor DeMaria holding the check from Greystar that was presented to him by Ryan Souls and Christina Audet.

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently met with Greystar representatives Ryan Souls and Christina Audet. The company donated \$25,000 for this year's Summer Youth Job Program.

Greystar's donation supports the Summer Jobs Program that not only employs so many of the City's youth, but provides them with many of the skills necessary to obtain permanent employment later. At the same time, all

Everett residents benefit from the community improvement projects that the youth undertake. For example, last summer kids cleaned up many neighborhood parks, improved areas around the City and many learned valuable skills while working at many municipal locations; including DPW, Human Resources and the Mayor's Office.

Mayor DeMaria considers the Summer Youth Program an essential opportunity for teens prior

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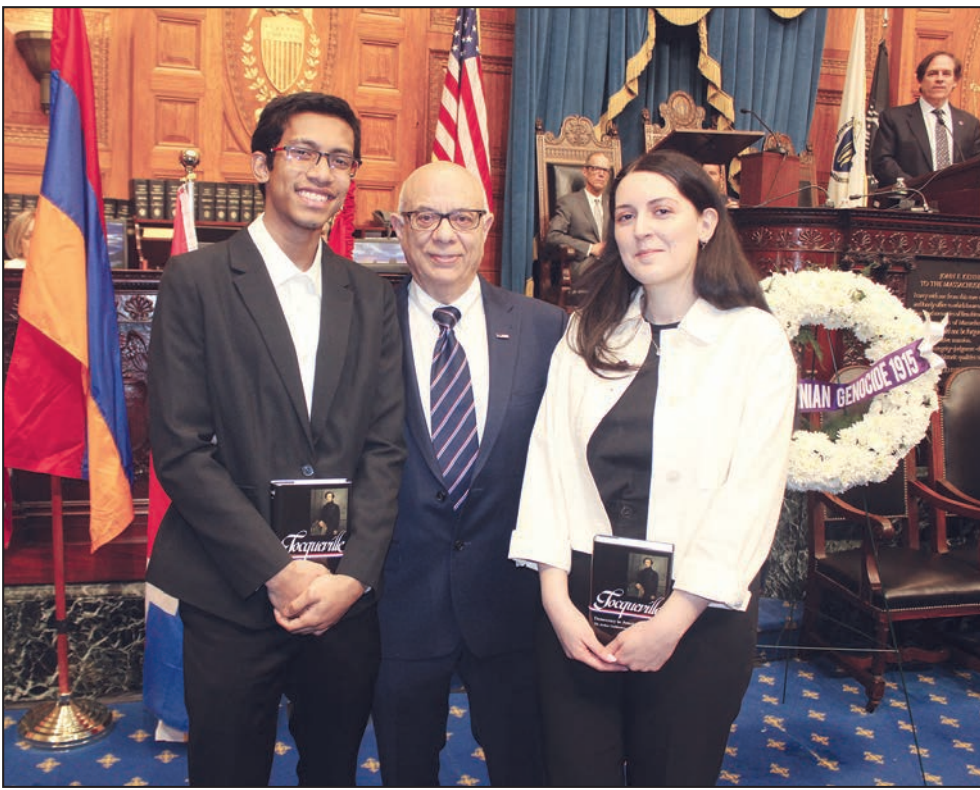


GEORGE KEVERIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED DURING CEREMONY AT THE STATE HOUSE

City Councilor Al Lattanzi presented the George Keverian Memorial Scholarships on behalf of the Keverian family during an impressive ceremony held April 21 in the House Chambers to commemorate the 108th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.



Everett City Councilor Al Lattanzi speaks to the guests at the George Keverian Memorial Scholarship Presentation in the House Chambers about his friendship with Mr. Keverian, the former Speaker of the House of Representatives.



City Councilor Al Lattanzi presents the George Keverian Memorial Scholarships for outstanding community service and scholastic achievement to Said Soaib (left), a senior at Everett High School who will be attending Boston College and studying neuroscience, and Nora Suren, a PhD candidate in Communication at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.



Taking part in the George Keverian Memorial Scholarships Presentation are City Councilor Al Lattanzi, Jack Keverian (brother of Speaker George Keverian), Rep. Joseph McGonagle, and George Keverian (nephew of Speaker George Keverian).



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Pictured at the scholarship presentation (from left) are: Diane Keverian, Niari Keverian, Jack Keverian, Dorothy Keverian, Kenneth Keverian, Lee Dillon, George Keverian, Ani Keverian, scholarship recipient Said Soaib, a senior at Everett High School who will be attending Boston College, and Councilor Al Lattanzi. The valedictorian of the Everett High School Class of 1949 and a graduate of Harvard College, Mr. Keverian served as the Massachusetts Speaker of the House from 1985 to 1991. The George Keverian School in Everett is named in his memory.

### HR Specialist

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to going off to college and for young adults who are seeking employment during the summer. The program provides job experience for those entering the workforce.

“We are so fortunate for Greystar’s donation to our Summer Youth Jobs Program,” said Mayor DeMaria, “I’d like to thank

them for their commitment to the City and in helping our youth gain valuable work experience.”

Everett residents ages 14 to 25 interested in participating in this year’s Summer Youth Program can apply by visiting [afterschoolhq.com/cityofeverett](http://afterschoolhq.com/cityofeverett). Applicants will be able to view all of the

positions available, what days of the week the position will require them to be available, the age range for each job and more details about each position. Completed applications must be submitted by Saturday, May 20.

Job placements are located throughout the City of Everett. Job locations

include various community organizations, businesses and departments within the City of Everett. The program will run from July to the end of August.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Department at 617-394-2280.

### THE CITY OF EVERETT IS OFFERING OUTDOOR DINING TO BUSINESSES IN EVERETT

PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE

Application forms must be completed and submitted by **email** or **in-person** to the Department of Planning & Development, Room 25, on the Second Floor at Everett City Hall (484 Broadway)

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**OUTDOORDINING@CIEVERETT.MA.US**  
**TO REQUEST OR SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FORM**

Mayor DeMaria

### Events in Everett's Arts & Cultural Community

**Today! 3-6PM**  
**SHARING OUR STORIES Festival**  
at Glendale Park, Join EPS Fine Arts, Art Lab Everett and Everyday Boston and discover how sharing a story through words or images can bring us together. Free art activities, story slam!, photography exhibition and more.  
Rain date April 27.

**EVERETT ARTS ASSOCIATION**

April Meeting  
Parlin Library,  
410 Broadway,  
Saturday, April 29,  
11AM to 1:30PM.  
Artist Demo by  
Susan Spellman.  
Public is welcome.

**OVER THE BRIDGE** - Stove Factory Gallery, 523 Medford St. in Charlestown, *Stories We Tell*, artwork by 3 members of the Artists Group of Charlestown. Opening reception April 28 5:30-8:30pm. Free to all. Free parking in adjacent lot, walking distance from Sullivan Station or 92/93 bus lines.

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# McGonagle, Massachusetts House pass comprehensive tax relief package

Special to the Independent

In an effort to provide financial relief to families across the Commonwealth, and to make Massachusetts more competitive with other states, Rep. Joe McGonagle along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a tax relief proposal targeted at residents across all income levels.

“I’m thrilled that we have passed such crucial bill so early on in our two-year session in the Legislature,” said McGonagle. “This bill gives financial relief to residents and businesses in Massachusetts, and makes living here more affordable while also keeping the Commonwealth a thriving place to work and own a business. We are investing in the future of Massachusetts. The work done by Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz, and Chair Cusack, along with their staff and committees was so crucial in developing this bill to be as useful and comprehensive as possi-

ble and I’m so grateful for their hard work and leadership.”

The bill includes the following tax changes, some with a phased-in implementation method:

**Child and Dependent Tax Credit**

The bill combines the Child Care Expenses Credit with the Dependent Member of Household Credit to create one refundable \$600 credit per dependent, while eliminating the current cap. This will be phased in over three years, and will be fully implemented in FY27: taxpayers could claim \$310 per dependent in FY24, \$455 per dependent in FY25, \$600 per dependent in FY26, and \$614 per dependent in FY27. This change will cost \$165 million in the first year of implementation and \$487 million when fully implemented in year three. It is expected to impact over 700,000 Massachusetts families.

**Estate Tax**

Massachusetts is currently a national outlier on the estate tax, as the

Commonwealth is one of only 12 states that impose this tax and has the lowest estate tax exemption threshold in the country, along with Oregon. The bill increases the estate tax threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million, and eliminates the “cliff” effect, taxing the value of the estate that exceeds \$2 million, and not the entire estate as the law currently requires. This is expected to cost \$231 million per year.

**Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit**

This bill doubles the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit from \$1,200 to \$2,400. This change is expected to impact over 100,000 taxpayers who own or rent residential property in Massachusetts as their principal residence. This will cost \$60 million per year.

**Rental Deduction Cap**

This bill increases the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000. This is expected to impact about 881,000 Massachusetts taxpayers, and cost \$40 million per year.

**Short-term Capital Gains Tax**

Massachusetts is among the states with the highest short-term capital gains tax rate, which is currently 12 percent, and taxes short-term capital gains at a higher rate than long-term capital gains, which are currently taxed at 5 percent. The bill lowers the short-term capital gains tax rate to 5 percent, and phases in that change over two years. During year one, short-term capital gains will be taxed at 8 percent, before ultimately reaching 5 percent during year two. This will cost \$67 million in year one, and ultimately cost \$130 million annually, starting in year three of its implementation.

**Single Sales Factor Apportionment**

Currently, most businesses in Massachusetts are subject to a three-factor apportionment based on location, payroll, and receipts. To make Massachusetts more attractive to multi-state companies, this bill establishes a single sales factor apportion-

ment in Massachusetts based solely on receipts, matching what 39 other states currently do. This change is projected to cost \$115 million in year one, and ultimately cost \$79 million annually, starting in year two of its implementation.

**Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**

This bill increases the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from 30 percent to 40 percent of the federal credit. This is expected to impact about 396,000 taxpayers with incomes under \$57,000, and will cost \$91 million.

**Additional Reforms**

In addition to tax relief, the bill changes Chapter 62F of the Massachusetts General Laws, which triggered nearly \$3 billion in taxpayer refunds in 2022. This law requires that excess revenue be returned to taxpayers when tax revenue collections in a given fiscal year exceed an annual tax revenue cap. Currently, the credit is applied to the personal income tax liability of all taxpayers on a proportional basis,

resulting in higher credits for those who paid more in taxes. The bill passed today adjusts the credit to an equal amount per taxpayer, rather than a rebate based on a percentage of what taxpayers paid the Commonwealth.

The bill also adjusts the Stabilization Fund cap, which currently requires that if the amount remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year exceeds 15 percent of the budgeted revenues and other financial resources pertaining to budgeted funds, the excess funds must be transferred to the Tax Reduction Fund, which would then be transferred to taxpayers through one time increases in the personal exemption allowable against income tax liability. The bill adjusts the cap to 25.5 percent, which allows the Commonwealth’s savings account to retain more funding.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives approved the bill 150-3 and now goes to the Senate.

## DEMARIA CELEBRATES MA-ZEL CUSTOM TATTOO AND PIERCING’S 35-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently had the pleasure of presenting owner Alec Winocour with a citation to celebrate Ma-zel Custom Tattoo and Piercing’s 35th anniversary of being in business.

Alec was born and raised in Everett and his shop provides tattoos in all colors and locations and piercings. Located at 358 Ferry Street, their team is ready to recreate

images you bring in or you can choose one from their gallery. They can also make the image you’ve been thinking about come to life as the tattoo you’ve dreamed of.

“We are so glad to have Alec, who was born and raised in Everett, have his shop call the city he grew up in home for 35 years,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Please join me in congratulating him and

his team on this milestone. I wish them all the best and many more years to come.”

Their hours are:

Monday – Saturday: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information about the services they offer, visit mazelcustom.com.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented a citation to owner Alec Winocour along with his team to celebrate Ma-zel Custom Tattoo and Piercing’s 35-year anniversary.



Ma-zel Custom Tattoo and Piercing located at 358 Ferry Street.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

**KYSILOVSKY NAMED TO PI LAMBDA THETA HONOR SOCIETY**

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

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Sealed Bids for the construction of the “Spring Street Header Pipe Drainage Upgrades” will be received by the City of Everett Department of Public Works located at 19 Norman Street, Everett, MA 02149 until 2:00 p.m. local time on May 11, 2023 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as “Spring Street Header Pipe Drainage Upgrades.” The work primarily consists of replacing existing 42-inch and 60-inch drain lines with a 72-inch RCP drain line and concrete junction structures. Additionally, the work consists of reconnecting to existing drainage pipes, relocation and replacement of existing utilities affected by the installation of the 72-inch RCP drain line, and site restoration. Site restoration consist of pavement repair, fence repair, retaining wall repair, and plantings. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended. Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: [http://www.tighebond.com/Projects\\_Out\\_to\\_Bid.php](http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php) Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the “planholders” or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project. A bid deposit shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract. A pre-Bid conference will be held at the South end of Spring Street, Everett, MA 02149 on April 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. CITY OF EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS Consulting Engineer: Tighe & Bond, Inc. 53 Southampton Road Westfield, MA 01085 413-562-1600 END OF SECTION J:\E\0733 Everett MA\10-MB-TA Crossing Drainage Upgrades\Design\Specifications\Phase 3 (Header Pipe)\DIV 0\00100 Advertizment for Bids .docx

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BOARD OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the City of Everett Board of Health Regulations, the Board of Health will conduct a Public Hearing:  
When: Monday, March 6, 2023  
Time: 6:00PM  
Where: City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, # 35 484 Broadway Everett, MA 02149  
Subject: Proposed Amendment to The City of Everett, MA, Everett Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Tobacco, Section Q(1)(a) The existing language is as follows:  
Section Q (Violations)  
1. It shall be the responsibility of the establishment, permit holder and/or his or her business agent to ensure compliance with all sections of this regulation. The violator shall receive:  
a. In the case of a first violation, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) and the

Tobacco Product Sales Permit shall be suspended for three (3) consecutive business days.  
The Proposed amendment is as follows: To [decrease] the number of suspension days from [three (3) Days] to [one (1) Day]  
All persons interested in or wishing to be heard on the proposal may attend and participate in person. This proposed amendment can be found on the posted Agenda at the following link: <http://www.cityofeverett.com/AgendaCenter>. Questions and comments can be directed in advance of the public hearing to Caitlin Norden of the Department of Health and Human Services at Caitlin.Norden@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-394-2255.  
Advertisement dates: Weeks of Friday, February 17, 2023 & Friday, February 24, 2023.  
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# Everett Independent

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## ANTISEMITISM HAS NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY

As we were reading about the federal court trial that is getting underway this week of the 50 year-old Pennsylvania man charged with fatally shooting 11 people and wounding six at a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018, which was the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, we at first felt a sense of irony -- which then turned to sadness -- and finally into anger.

Irony, because this miscreant’s trial follows Holocaust Remembrance Week, which was observed last week (Holocaust Remembrance Day itself was last Tuesday) throughout the world.

Sadness, for the innocent victims of his rampage, most of whom were elderly worshippers, whose lives were taken at the Tree of Life synagogue on the morning of Oct. 27, 2018.

And anger, that antisemitism not only still exists, but is growing all across our country.

When we were young, the typical antisemitic act consisted of a rock thrown through the window of a temple or some ant-semitic graffiti. But those acts of vandalism typically were committed by teens who had been drinking, and who were as likely to throw rocks through a school window as a synagogue.

But in recent years, antisemitic violence has escalated exponentially, both in numbers and in severity, of which the Tree of Life mass shooting is the apotheosis.

The Anti Defamation League (ADL) found that the number of antisemitic incidents in the U.S. increased by more than 36 percent in the past year, from 2,721 in 2021 to 3,697 in 2022. Antisemitic and white supremacist propaganda in the U.S. also hit new levels.

According to the ADL’s web site, 2022 saw the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979, marking the third time in the past five years that the year-end total has been the highest number ever recorded.

The ADL also noted that incidents increased in each of the major audit categories: antisemitic harassment increased 29% to 2,298; antisemitic vandalism increased 51% to 1,288; and antisemitic assaults increased 26% to 111.

This trend is having a profound effect upon our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith.

A New Jersey rabbi wrote a column in the New York Times over the weekend in which he said::

“In the four years since the shooting at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, American Jewish institutions have developed rapid-response playbooks to address concrete terror threats and best practices have been shared around the country. We have invested in our security infrastructure and communicated those changes to our congregants. Over the past few years we’ve added cameras, panic buttons, shatterproof film to our windows, and boulders meant to keep cars from plowing into our buildings.”

For those of us who were born shortly after the end of WWII, it is inconceivable that antisemitism can be on the rise. To be sure, antisemitism always has existed in our country, but when we were growing up in the ‘60s and ‘70s in the immediate aftermath of WWII and the Holocaust, it seemed that the lessons of the horrors of WWII had been learned and that the world was becoming a better place, not only for Jews, but for people of all races and creeds.

So it has been with a profound sense of sadness, dismay, and anger for us to witness the sharp increase in antisemitic acts across the United States today.

The theme of Holocaust Remembrance Week is that the world must never forget what can happen when hate and politics merge to create a force of evil. That is a message that is just as timely today as it ever has been.

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# Independent Forum

## COUNCIL ON AGING HOSTS AMERICAN RED CROSS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Council on Aging recently hosted the American Red Cross for and emergency preparedness presentation at the Connolly Center.

Many topics were covered like what to pack in an emergency kit in case of a disaster like a hurricane. Some of the important items mentioned

were water, non-perishable foods, medications, a flash light, first aid kit and a blanket. Another topic was what to do and how to handle a fire safely.

“Thank you to the American Red Cross and Council on Aging for hosting this presentation for Everett residents, especially our seniors,” said Mayor DeMaria. “It’s an

important reminder to always be prepared for an emergency at all times.”

The Council on Aging hosts many events, classes and presentations for Everett’s older adults throughout the year. To learn about future events, residents can visit the Connolly Center at 90 Chelsea Street or call 617-394-2270 to be connected

to the Connolly Center for more information. Residents can also follow our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and twitter. Facebook: City of Everett MA and Mayor Carlo DeMaria. Instagram: @cityofeverettma and @mayorcarlo-demaria. Twitter: @Mayor\_DeMaria.



Those who attended were able to learn about how to be prepared for emergencies like natural disasters.



Ferry Street and Chelsea Street roundabout.

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Councilor Al Lattanzi asked about the completion date for that aspect of the project.

“I believe it will be substantially completed by the end of this construction season,” said Swanson. “The final condition won’t likely happen for another 18 months or so when all the final pavement is complete, and the striping goes on the pavement.”

Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa asked about “the lifespan” of the work being done, to which Swanson replied, “I would say between 10-20 years for the pavement.”

Ward 1 City Councilor Wayne Matewsky wondered if the large sidewalk in front of Sam’s Spa (at the intersection of Chelsea and Ferry Streets) would be altered in the reconstruction project.

“The Sam’s Spa area has always been a mystery to me, how it extends so far out – it’s like an island within itself, and then you have all that angle parking,” noted Matewsky. “Is that all going to stay?”

“There are going to be geometric changes,” said Swanson. “Some parking will remain, but the wide-open section of pavement will be reduced to improve safety.”

Council President Mike Marchese asked about the Union and Nichols Streets intersections with Ferry Street, and the difficulty in making turns there.

“The angles to the sidewalks are too sharp,” agreed Swanson. “I can say that the radius of the curve is going to become greater, so the sharpness of the turn will be reduced, it will be more gradual.”

Once the project is

completed, Everett residents can look forward to brand new roads, safer access, all matching the beautiful parks across the

city that have been dramatically enhanced during the years of Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s administration.

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sive species.

Residents can also take an in-depth look at all of the work that has been done to improve the environment for not just us, but the plants and wildlife that call Everett's waterfront home by going to [cityofeverett.com](http://cityofeverett.com) and visiting the Conservation Commission page.

If you would like to know about all the upcoming events we have planned for Everett residents, please visit [cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list](http://cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list). You can also follow our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Facebook: City of Everett MA and Mayor Carlo DeMaria. Instagram: @cityofeverettma and @mayorcarlodemaria. Twitter: @Mayor\_DeMaria. All residents are welcome to join us for all the exciting events we have planned.



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State Rep. Daniel Ryan and School Committee member Jason Marcus.



Community organizations and local officials joined the City of Everett to celebrate Earth Day and clean up Everett's waterfront. See Page 6 for more photos.



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EHS BOYS IN VOLLEYBALL ACTION AGAINST REVERE

Revere took a 3-0 decision over Everett in Greater Boston League volleyball action at Everett High on Wednesday, April 19. The win was the Patriots’ fifth straight to improve their record to 5-1 and snapped Everett’s two-game win streak. The Tide’s record evened to 3-3.

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Steve Flores Santos (4) goes low to return a volley.



Jefferson Umana puts a ball back over the net.



Hyan Soares DeCastro lines up a shot.



Dantae Bauer in position to set up a teammate.



Jefferson Umana keeps a ball in play as teammate Roberto Brizuela stands by.



Dantae Bauer (37) reaches above the net to place a shot.



Kalleb Miranda is wound up and waiting for the ball to drop.



Dimitar Dimitrov stretches to keep a ball in play.



Jefferson Umana (35) gets up to return a volley.



Dantae Bauer (37) returns a shot as teammate Jefferson Umana (35) stands by.



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THE EHS GIRLS IN LACROSSE ACTION AGAINST REVERE

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While the Boston Marathon and the Boston Red Sox headline the sports world on Patriots Day, Revere's Patriots had a celebration of their own as they applied the offensive pressure all morning and goalie Aya Elk-awakibi backboned the defense to lead Revere to a 13-2 win over Everett as both teams fought off the rain at 7-Acre Park in Everett Patriots Day morning April 17.



Nicole Damaceno gets control of the ball in front of Revere's Marianna Tamayo.



Everett's Katherine Olivares Guzman looks for running room in the offensive end.



Cristina Snook (17) tries to dig the ball out of the wicket of a Revere attacker.



Ana Carolina DaSilva (25) checks Revere's Lynberlee Leng (8).



Everett's Camille Camilo (1) sneaks behind Revere's Angelina Marin (4) to slow the progress of a Revere attacker.



Sophia Sousa (3) gets away from Revere's Angelina Marin (4).



Riley Avelar looks for running room as she is checked by Revere's Gweneth Ke.



Amanda Verterio looks for space away from Revere's Mari-ah Rogers.



Riley Avelar gains control of the ball in front of the Revere net.

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## EHS Roundup

### EHS BASEBALL TEAM EDGES CHARLESTOWN, 10-9, ON GRAND SLAM BY LARA

“It ain’t over ‘til it’s over,” said baseball legend Yogi Berra.

The Everett High baseball team learned the truth of that axiom, displaying what head coach Joel Levine termed “mental toughness,” to win an exciting, down-to-the-last-out, come-from-behind, 10-9 victory at Charlestown last Friday.

The contest had been a see-saw battle until the decisive final inning.

The Crimson Tide grabbed a 2-1 lead in the fourth thanks to an RBI single by Albert Santana. Another RBI-base hit by David Saia (who was an offensive force for Everett, going 2-for-4 with three RBI and three runs scored) and a mix of Charlestown miscues extended the Everett lead to 5-1.

However, the Townies were able not only to battle back, but take a 9-5 lead after a disastrous fifth inning defensively for the Tide, leaving Everett facing a four-run deficit entering the top of the seventh.

After Everett pushed across a run to make it 9-6, Alex Lara stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and two outs. Alex wasted little time in the clutch situation, jumping on the first pitch and belting it for a grand slam to boost the Tide back into the lead, 10-9.

Alex, who had come on to pitch in the fifth and held Charlestown scoreless, then preserved the win with another scoreless frame in the bottom of the seventh.

Also playing key roles in the victory were: Omar Marshal (1-for-3 with two runs scored and 4 and 1/3 innings on the mound in which Omar allowed our earned runs); Nordeivy Santana (1-for-4 with two RBI); Nick Gilbert (2-for-4); and Isaiah Goffigan (1-for-2 with a run scored).

“It was nice to get back in the win column with such an exciting finish,” said EHS head coach Joel Levine. “Being mentally tough is one of the points we try to emphasize throughout the course of the season. It would have been very easy for our kids to lay down after such a tough fifth inning, but they battled. Everyone on the team contributed, top to bottom, and Alex came up with such a big hit when our team needed it most.”

In a contest last Wednesday with Greater Boston League rival Revere, the Tide were unable to dig themselves out of an early hole after falling behind 3-0 in the top of the first.

Matt Turilli suffered the loss, giving up six hits and five earned runs in four innings pitched, as his teammates were only able



Revere’s Gweneth Ke (25) battles Everett’s Kamily Aguiar (20) for control during the April 17 match.

to muster two hits on the day by David Saia and Albert Santana in the losing effort.

“Again, our defense let us down with four errors and we were unable to come up with a big hit when we had runners in scoring position when the game was still in hand,” noted Levine, “Striking out 13 times does not put any pressure on anyone’s defense to make plays, and that is something we really need to get better at if we are going to string together a few wins in the coming weeks.”

Levine’s crew, who now stand at 2-4 on the season, are scheduled to play at Malden today (Wednesday) and will host Somerville on Friday at Glendale at 4:00. They will entertain Chelsea next Monday and trek to Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

### EHS SOFTBALL FALLS TO MEDFORD, 7-5

The Everett High softball team dropped its first contest of the season, falling to Greater Boston League opponent Medford, 7-5, this past Monday afternoon at Glendale Park.

The Tide had a chance to break the game open in the bottom of the first, loading the bases with one out, but were unable to produce the timely hit.

“We needed to get these runs in,” said EHS head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo. “This could have changed the outcome of the game. We had two strong batters up, but we could not produce the hits needed.”

Medford scored a run in the second, but Everett responded with a pair of markers in the bottom of the inning on a base hit by Bryanna Mason, a triple by Arabella Cvitkusic, and a single by Emma Longmore.

The Tide had potential to do some more damage when Emma L. stole second, Emilia Babcock walked, and both runners stole a base to move to second and third. However, both were left stranded.

“Again, we had runners in scoring position and could not get them in,” noted Poste-Schiavo.

The Lady Mustangs struck back with three runs in the third to regain the lead, 4-2, although the Tide made some fine defensive plays. Catcher

Kayley Rossi threw out a Medford runner on a steal attempt and Longmore threw out a Lady Mustang at the plate on a grounder with the bases-loaded.

Medford increased its lead to 7-2 in the fifth, although the Everett defense made another amazing play to get a Medford runner at the plate on a relay from Cvitkusic in left field, to Gianna Masucci at short, and to Rossi at the plate.

Everett got one back in the fifth on an RBI base hit by Masucci that scored Babcock. Skane (who pitched all seven innings, allowing six earned runs on nine hits with two walks and four strikeouts) belted a two-run homer in the seventh to make it 7-5, but that would be as close as the Tide would get.

“This loss was a tough one to take,” said Poste-Schiavo. “Their pitcher was a lefty and was hitting the outside corner. We adjusted, but just hit directly to positions. I know that we are a much better team than we showed. Maybe this loss will be a learning moment and the girls will only improve from it.”

The Lady Crimson Tide won both of its contests during the holiday week. Last Friday they routed non-league opponent Boston Latin Academy, 16-0, in five innings.

Skane was brilliant in the pitcher’s circle, allowing just one hit, walking none and fanning seven opponents in five innings of work to record her fourth shutout of the season.

Everett took a 1-0 lead in the opening inning when lead off hitter Emma Longmore drew a walk and made it to third when Emilia Babcock bunted and reached second on an error. Kayey Rossi then delivered Longmore with a double for what would prove to be the game-winning run.

The Lady Crimson Tide erupted for 12 runs in the second inning. Ashley Seward led off the inning with a triple and came home on a base hit by Arabella Cvitkusic. After Longmore drew another walk, Babcock cleared the bases with a three run homer.

After Skane drew a walk and Rossi reached on a grounder that bounced over the shortstop’s glove, both advanced on a passed ball. A double by Gianna

Masucci knocked in Skane and then Rossi scored on a passed ball.

After Alexa Uga was hit by the pitch, Ashley Seward delivered a home-run, which was promptly followed by another roundtripper by Bryanna Mason. Then with two outs, Longmore hit the fourth Everett homer of the inning.

A base hit by Babcock and a double by Skane accounted for the final tally of the frame.

Seward capped off her career-day -- and Everett’s scoring -- in the fourth when she delivered her second homer of the day, another three-run roundtripper, that scored teammates Uga and Masucci.

“Latin Academy always gives us a great game,” said Poste. “Last year we beat them 7-3 and the second time around they beat us 2-0. The girls came ready to play. At practice we focused on hitting skills.

“The girls have had to adjust to fast pitching and then to slower pitching,” continued Poste. “Their confidence can be seen with their swings. The defense has been supporting Skane on the mound and once again, Kristi and Kayley Rossi, her catcher, are a great duo.”

Last Wednesday, the Lady Crimson Tide made the short journey to GBL opponent Revere and came home with a 16-3 triumph.

In the pitching department, Skane tossed the first three innings and mowed through the Lady Patriot lineup, striking out nine and allowing only one hit. Sophomore Peyton Warren came on in the fourth and pitched three strong innings in which Peyton allowed three runs on four hits while walking two and fanning one.

Everett took control early, scoring three runs in the top of the first on an RBI base hit by Babcock that scored Longmore, an

RBI base hit by Uga that brought in Babcock, and a passed ball that allowed Skane, who had singled, to come home.

Everett rallied for five more runs in the third to make it 8-0, with an RBI base hit by Longmore and Babcock doing most of the damage.

Skane meanwhile, accounted for all nine outs via strikeout, ending each inning with a “K” thanks to her change-up.

“Kristi was on fire with her strikes and her change-up was working perfectly,” noted Poste.

Four more runs by Everett in the fourth, on the strength of an RBI double by Masucci and a two-RBI single by Babcock, lengthened the margin to 12-0.

Revere averted the mercy rule with a three-run rally in the fifth, including a home run over the fence, but it only was delaying the inevitable, as the Lady Crimson Tide tacked on four runs in the sixth, with Warren delivering a bases-clearing, bases-loaded double and then scoring on a double by Kassidy Rivera.

“It is always a tough one coaching against former players, Megan O’Donnell and Haley Powers,” said Poste. “They have a young team, but they stuck it out and even got a home run off of us. Skane as always did a great job with Rossi behind the plate. Peyton Warren got some time on the mound with Babcock as her catcher. Our defense was strong once again and backed up the pitching. Our hitting gets stronger each game and I am hoping it continues.”

Poste and her crew host GBL rival Malden today (Wednesday) at 4:00 at Glendale and will trek to O’Bryant High in Boston tomorrow (Thursday). They will make the short trip across the Parkway to Chelsea on Monday and will entertain GBL rival Lynn Classical on Wednesday at 4:00.

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOPS SOMERVILLE

The Everett High boys volleyball team went 1-1 this past week, falling to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere, 3-0, last Wednesday, but then bouncing back to defeat GBL foe Somerville on Thursday morning, 3-1.

The match against Revere started well enough for the Tide. Everett overcame two missed serves early on to pull ahead 9-8, and three serves by junior Hyan Soares tied the set at 18-18. The Tide would get as close as 22-21 before dropping the set.

“Playing without our number one hitter Henrique Franca, we got solid contributions from senior captain Dimitar Dimitrov, who moved over to outside hitter and earned three kills in the set, as did junior middle Kaleb Miranda. Junior Andrew Linhares had a kill, a block, and a ace, and senior co-captain Said Soaib had a kill, a block, and a dig,” said EHS head coach Michael Fineran.

Everett built a 13-6 lead in the second set behind two aces from sophomore Dantae Bauer, six service points from Soares, and three kills from junior Nischal Tamang in his varsity debut. The Tide pushed the lead to 18-11, but could not contain the Revere attack.

“Their servers were tough and they chipped away, taking the set 25-20,” noted Fineran.

Revere kept the momentum in the third set, despite two kills from Linhares and two blocks and a kill from sophomore Jefferson Umana. Four missed serves prevented any comeback for the Tide, who lost the third set 25-13.

However, the Crimson Tide rebounded from that defeat to post a victory the next day against Somerville.


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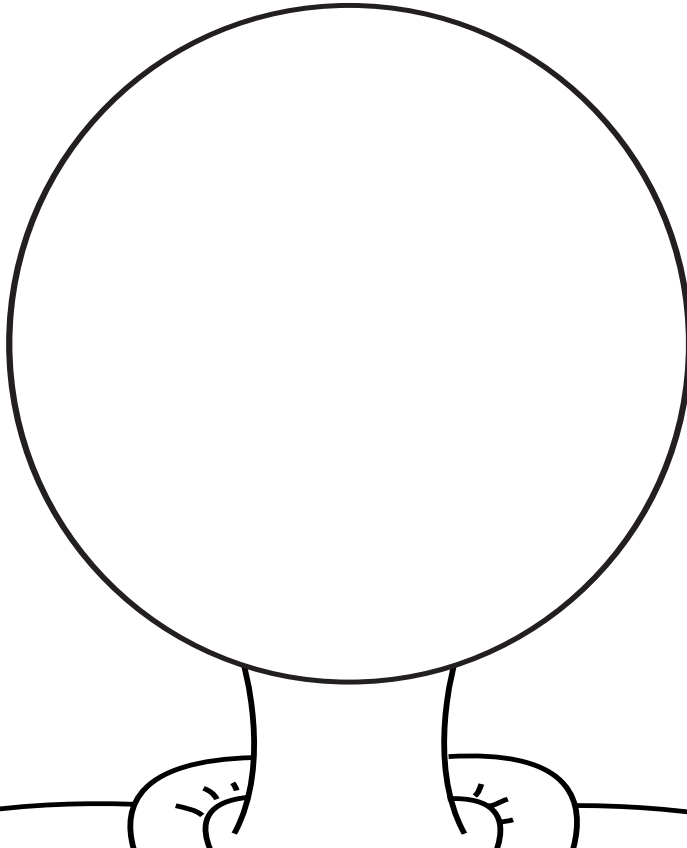
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# DiDomenico reintroduces healthy youth act legislation to improve sex education

Senator Sal DiDomenico has reintroduced his Healthy Youth Act bill, An Act relative to healthy youth (S268), which has been proposed in the legislature for over a decade. This bill will ensure that Massachusetts public schools electing to teach sex education curriculum use age-appropriate, medically accurate, and research-based information that covers a comprehensive range of topics. The legislation also calls for sex education to be inclusive and appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

A 2018 poll conducted by EMC Research showed overwhelming bipartisan support for sex education in Massachusetts, with 91% of likely voters agreeing that students should receive sex education in high school, and 75% of likely voters agreeing that sex education should include comprehensive information, such as how to build healthy relationships and understand consent.

“This legislation will finally make it clear that sex education in Massachusetts must be inclusive of all students and emphasize the importance and necessity of consent in relationships,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “The Healthy Youth Act was first filed 12 years ago and has passed the Senate several times. We must finally get this common-sense health policy over the finish line to ensure our children have the information they need to

protect their health, form respectful relationships, and build the bright futures they deserve.”

“Whether we’re from Boston or the Berkshires, a strong majority of people in Massachusetts – including most parents – want young people to receive sex and relationship education at school,” said Jamie Klufits, co-chair of the Healthy Youth Act Coalition. “The Healthy Youth Act will update our state’s woefully outdated health education guidelines to ensure that the sex and relationship education taught in our schools is accurate, high-quality, and inclusive. This type of education protects young people against bullying and abuse, helps them develop healthy relationship skills, improves their academic performance, and is something every student in our state deserves. We owe it to them to finally pass the Healthy Youth Act.”

Currently, public schools in the Commonwealth that choose to teach sex education are not required to use or adhere to a specific sexed curriculum. While some schools provide comprehensive and effective sex education, others teach outdated and abstinence-focused programs, including curricula that ignores LGBTQIA+ health and critical lessons on consent. This has led to a patchwork of sexual education programs across the state. The Healthy Youth Act (SD2199) aims to change this by requiring school districts that offer sex education to follow certain guidelines when selecting a curriculum.

This is vital to ensuring that students throughout the state are provided with age-appropriate, medically accurate, and comprehensive information, including topics on:

- the benefits of delaying sex;
- human anatomy, reproduction, and sexual development;
- effective contraceptive use;
- prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
- relationship and communication skills to form healthy relationships;
- coverage of affirmative, conscious and voluntary consent; and
- age-appropriate information about gender identity and sexual orientation, including resources that offer support to LGBTQ students.

The bill does not require public schools to teach sex education but sets curriculum guidelines for those that do. This legislation also protects and enhances parents’ right to remove their children from all or part of the sex education program if they



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at Healthy Youth Act Rally

choose to do so— an action already protected by state law. Additionally, this bill updates parent-notification guidelines for districts that choose to teach sex education curriculum and requires schools to send notice to parents in English and in other commonly spoken languages in the district. Notice would alert parents that their child is en-

rolled in a sex-education course and would inform them of their right to review the curriculum or opt their child out of some or all of the lessons.

Sex education programs have repeatedly been shown to work best when they emphasize the value of delaying sex, while also teaching students about the importance of protecting them-

selves from unintended consequences. As demonstrated by numerous studies, comprehensive sex education programs have been proven to delay the initiation of sex, increase use of contraception, lower the rates of STIs and unintended pregnancy among teens, and reduce reported levels of bullying towards LGBTQ youth in school.

## DiDomenico advocates for legislation creating Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

Senator DiDomenico joined colleagues in passing a reorganization plan to create a state Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities, a cabinet-level position which will assist the Commonwealth with meeting its long-term goals in addressing the housing crisis and expanding safe, accessible, and affordable housing for residents.

“I am proud to support Governor Healey’s efforts as she works to address the housing crisis, one of the most pressing issues on the mind of my constituents and residents across Massachusetts,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “I look forward to work-

ing with the new Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities along with my colleagues to ensure all people can afford to put a roof over their head and help residents stay in communities they have lived in their entire lives. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Senator Collins, and Senator Edwards for getting this bill passed with the urgency it deserves.”

“As a state, we must work towards a creating a sustainable and inclusive future, where no one is prevented from calling Massachusetts home simply because of the cost of housing,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “I am grateful that Gover-

nor Healey has brought this legislation before us, and we in the Legislature look forward to continuing to partner with the administration to support housing that is affordable and livable, vibrant communities. I’d also like to thank Senator Collins and Senator Edwards for their attention and hard work to ensure that the Senate could reach consensus on this issue in a timely fashion.”

In Massachusetts, housing-related issues are currently addressed by the administration through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The reorganization plan passed in the Senate today would elevate housing issues to

a separate executive agency tasked with supporting housing availability and assessing the Commonwealth’s progress in this area.

In response to ongoing concerns over housing availability, last session, the Massachusetts Legislature allocated over \$1 billion in direct appropriations to support affordable housing in Massachusetts. This followed a session that saw the long-awaited ‘housing choice’ legislation become law with important housing production incentives, including requiring multi-family zoning near transit.

The reorganization plan is also in the House of Representatives for consideration.

## Everett Little League Baseball opens new Season Saturday

By Cary Shuman

Everett is known as a football city, but baseball is about to make a big comeback – and to be fair, let’s not forget that Stacy Poste Schiavo’s EHS softball program is second to none.

Brian Savi is the new president of Everett Little League, replacing the venerable George Castiello, and on Saturday, the youth baseball organization will begin its 2023 season with an Opening Day parade starting at the old high school at 10 a.m., followed by ceremonies at Sacramone Park.

Savi said he has invited dignitaries to the Opening Day program, including Mayor Carlo DeMaria, State Sen. Sal DiDomen-

ico, Reps. Joseph McGonagle, Judith Garcia, and Dan Ryan, and members of the City Council and School Committee.

Opening Day is always a special occasion, but this year’s event has additional significance as Savi will unveil brand new batting cages at Sacramone Park.

Savi was instrumental in bringing the batting cages to the facility. Use of the batting cages for Everett Little League players will be available during each team’s practices.

Savi and his hard-working board of directors are excited about the new season. “We have 210 players in the program, which is phenomenal,” said Savi. “We’re slowing becoming a baseball city.”

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Everett scored 11 kills in the opening set, three each coming from Soaib and Miranda. Sustained serving from Umana and Linhares helped propel the Tide to a 25-17 win.

However, in the second set, the Tide were what Fineran characterized as “a little sloppier and less successful with our attack.” Everett fell behind, 19-11, and only a serving run from senior co-captain Roberto Brizuela made the final score, 25-18, feel less like a blowout.

The third set was the closest of the day, as both teams stepped up their hitting and their defense. Everett got a kill from Bauer, three each from Linhares, Soaib, and Umana, and two from Dimitrov, including the set winner, 26-24. Dimitrov was the catalyst in the fourth set, receiving the serve down 13-9 and hitting the next 12 in to put Everett up 20-13. He added two kills and a dig, Miranda had a pair of kills, and Soaib had three more kills, as did Linhares. Digs by sophomore Steve Flores and serves by Brizuela helped Everett maintain its lead en route to taking the set, 25-17, and the match, 3-1.

“I like the way we bounced back the next day,” said Fineran. “Our

passes were better, which meant that Bauer’s sets were better, which meant we could be more aggressive.”

Fineran and his crew, who stand at 3-4 entering this week, were scheduled to play at Medford this past Monday and will host Malden for the first rematch of the season today (Wednesday). They will entertain Chelsea next Monday and trek to Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

### EHS GIRLS TENNIS TOPS LYNN ENGLISH

The Everett High girls tennis team earned its first victory of the season with a 3-2 triumph over Lynn English in front of a home crowd.

Senior captain Luisa DaSilva, playing at first singles, came through to win a huge victory for the Tide, winning in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

“It was exciting to see the confidence in Luisa during this match,” said EHS head coach Courtney Meninger.

BrookeLynn Acevedo also made quick work of her counterpart at third singles with a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

The doubles crew of sophomores Nga Ho and Tracy Pham came up with the clinching victory, win-

ning in straight sets 6-1, 6-0.

“It was a great team win all around,” said Meninger. “Hopefully the girls see the potential we all have as a team and make a comeback this second half of the season.”

The Lady Crimson Tide also played well in their other matches during the past week. In a 3-2 loss to Lynn Classical, Acevedo came up with a sweep, winning her sets, 6-0 and 6-3, and the dynamic duo of Ho and Pham won their doubles match in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

The Tide fell short in a hard-fought contest to Boston Latin Academy, 4-1, with Ho and Pham coming through again at doubles, winning in two sets 6-1, 7-5.

In another close encounter, Everett fell short by a score of 3-2 to Revere.

Junior Alanna O’Brien stepped in and played at third singles for the first time this season and came through with the win, edging out her opponent in three sets, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. The tandem of Ho and Pham earned their fourth victory of the season, beating their Revere opponents, 6-0, 6-0.

“We have so much potential and I really believe we can pick it up and

have a successful second half of our season,” said Meninger, whose squad hosts Malden today (Wednesday) and treks to Somerville on Monday and to Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

### EHS BOYS TENNIS TEAM TOPS REVERE

The Everett High boys tennis team earned its first victory in three years with a 5-0 victory over Revere last Wednesday.


Bryant Jimenez (1st singles) and Shishir Pokhrel (2nd singles) defeated their Revere counterparts in the singles matches.

The duo of Johnny Pham and Henry Chen prevailed at first doubles) and the tandem of Swarnim Chaudhary and Sushant Shrestha triumphed at second doubles.


Revere was short one player and forfeited at third singles.

“I’m super proud of these young men for their hard work and dedication to improve,” said EHS head coach Greg Bluestein.

Bluestein and his crew play at Malden today (Wednesday) and will host Somerville on Monday and Lynn Classical next Wednesday.



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**484 BROADWAY**  
**EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02149**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday May 15, 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: 71 Chestnut Street**  
**Map/Parcel: M0-01-000107**  
**Permit Number: B-22-965**  
**Person Requesting: Mr. Octavio DaSilva**  
**24 Auburn Street Rear**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**PROPOSAL:**  
To create a parking area in the front and left side yards of the property (Hall Avenue Side).  
Violations and Zoning:  
Section 17 Off-Street Paragraphs J, K, and M.

**Chairman**  
**Roberta Suppa – Clerk of Board of Appeals**  
**April 26, 2023**  
**May 3, 2023**



# D'Ambrosio appointed to state's Judicial Nominating Commission

Special to the Independent

Well-known Revere attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio has been appointed to the state's Judicial Nominating Commission.

Governor Maura Healey said D'Ambrosio and the other Commissioners will be responsible for advising her on nominating and appointing judicial officers in coordination with the Governor's Council.

"Judicial officers play a critical role in shaping the lives of Massachusetts residents. Our goal is to ensure that those serving on our courts are committed to justice and equality, and that they are representative of the vibrant, diverse communities they serve," said Governor Healey. "We're proud to be appointing this experienced, dedicated group to the Judicial Nominating Commission, who I know I can count on to advise me on nominating the best judges to serve the people of Massachusetts."

D'Ambrosio said he was "very thankful" to Gov. Healey for the prestigious appointment to the Commission.

"I look forward to participating in public service and helping Gov. Healey in screening her judicial nominations for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," D'Ambrosio said humbly.

D'Ambrosio attended the McKinley School and a 1986 graduate of Saint Dominic Saavio High School. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Boston University and went on to attend Suffolk Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review and a Trustees' Scholar.

D'Ambrosio has been an attorney for 30 years and serves as managing partner of D'Ambrosio Counselors At Law, which has offices in Revere and Boston. He has tried cases at the District, Superior, and Federal Court levels and also argued cases before the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Judicial Court.

Gerry and his wife, Michelle, have four children, Anthony, a graduate of Yale University and a former member of the Revere School Committee, Gabby, a third-year law student at Suffolk, Andrew, a senior at the University of Southern California (USC), and Ava, a freshman at Boston College.



Gerry D'Ambrosio.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 445-455 Broadway also 13 Cottage Street**  
**Map/Parcel: L0-01-000001 L0-01-000005**  
**Building Permit: B-22-552**  
**Person Requesting: 445-455 Broadway Corp 306 Main Street**  
**Reading, MA 01867-3613**

**PROPOSAL:**

Applicant seeks to remove the rear portion of the existing commercial building and a small building at the rear of the property, to renovate and continue to use the remainder of the existing first floor commercial space, and construct a new 4 story addition in the rear for 33 residential units with on grade parking and commercial space under the residential units. No residential units will be located on the first floor. The use designation is mixed use as authorized under Section 6(A)(8) of the Zoning Ordinance.

**Reason for Denial:**

Permit was denied in accordance with the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Violations and Zoning:**

- The Proposed use of the property as a mixed use (residential and commercial) building requires a special exception from the City Council, Pursuant to Section 6(A)(8) of the Zoning Ordinance or a use variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you seek a special exception from the City Council, you must first obtain a variance from the frontage and lot area requirements of Section 6(A)(8)(a)(1), as set forth below.
- Pursuant to Section 6(A)(8)(a)(1), mixed use buildings require lot frontage of at least 200 feet and lot area of at least 30,000 square feet. The lot frontage of the subject property is only 117.85 feet, and the lot area is only 20,774 square feet. A variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals is required.
- The proposed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is 2.22, whereas the maximum allowed under Section 6(B)(2) is 2.0. A variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals is required.
- Pursuant to Section 2 (1st par.) of the Ordinance, the applicant has elected to designate the Chelsea Street frontage of the property as its front lot line. Because it is a through lot, proposed for mixed use, no front or rear setback is required.
- Because the subject property abuts a lot containing a three-family structure, and the proposed structure exceeds 30 feet in height, a side setback of 7 feet is required, pursuant to Section 6(B)(5) of the Ordinance. The existing structure is nonconforming, and the proposed development will result in a substantial height increase within the nonconforming setback. A special permit is required from the Zoning Board of Appeals to alter the nonconforming structure, pursuant to Section 3(C) of the Ordinance.
- Note also that the project will require compliance with Transportation Demand Management under Section 35 of the Ordinance.

**MARY GERACE – Chairman**  
**Roberta Suppa – Clerk of Board of Appeals**  
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**Gloria Juliano**  
A 'people person'

Gloria L. (Polcaro) Juliano of Everett passed away April 17 just two weeks shy of her 96th birthday.

The beloved wife of 68 years of the late Mario A. Juliano, she was the loving mother of Linda Sanders of Upton, Joseph Juliano of Everett and Cheryl Bonanno of Saugus; grandmother of Jason Sanders, Justine Foley, Joseph Bonanno and Anthony Bonanno; great-grandmother of Pamela and Adeline Foley and Ruby and Rawley Bonanno; sister of the late Mary Roberto, Esther Perna, Arthur Polcaro, Josephine DeSantis and Benjamin Polcaro. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Gloria was a people person enjoying family and friends, especially during the holidays. She loved all her siblings.

Gloria was an avid reader and a great cook (you never went hungry). Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting, crafts, puzzles, coloring and tending to the garden.

To me, Mum and Dad were the highlights of my life and if I had one wish it would be to see them one more time.

Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. Arrangements were under the direction of the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home.



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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 81 Elsie Street**  
**Map/Lot: M0-04-000268**  
**Person Requesting: Sergio Cornelio**  
**43 Luke Rd.**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**PROPOSAL:**

The owner wishes to erect an accessory structure on the side yard to be a separate dwelling unit bringing the total number of dwelling units on the property to three (3). The separate dwelling unit will have a total square footage of 3,337 S.F. The lot is 10,982 S.F. The current structure on the property was erected in 1948.

**Reason for Denial:**

Pursuant to Section 4(A)(1), a single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units. This provision does not apply to the proposed use, since the existing structure was constructed after the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance in 1926 and because the new dwelling unit will be in a fully detached structure. Accordingly, a use variance is required.

Pursuant to Section 4(B)(2)(c), maximum floor area ratio is .50. Though no FAR calculation is provided, it appears that this standard will be exceeded with the construction of a new unit. The applicant should provide certification of the new FAR and, if in excess of .50, must obtain a variance.

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 reconfigure your site plan to create a sixth parking space, seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals or participate in the Transportation Demand Management program under Section 35 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**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:

**Violations and 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).
- Landscaping requirements indicated on provide plot plan are not clear as to the depth at the Rear per Section 26 Dimensional requirements (d) requires at least 10 feet at the rear lot lines.

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News in Brief

DEMARIA’S SUMMER YOUTH JOB PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Everett is now accepting applications for Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s Summer Youth Job Program. Everett residents from ages 14 to 25 years of age who are seeking summer employment are encouraged to apply.

Job placements are located throughout the City of Everett. Job locations include various community organizations, businesses and departments within the City of Everett. The program will run from July to the end of August.

To apply, please visit [afterschoolhq.com/city-of-everett](https://afterschoolhq.com/city-of-everett). Applicants will be able to view all of the positions available, what days of the week the position will require them to be available, the age range for each job and more details about each position. Completed applications must be submitted by Saturday, May 20.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Department at 617-394-2280.

JOANNA SCHAFFHAUSEN AT THE PARLIN LIBRARY, MAY 2, AT 7PM

Are you fascinated by crime? Why did they do it? How were they caught? If so, you’re going to love our next author, Joanna Schaffhausen.

She can wield a scalpel, which she learned while studying neuroscience. She has a doctorate in psychology and a long-standing interest in the brain, how it develops and how it can

go so very wrong. As an editorial producer for ABC News, she wrote programs for World News Tonight, Good Morning America, and 20/20. She is also the 2016 winner of the Mystery Writers of America/St. Martin’s Minotaur First Crime Novel Award.

But it is her writing, the pace, the characters and the stories that get you. When asked how she gets her ideas, Ms. Shaffhausen says, “Anywhere and everywhere, but especially from true crime stories. I still go to sleep at night to the dulcet tones of Forensic Files. I mine the stories for how investigators feel about their cases; how they talk and think. I also find it fascinating how initially there will be lots of avenues to follow, each with many clues, and the thrill of discovery is in learning which of these pieces of evidence turns out to be the key to solving the case.”

Learn more about her books, her process, and her villains on Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm. Coffee and pastries provided by The Friends of the Everett Libraries.

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES THE CITY OF EVERETT IS OFFERING OUTDOOR DINING TO BUSINESSES

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will once again be offering the option to have outdoor dining to businesses in Everett. Permits will be available to those who fill out and submit an application form by email or in-person to the Planning & Development Department, Room 25, on the second floor of Everett City Hall, 484 Broadway.

As Summer approaches, we understand how important outdoor dining can be to local restaurants and cafés in our community. We would like to help by offering the chance to take part in this opportunity.

Businesses can request or submit an application form to [OutdoorDining@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:OutdoorDining@ci.everett.ma.us) or by visiting in person at the Department of Planning & Development office, Room 25 on the second floor of Everett City Hall, 484 Broadway. The application can also be found in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole on the City of Everett website by visiting the following URLs:

English – [cityofeverett.com/document/outdoor-dining-application-english](https://cityofeverett.com/document/outdoor-dining-application-english)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens Author Event with Joanna Schaffhausen, Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, May 2nd 7:00 pm. Are you fascinated by crime? Why did they do it? How were they caught? If so, you’re going to love our next author, Joanna Schaffhausen. A trained neuroscientist with a doctorate in psychology and former producer for 20/20, she puts her experiences and love of true crime to the page. Learn more about her books, her

process, and her villains. Coffee and pastries provided by The Friends of the Everett Libraries.

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

Thursday Night Movies, Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, May 4th at 6:30 pm. May the Fourth be with you! Join us for a showing of Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope to celebrate Star Wars Day.

Let’s Make Earrings! Parlin Meeting Room. Saturday, May 6th 12:00. Mother’s day is coming. For the special person in your life, make the gift of earrings! All supplies are provided by The Friends of the Everett Libraries, but they, and spaces, are limited. Please stop by the Circulation or Information Desks, or call (617) 394 2300, to sign up. For ages 13+.

Parlin Childrens Lego Club. Parlin Children’s Room. Monday, May 1st 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 lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime with Vera. Parlin Children’s Room. Tuesday, May 2nd at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

Crafts for Kids. Parlin Children’s Room. Tues-

day, May 2nd at 3pm. Let’s make a sign for Mother’s Day! All kids ages 3 and up are welcome; please come and join the fun! Registration is required. Sign up online or at the Parlin Children’s desk.

Storytime and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, May 3rd at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, May 5th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Air Bud with your friends and family.

Shute Adult and Teens Yarn Club Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, May 2nd at 3 PM. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Parlin and Shute Libraries. By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics:

how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard functions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register.

“80 FOR BRADY” MOVIE SHOWING AT THE CONNOLLY CENTER MAY 11

In honor of Older Adult Health Month, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Council on Aging are happy to announce the Connolly Center will be showing the feel-good movie of the year “80 for Brady” on Thursday, May 11 at 1pm at the Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea Street.

Nothing is better for your health than sharing a laugh with your friends. Four best friends live life to the fullest when they embark on a wild journey to see their hero Tom Brady play in the 2017 Super Bowl. This movie stars Rita Moreno, Sally Field, Jane Fonda, Lili Tomlin and of course Tom Brady. Join us for the movie and an ice cream party free of charge sponsored by the Everett Foundation for Aged Persons.

For additional information, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center.

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**Property Address: 403 Main Street**  
**Map/Lot: D0-01-000026**  
**Person Requesting: Alfred J Lattanzi**  
**57 Peirce Ave.**  
**Everett, MA 02149**  
On March 11, 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to grant zoning relief to permit the construction of an additional three stories on the subject property and use of the property for mixed use. The relief granted included a use variance “to make this a Mixed-Use Building” notwithstanding the requirements of Section 6(A)(8) of the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks clarification/confirmation that the relief previously granted includes relief from the dimensional requirements for mixed uses contained in Section 6(A)(8)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance or, in the alternative, for a variance from those requirements.  

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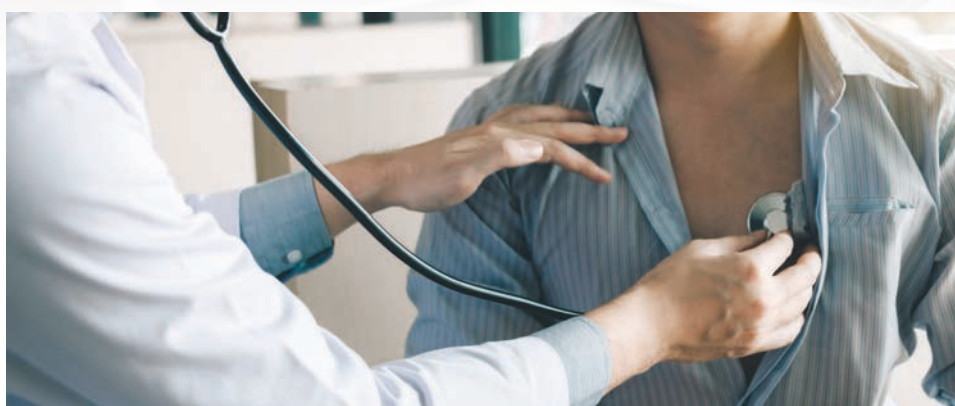


# Connecting those with heart defects to needed care

Congenital heart defects (CHDs) are the most common birth defects and doctors and affected families can help ensure that individuals with CHDs receive lifelong congenital cardiac care to stay healthy. In 2010, it was estimated that approximately 1 million children and 1.4 million adults were living with a CHD in the United States. However, about 60% of individuals with CHDs don't see a congenital cardiology specialist after age 18 for follow-up.

Congenital cardiology care is essential, even for those who are not currently experiencing symptoms. In addition to the need to manage the CHD, affected individuals remain at risk for developing acquired cardiac conditions of adulthood. These include a range of potentially serious conditions such as arrhythmias, atherosclerotic heart disease, congestive heart failure, endocarditis, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and pulmonary hypertension.

According to advocates, a primary care physician is often the only doctor a patient sees, making it critical that patients disclose their CHD to their their doctors, and for doctors to help ensure they get the specialized care they need to stay healthy



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and safe over the years.

"Although most individuals with CHDs require lifelong congenital cardiac care, many children and adults experience gaps in care for several years or more," says Dr. Sherry Farr from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Whether these lapses are due to loss of insurance, financial barriers or an inaccurate belief that their heart defect has 'been cured,' physicians that these patients see for other reasons can facilitate continuity of cardiac care."

Dr. Farr suggests that physicians start the conversation with patients by asking them if they ever had heart problems. After learning that a patient has a heart defect,

they should then emphasize the need for continuous care, even in cases where patients feel well. Doctors should be prepared to both explain the vital role of congenital cardiologists and provide a referral for a specialist in the area. Patients with CHDs should share their health history at their

appointment and be ready to ask questions and seek referrals.

The new CHD Awareness Toolkit from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers resources to help physicians connect people with heart defects to the care they need. It includes materials for pediatricians and family physicians (who treat children), internal medicine physicians and family physicians (who treat adults), obstetrician-gynecologists and emergency room physicians. To learn more or to download the toolkit, visit [aap.org/CHDcare](http://aap.org/CHDcare).

People with heart defects need lifelong congenital cardiac care. By getting the conversation started, patients and physicians can help ensure continuity of care. (State-Point)

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7			3	8	2		5	
			1	7				

*Let us never know what old age  
is. Let us know the happiness  
time brings, not count the years.  
— Ausonius, poet*

1	8	4	9	7	3	6	2	5
9	7	6	5	2	8	4	1	3
5	3	2	1	4	6	9	8	7
6	4	5	7	3	1	8	9	2
2	9	7	4	8	5	3	6	1
3	1	8	6	9	2	7	5	4
4	6	3	2	5	9	1	7	8
8	2	1	3	6	7	5	4	9
7	5	9	8	1	4	2	3	6

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5	3	8		1	7	9	2	4	6
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2	9	1	5	4	6	7	8	3	
3	5	7	8	6	4	1	9	2	
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6	4	9	2	1	7	8	3	5	
4	1	6	7	3	8	5	2	9	
9	7	3	4	2	5	6	1	8	
8	2	5	6	9	1	3	7	4	





Rep. Joe McGonagle (left) helped honor Everett Director of Veterans Affairs Antoine Coleman (center).



Many Everett trailblazers were honored during the annual Black Excellence on the Hill event.

## ANTOINE COLEMAN HONORED AT 2023 BLACK EXCELLENCE ON THE HILL

Last week, Rep. Joe McGonagle joined Everett Director of Veterans Affairs Antoine Coleman as Coleman was honored by the Massachusetts Black and

Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) during the 2023 Black Excellence on the Hill Celebration. Coleman is a 2004 graduate of Everett High who

continued his athletic and academic career playing basketball at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. After graduating with a degree in civil engineering, he joined

the United States Marine Corps., completing a tour in Afghanistan and obtaining the rank of Sergeant. He now works as Everett's Director of Veterans Affairs, paying it forward by helping veterans receive the resources they need.

McGonagle, who nominated Coleman, says he is an exemplary leader in the community who he's proud to call a friend. "Antoine is one of a kind and I'm so thankful for all he does for

Everett and thankful for this opportunity to honor him with other Black leaders in Massachusetts. A Marine Corp. veteran and former college athlete, he's taken those principles and lessons and applied them to everyday challenges. He's humble and hard-working, a true role model whom I certainly look up to. Everett's veterans, and the greater community of Everett are extremely lucky to have someone like

Antoine around." Black Excellence on the Hill is an annual event hosted by the MBLLC to commemorate Black Community leaders and trailblazers that are moving the needle forward in cities and towns across the state. This year's event was held at the State House and included remarks from MBLLC chairman Bud Williams, Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll.

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