

COOKIES FOR A CAUSE



Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) joined local Girl Scout troops at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Massachusetts, for the annual Cookies for a Cause event. GSEMA donated over 14,000 packages of Girl Scout cookies to community heroes through the Cookies for a Cause donation program, with a large portion distributed to military members at the event on Saturday, May 6.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS FROM EVERETT ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the third quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President’s List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

- Malden Catholic Honors –
- President’s List (90 to 100 in all classes)
 - Kendall Belloise
 - Giavana Bono
 - Tiffany Braga
 - Jianyí Guo
 - Lisbeth Monteagudo
 - First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)
 - Paula Castillo
 - Tyson Chhun
 - Aidan Clarke
 - Lexy Dormevil Florez
 - Gaetano Foster
 - Sarah Job
 - Kristen Marchant
 - Yeidalise Perez
 - Lily Van Campen
 - Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)
 - Abigael Awlachew
 - Sophia Clarke
 - Maya Fu
 - Ava Green
 - Ortello Hamilton
 - Sophia Ingrando
 - Katelande Valcin

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation’s most renowned universities includ-

ing Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic’s codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xavarian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org/>

ASHISH REDDY KONDA GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

Ashish Reddy Konda of Everett recently graduated from University of the Cumberland. Congratulations, Ashish Reddy!

It was another joyful graduation weekend at University of the Cumberland as the campus hosted annual commencement ceremonies.

More than 2,100 graduates celebrated the completion of their undergraduate or graduate degrees from Cumberland this

spring. Many graduates attended commencement ceremonies in person on the university’s Williamsburg campus the first weekend in May to celebrate their accomplishments.

“Graduates, today marks a significant milestone in your lives,” said Dr. Larry L. Cockrum, university president, during the ceremonies. “You have persevered through years of hard work and dedication and now stand here, ready to take on the world. I am honored to congratulate each and every one of you on your outstanding achievements.”

President Cockrum offered heartfelt advice to the newest graduates - in short, to dream big, work hard, make mistakes, and always be kind. He said those were the lessons that have gotten him through his life and made all the difference and encouraged graduates to try it for themselves.

The Class of 2023 from University of the Cumberland hailed from all 50 states and territories - as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam - and from 21 countries around the world. Many diverse cultures, languages, and backgrounds were represented in the graduating class, all sharing a universal commitment to education and determination to succeed.

University of the Cumberland is one of the largest and most affordable private universities in Kentucky. Located in Williamsburg, Kentucky, Cumberland is an institution of regional distinction offering quality undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and online degree programs.

Crime prevention measures to protect Postal employees announced

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) and United States Postal Inspection Service (Postal Inspection Service) announced expanded actions to protect Postal employees and the security of the nation’s mail and packages as threats and attacks on letter carriers and mail fraud incidents have escalated concurrently with a national rise in crime. The Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service held a joint briefing for Congress members and staff on these efforts on May 11.

“As crime rises, so do the threats against our public servants,” said Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. “The men and women of the Postal Service are walking our nation’s streets every day to fulfil our mission of delivering mail and packages to the American people. Every Postal employee deserves to work in safety and to be free from targeting by criminals seeking to access the public’s mail.”

“We’re doubling down on our efforts to protect our Postal employees and the security of the mail. We are hardening targets – both physical and digital – to make them less desirable to thieves and working with our law enforcement partners to bring perpetrators to justice,” said Postal Inspection Service Chief Gary Barksdale.

Incidents of letter carrier robberies are on the rise across the nation. In FY22, 412 USPS letter carriers were robbed on the job. With 305 incidents reported in the first half of FY23, these incidents are increasingly more prevalent. Additionally, the agency reported an increase in high volume mail theft incidents from mail receptacles including blue collection boxes: 38,500 in FY22 and more than 25,000 in the first half of FY23. The Postal Service will continue to work with its unions and management associations on training and employee education for letter carriers and other postal workers.

Recognizing these ongoing safety threats, the Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are expanding their Project Safe Delivery crime prevention initiative to protect Postal employees and facilities, prevent mail and package theft and enforce the law against individuals who perpetrate crimes against Postal employees or engage in mail and package theft. Expanded Project Safety Delivery actions include:

- Reducing Letter Carrier Robberies and Mail Theft – As part of Project Safe Delivery, USPS and USPIS are taking action to harden physical targets against criminal activity and reduce criminal acts against postal employees

including:

- 12,000 High Security Blue Collection Boxes To Be Installed Nationwide. The Postal Service is hardening blue collection boxes making access to their contents more difficult for criminals. These boxes are now being deployed in high security risk areas through the next fiscal year. The Postal Service will continue to evaluate replacing additional existing blue collection boxes with these enhanced boxes.

- 49,000 Electronic Locks to Replace Antiquated Arrow Locks. There has been an increase in letter carrier robberies nationwide where criminals are targeting letter carriers for their Arrow and Modified Arrow Lock (MAL) Keys. Criminals use Arrow and MAL keys to steal mail from secure mail receptacles to commit financial crimes, including altering checks to commit check fraud. To make Arrow Keys less valuable for criminals, the Postal Service will replace 49,000 antiquated arrow locks with electronic locks. New locks have been installed in select cities with installation to occur in additional major metropolitan areas soon. The Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are also increasing Arrow Key accountability reviews in select high Postal crime areas.

- Preventing Change of Address Fraud –The Postal Service processed more than 33 million change of address (COA) transactions in FY22. The majority of COA frauds are driven by an identity theft motive separate from the Postal Service. The Postal Service is not the intended target but implicated as the fraudster intercepts financially oriented mail, credit cards or checks. The Postal Service is embarking on strengthening authentication processes for all methods of COA – electronic, and hard copy format whether by mail or in-person. Actions include:

- In April, the Postal Service implemented dual authentication Identity Verification Services for online change of addresses transactions to provide enhanced security controls to reduce fraud.
- Effective May 31, the Postal Service will offer enhanced in-person change of address transactions at Post Offices and retail outlets. COA customers can verify their identity by presenting an approved form of identification to a retail clerk.
- Postal Service customers seeking a COA will now receive a validation letter at their old address and receive an activation letter at their new address.
- As an additional safeguard, the Postal Service will no longer accept third-party change of address submissions.
- Defeating counterfeit postage – In FY2022, the Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service seized more than 340,000 packages with counterfeit postage and more than 7.7 million counterfeit stamps with an estimated \$7.8 million loss avoidance for the Postal Service. Expanded actions to crack down on fraudulent postage

age include:

- Postal Service interdictions of packages with counterfeit labels affixed . The Postal Service will fully exercise new authority to take possession and dispose of packages identified with counterfeit postage.
- Reviews of shipments on Postal Service docks and during warehouse outreach visits
- Shut down of websites and closure of eCommerce accounts selling counterfeit postage
- Engagement and partnership with eCommerce companies to disrupt activity
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) collaboration
- Promotion of the Inspection Service’s rewards program which provides rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person that unlawfully uses, reuses, or forges postage stamps, postage meter stamps, permit imprints, or other postage; or uses, sells, or possesses with the intent to sell any used, forged, or counterfeit postage stamp or other postage.

Throughout the year, the Postal Inspection Service will continue to partner with federal, state, and local authorities to enforce the laws and bring criminals to justice. The Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service will continue to adapt to evolving security threats and implement expanded measures to safeguard Postal employees and preserve the security of the mail that Postal Service customers expect and deserve.

Action the American Public Can Take To Help Prevent Mail Theft

Customers can take several steps to protect their mail and their letter carriers, including:

- Don’t let incoming or outgoing mail sit in your mailbox. You can significantly reduce the chance of being victimized by simply removing your mail from your mailbox every day.
- Deposit outgoing mail through a number of secure manners including inside your local Post Office or at your place of business or by handing it to a letter carrier.
- Sign up for Informed Delivery and get daily digest emails that preview your mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon.
- Become involved and engaged in your neighborhood via neighborhood watches and local social media groups to spread awareness and share information.
- Keep an eye out for your letter carrier. If you see something that looks suspicious, or you see someone following your carrier, call 911.

Customers are encouraged to report stolen mail as soon as possible by submitting an online complaint to the Postal Inspection Service at www.uspis.gov/report or calling 877-876-2455. Additionally, individuals are encouraged to report allegations of Postal Service employee misconduct, including attempts to corrupt a Postal Service employee, to the USPS OIG at 1-888-877-7644 or www.uspsig.gov.

EVENTS IN EVERETT'S ARTS & CULTURAL COMMUNITY

ART LAB EVERETT MAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 21 from 3-5PM featuring Everett artist MacKenzie Clark.

Stop by to meet the artist, tour Art Lab and try free art activities at 132 Bucknam St.



photo: Amanda Macchia

For Advertising Rates, Call 617-884-2416

HR Specialist

Stairhopper Movers, LLC seeks HR Specialist for its Everett, MA office. Req'd: Bachelor's in HR, Marketing or rel fld + 2yrs HR exper in moving company industry, incl. selecting & recruiting prof. movers & drivers, annual comp. review, merit/bonus planning, performance & workforce mgmt., promotions. Must have wkg knwldge of Evernote and Moveboard. Send resumes to: move@stairhoppers.com. Ref job code 040016.0009.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2023

The following candi-
dates have pulled nomina-
tion papers:

City Council At-Large
Angelmarié Dinunzio
Katy Rogers
John Hanlon
Michael Marchese
Irene Cardillo
Shaskia Bosquet
Kisan Upadhaya
Guerline Alcy
Stephanie V Smith
Jean Marc Daniel

Council Ward 1
Wayne Matewsky
Jerry A Navarra

Council Ward 2
Joetta Yutkins
Stephanie Martins
Paul Cardillo

Council Ward 3
Anthony DiPierro
Darren Costa

Council Ward 4
Kimberly Kit Bridge
Nancy Cianchetta
Jimmy Tri Le
Holly D Garcia

Council Ward 5
Vivian Nguyen

Council Ward 6
Alfred Lattanzi
Peter Pietrantonio

School Committee At-Large
Joanna Garren
Samantha Lambert
Margaret Cornelio
Cynthia E Sarnie
Michael J McLaughlin
Jay E Holt
Samantha Hurley

School Committee Ward 1
Millie J Cardello
Margaret Cornelio

School Committee Ward 2
Jason Marcus
Joanna Garren

School Committee Ward 3
Jeanne M Cristiano

School Committee Ward 4
Michael J Mangan
Thomas P Messina Jr

School Committee Ward 5
Charles E Leo
Marcony Almeida Barros

School Committee Ward 6
Daniel Skerrit
Pattiann Scalesse

News in Brief

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES KIDS TO PARKS DAY EVENT

A Fun Day with Activi-
ties for Kids and Families
at Swan Street Park
Everett, MA – Mayor
Carlo DeMaria is pleased
to announce the annual
Kids to Parks Day event
will be held on Saturday,
May 20, at Swan Street
Park from 11am to 1pm.

All families are invited
to enjoy various activities,
interactive games, inflat-
able attractions, characters,
face painting, music and
much more.

Kids To Parks Day is a
nationally recognized day
celebrated annually on the
third Saturday of May. The
goal is to get kids and fam-
ilies outside and off their
electronic devices to utilize
and enjoy their communi-
ty’s recreational resources,
parks and playgrounds.
The City is joining in the
celebration by inviting our
youth to participate in this
day by hosting an event at
Swan Street Park for all to
attend.

For more information,
please visit cityofeverett.
com/events/kids-to-parks-
day.

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES HAITIAN AND HEALING INITIATIVE EVENT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria
is pleased to announce the
Sante se Richès – Hai-
tian and Healing Initiative
event will take place on
Saturday, May 20 from
2pm to 6pm at the Everett
Recreation Center, 47 Elm
Street.

As part of the City’s ce-
lebration of Haitian Heri-
tage Month, all are invited
to join us for an intergener-
ational discussion on heal-
ing amongst the Haitian
community. The event will
feature a powerful panel of
leaders, sounds by a local
DJ and much more.

The month of May is
recognized as Haitian Her-
itage Month, which is cele-
brated around the world to
commemorate Haitian his-
tory, heritage and culture.
The City of Everett will
be taking part in the cele-

brations by hosting events
for the community to learn
more about and celebrate
Everett’s Haitian commu-
nity and culture.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens
Parlin Book Group,
Parlin Meeting Room,
and Zoom. Monday, May
22nd at 6:00 pm. In Eliz-
abeth Strout’s My Name
is Lucy Barton, a simple
hospital visit becomes a
portal to the tender rela-
tionship between mother
and daughter in the ex-
traordinary novel by the
Pulitzer Prize-winning
author of Olive Kitter-
idge. 18+. Call Kathleen
at (617) 394 2300, or send
an email to slipp@noblen-
et.org, for the Zoom link,
or join us in person!

Yarn Club Parlin Fire-
place Room. Tuesday,
May 23rd at 7pm. Come
chit chat and stitch! Bring
your crocheting, knitting,
or any other yarn craft and
sit and socialize with oth-
er members of the crafting
community. Recommend-
ed for ages 14-109!

Origami Club. Parlin
Fireplace Room. Satur-
day, May 27th at 12pm.
Come and practice the an-
cient art of paper folding.
All ages and skill levels
are welcome!

Parlin Childrens
Lego Club. Parlin Chil-
dren’s Room. Monday,
May 22nd from 3-5pm.
Attention all Lego lov-
ers: Lego Club is back at
the Parlin Memorial Li-
brary! Come to the Chil-
dren’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.

Drama Class. Parlin
Children’s Room.
Wednesday, May 24th at
3pm. Do you have a dra-
ma queen or king at home?
Drama Class in the Parlin
Children’s Department is
the perfect opportunity for
your child to put those act-
ing skills to use with our
drama coach! Suggested
ages 6-14.

Pixel Perfect. Parlin
Meeting Room. Thursday,

May 25th at 3:30pm. Pix-
el Perfect is an interactive
educational video game
exhibit that will give visi-
tors a hands-on experience
with gaming history. From
Pac-Man to Sonic the
Hedgehog, many iconic
retro gaming classics are
readily available to play at
the Parlin Library. While
playing them, you’ll learn
a bit about their history
too! Presented by Arcade
Awesome. Recommend-
ed for ages 10+, younger
patrons will need parental
supervision.

Friday Family Mov-
ie Night! Parlin Meeting
Room. Friday, May 26th
at 3pm. Break out the pop-
corn! Come and watch
Puss in Boots with your
friends and family.

Shute Adult and Teens
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 com-
puter? Learn the basics:
how to start up and shut
down a computer, perform
mouse and keyboard func-
tions, 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.

Personalized Jewelry
Making, Shute Meeting
Room. Tuesday, May 23rd
at 7 PM. Join us for a re-
laxing evening of jewelry
making. With plenty of
beading options, all we
require is that you bring
your creativity! Design
your own personalized
piece of jewelry, wear it,
and show it off just in time
for the spring. This pro-
gram is generously fund-
ed by the Friends of the
Everett Public Libraries.
Recommended for ages
14-109! Available spots
are limited, please register
by going on our website:
everettpubliclibraries.org.

Budget / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

note, Demas revealed that
the City has \$7.7 million
in its stabilization fund
and \$7.4 million in its
capital improvement sta-
bilization fund.

Demas also announced
that the City had received a
national award for its bud-
get from the Government
Finance Officers’ Asso-
ciation (GFOA). It is the
eighth consecutive year

that the DeMaria Admin-
istration has received the
GFOA’s highest award,
which recognizes the bud-
get’s “excellence, trans-
parency, and accountabili-
ty.” The City also received
the GFOA’s Distinguished
Budget Award.

Demas said the Everett
school budget for Fiscal
Year 2024 will be \$128.6
million, an increase of

\$19.9 million that he at-
tributed to the require-
ments of the Student
Opportunity Act “that en-
sures that every student
in the state experiences
high-quality learning op-
portunities that lead to
success in school and in
postsecondary success,”
as stated by the Mass. De-
partment of Education on
its web site.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Goncarovas, Vitalijus	Michael Pendleton Jr Rt	5 Fuller St	\$950,000
Ityel Management LLC	Rodrigues Properties LLC	8 Walnut St #10	\$230,119
Duarte, Guillermo A	Musmecci, Paula A	17 Baker Rd	\$615,000
Brown, Andrew	Skinner, Kyle	43-45 Valley St #43	\$617,000
Michel, Destina	Elderd Henry J Est	79 Reed Ave	\$550,000
Lexi, Fritz	Mildred A Berry RET	112 Irving St	\$1,025,000
Lucker, John G	Kinsman Street Rt	113 Kinsman St	\$540,000
535 2nd Street Invest LLC	Jam Realty Corp	535 2nd St	\$1,750,000



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# of Units	# of Bedrooms	Rent*	Maximum Income Limit (% AMI)	# of Units built out for Mobility Impairments
5	Studio	\$1,801	80%	3
7	1-Bedroom	\$2,044	80%	5
5	2-Bedroom	\$2,268	80%	-

*Rent does not include utilities. Tenants are responsible for all utilities, including cable & internet.

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))		Maximum Incomes (set by HUD + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))	
# of Bedrooms	Minimum Income (80% AMI)	Household Size	Maximum Income (80% AMI)
Studio	\$54,030	1	\$78,300
		2	\$89,500
1-Bedroom	\$61,320	3	\$100,700
		4	\$111,850
2-Bedroom	\$68,040	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 May 8th, 2023 – Saturday, July 8th, 2023

To request an online application or to have one sent by email, visit www.TheMasonLottery.com or email TheMason@MaloneyProperties.com or call (617) 639-3064 Ext 776.

If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at (617) 639-3064 Ext 776 | US Relay 711, 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, faxed, or postmarked no later than
Saturday, July 8th, 2023

Mailed to:
Maloney Properties, Inc.
Attn: The Mason Lottery
27 Mica Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481.


Information Sessions:
Attendance at the information sessions is not required. Both sessions will be recorded and posted to the website.

Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 @ 6pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://maloneyproperties.zoom.us/j/83620376508?pwd=VUtrQaW92LlRQWkszMVVKa1NUNU5hdz09>
Meeting ID: 836 2037 6508
Passcode: 569652
One tap mobile
+13017158592,,83620376508#,,,*,569652# US (Washington DC)
+13052241968,,83620376508#,,,*,569652# US


Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 @ 12pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://maloneyproperties.zoom.us/j/83620376508?pwd=VUtrQaW92LlRQWkszMVVKa1NUNU5hdz09>
Meeting ID: 836 2037 6508
Passcode: 569652
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COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS WORKED

During the first days of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020 when bodies of the dead in our major cities were being stacked into freezer trucks and hospital ships were sailing into the harbors of New York and Los Angeles, forecasts by some experts that the virus could claim more than one million lives in the United States seemed to be in the nature of a doomsday prediction.

Yet here we are, more than three years later, and deaths attributed to COVID-19 now exceed 1.1 million Americans, and are still increasing by about 1,000 per week.

What brought the pandemic’s toll to mind was a recent map that showed the death rate per population for every county throughout the United States.

We had expected that the map would have indicated that the highest death rates would be in the major cities along the coasts.

But after more than three years of the virus hitting our shores, we were surprised to see that the places with the highest death rates, by a substantial margin, were not along the coasts or in the major cities that suffered so terribly in those first few months, but rather throughout the South and the country’s heartland.

The places where there were strong mask mandates, adherence to social distancing, extended business and school closures, and vaccine uptake -- New England, the mid-Atlantic, and the West Coast -- have significantly outperformed states where there was opposition, both at the grass roots level and by government officials, to all of the measures that appear to have proven effective at reducing the spread of the virus.

The top 11 states for deaths per million of population are Arizona, West Virginia, Mississippi, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Michigan, Florida, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

We realize that a lot of research still needs to be done in order to figure out whether other factors were involved in the significantly higher death toll in the south and midwest, such as age of the population, obesity, and lack of access to quality health care, all of which are determinative of the outcome from a COVID-19 infection.

But the reason we are pointing out these statistics is that there are “revisionists” who are trying to rewrite the history of the COVID-19 pandemic for what are obvious political reasons. Governors of some of these southern and midwestern states who are suggesting that they handled the crisis better than their counterparts on the coasts simply are ignoring the facts -- namely, that their states had far-higher death rates than the states that had stronger public health mandates.

To be sure, everyone has a right to live their lives as they see fit, but in a public health emergency, sometimes our personal choices have to give way to what is necessary to fight a threat -- and public officials need to be honest with their constituents, rather than pandering to a vocal minority.

For our part, it was heartening to see that we live in a part of the country where COVID-19 was taken seriously and where the sacrifices made by ourselves and others at the height of the pandemic appear to have made a real difference.

Or to put it another way, and to paraphrase the slogan on New Hampshire’s license plate, we’re glad we do not live in a place where people want to Live Free AND Die.

WILDFIRE SMOKE IS A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The eerie glow, especially at sunrise and sunset, being caused by the haze from the smoke of the wildfires in Western Canada over the past week or so is yet another sign that there is no escaping the effects of climate change.

The record heat wave for this time of year that has hit the Pacific Northwest is helping to spread these wildfires, which have been burning out of control for more than a week. Fortunately, the resulting smoke that has drifted thousands of miles on the jet stream to our part of the continent reportedly is high enough in the atmosphere that it does not pose a threat to our health at this time.

On the other hand, the smoke-induced haze, if prolonged, could have a profound effect on agricultural production and ultimately could pose a health hazard, especially for those of us who have lung issues such as asthma.

Climate change is happening everywhere all at once, from the impacts of tornado season in our South (which has become the new Tornado Alley) to the huge cyclone that intensified rapidly within just days in the Bay of Bengal to become the strongest-ever cyclone and that devastated Myanmar.

Climate change is not a future event. It’s happening now -- and it is only getting worse.

The Everett Independent reserves the right to edit letters for space, accuracy and clarity. We regret that we cannot publish unsigned letters. Please include your street and telephone number with your submission. The Everett Independent publishes columns, viewpoints and letters to the editor as a forum for readers to express their opinions and to encourage debate. Please note that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Everett Independent. Text or attachments emailed to editor@everettindependent.com are preferred.

Independent Forum

Suffolk Downs to host second union job information session on May 23

Area residents interested in learning about life-changing career opportunities in the union building trades are encouraged to attend a free union job information session being held Tuesday, May 23 from 5-7pm at Suffolk Downs. The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, John Moriarty and Associates, The HYM Investment Group LLC (“HYM”) and the City of Revere will host their second construction industry-focused job information session to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers. The event is free to all jobseekers and attendees will learn about the thousands of new construction jobs coming to the area throughout the 15-to-20-year build-out of Suffolk Downs from both union representatives as well as current subcontractors working on site. No prior construction experience is required to attend.

“I’ve witnessed firsthand how union employment changes lives, and having a project like Suffolk Downs in Revere is transformative for hundreds of residents and their families,” said Acting Revere Mayor Keefe. “We’re grateful for HYM’s support of pushing these opportunities with our residents and I encourage all Revere union trade members to attend if they’re interested in being part of this historic project.”

“We’re grateful for our partnership with the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, John Moriarty & Associates, and The City of Revere, in ensuring that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that the construction of Suffolk Downs will provide meaningful career opportunities and real economic benefits to the Greater Boston and Revere communities,” said HYM Managing Partner



Local residents at a recent job fair.

and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas N. O’Brien.

“Ensuring that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that an entire generation of workers in the area will experience family-sustaining career opportunities is extremely important to us. We are grateful for our partnership with the Building Trades Union and HYM to help facilitate that goal on such a significant and rewarding project such as this,” said John Moriarty of John Moriarty & Associates.

“The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions have a dual mission of making sure every career in the construction industry is a good one and of creating pathways to ensure that everyone has access to these good, union careers. Partnerships like the one we have developed with Suffolk Downs help us to further that dual mission. We are proud to be part of this great project -- it’s a project that will make many positive impacts for workers, for housing needs, and which incorporates a range of innovative and environmentally conscious construction efforts. We hope to see a great turnout at this event so that folks can learn even more about the

wide range of great union career opportunities that will be available through this project,” said Brian Doherty, General Agent, Greater Boston Building Trades Unions.

“A career as a union carpenter compares very favorably to other options available. Our members can earn six figure salaries on top of family health care coverage and excellent retirement savings. Even our apprentices are qualifying for benefits and earning great wages without incurring any debt for their education,” said Joe Byrne, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters. “This project is an excellent gateway to a tremendous career. HYM, John Moriarty & Associates and the carpentry subcontractors employing our members on this project are among the cream of the crop in our industry.”

The HYM Investment Group, Building Trades Union, John Moriarty & Associates, and North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters announced in January of 2020 the signing of an unprecedented Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the construction of the Suffolk Downs Redevelop-

ment. The agreement will ensure Suffolk Downs is union-built and creates 18,000 construction jobs, while designing and constructing more efficiently to allow housing to be built more affordably. As part of the agreement, HYM announced \$2 million in investments that will go towards building an employment pipeline to quality, union jobs, and to prepare local residents to join the future workforce at Suffolk Downs. The PLA also creates a new cost structure and a model that sets forth several equity and inclusion provisions that will bring more workers into the trades. This innovative approach will further increase the number of women and people of color who benefit from the career opportunities generated by the project while lowering the overall cost of residential construction.

Registration for the Suffolk Downs Job Information Session is encouraged, and walk-ins are welcome. The event will take place outside at the Paddock (accessible via The Track at Suffolk Downs). Parking is free and available onsite. Suffolk Downs is accessible from the MBTA Beachmont and Suffolk Downs stations.

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CITY HOSTS ANNUAL PLACING OF U.S. FLAGS ON VETERANS GRAVES AT GLENWOOD CEMETERY

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett recently held the traditional placing of United States flags on graves of veterans at the newly-renovated Glenwood Cemetery.

Many people came together to honor the United States veterans who are no longer with us. Everett residents, members of the Everett police and fire departments, students from the Everett High School band, City employees and community members all took as many flags as they could and dispersed throughout the cemetery. They ensured every veteran grave received a U.S. flag to give them the much-deserved honor and recognition for their service.

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Some who participated had a family member or loved one who served in our armed forces who has now passed and rests in these cemeteries, which made placing the flags much more important for them.

“Walking throughout the entire cemetery to search for veteran graves isn’t the easiest task, but all of them did it to honor our departed veterans,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Everyone who participated proved once again that we have a great community here in Everett.”

Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett would like to thank everyone who volunteered to place flags

at Glenwood cemetery. All are invited to please join us to place U.S. flags on the graves of veterans at Woodlawn Cemetery. The days and times are as follows:

Woodlawn Cemetery (302 Elm St., Everett, MA 02149):

- Tuesday, May 16: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 17: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

If you are able to participate, please contact Antoine Coleman, Director of Veterans Affairs, at Antoine.Coleman@ci.everett.ma.us. If you have any questions, please contact Antoine Coleman or Gerri Miranda in our Veterans Services Office at 617-394-2320.

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United States flags were placed next to the graves of veterans throughout the cemetery.



Everett Firefighters gathered around the memorial in remembrance of the first fire company in Everett.



Students from the Everett High School Band, led by Gene O'Brien, participated in placing U.S. flags on the graves of veterans.



Director of Veterans Affairs Antoine Coleman alongside Executive Administrator Gerri Miranda put together the annual initiative.



Everett residents, members of the Everett Police and Fire Departments, students from the Everett High School band, City employees and community members in front of the new gazebo for the annual U.S. flag placement on the graves of veterans at Glenwood Cemetery.



Director of Veterans Affairs Antoine Coleman (left) alongside Everett Police Sergeant Kenneth Kelley.



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EVERETT HIGH IN BASEBALL ACTION AGAINST REVERE

A seven-run first inning gave Revere an early 7-3 lead, and the Patriots scratched together a pair of runs in the fourth inning to take a 9-7 win over Everett at Revere High Monday. The win boosted Revere's record to 8-7 while Everett fell to 5-9 as each team enters the final five games of the season.

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



SAFE HANDS: Rightfielder Enrico Vega fields a Revere base hit.



GOOD GLOVE: Third baseman Albert Santana fields a ground ball to the hot corner.



HATS OFF: Second baseman Enrico Vega loses his hat as he awaits a throw that was not in time to prevent a stolen base by Revere's Chris Cassidy (2).



FENCE BUSTER: Centerfielder Omar Marshall crashes into the centerfield fence as he tries to catch deep hit off the bat of Revere's Kyle Cummings. The ball hit the fence for a double.



THIRD STOP: David Saia is safe at third base as the ball gets away from Revere third baseman Dom Bellia. Saia later scored on an Alex Lara two-rbi single that tied the game at 7-7 in the fourth inning but Everett fell, 9-7, Monday at Revere.



TOO LATE: Shortstop Matt Turilli just misses a tag on Revere's Ollie Svendsen in a play at second base.



CLOUD OF DUST: Nordeivy Santana avoids a tag by Revere second baseman Chris Cassidy after hitting a double in Everett's first inning.

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EVERETT HIGH SOFTBALL SENIOR DAY

The Everett High School softball team honored its three seniors – Kayley Rossi, Kristi Skane, and Jules Curran – before the game, and

the seniors continued their superb leadership as the Crimson Tide defeated Revere, 16-2, Monday at Glendale Park. Coach Stacy Poste-

Schiavo's contingent (16-1) was hoping to lock up an undisputed GBL title with a win over Medford.



Former Everett High softball star Melissa O'Donnell, with Katie Miller, mother of EHS senior Jules Curran.



Head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo (left) and assistant coach Jen Nigro (right) greet their former star player, Megan O'Donnell, who is the head coach of the Revere High softball team.



Everett High head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo, senior Jules Curran, senior Kristi Skane, Assistant Principal Stanley Chamblain, senior Kayley Rossi, and assistant coach Jen Nigro, pictured on 2023 Senior Day at Glendale Park.



Best friends, Kristi Skane, Julianna Edwards, Anthony Maccucci, Sophia Sousa, and Kayley Rossi.



Pictured before the game in front of a table of post-game treats for the players are the mothers of the three seniors, Melissa Rossi (Kayley), Katie Miller (Jules), and Carolyn Skane (Kristi).



Everett High senior Kayley Rossi, with her parents, Melissa and Michael.



Everett High senior Kayley Rossi, with her mother, Melissa Rossi, stepfather, Michael Sullivan, grandmother, Karen Osorio, uncle, Alex Gutierrez, aunt, Alicia Gutierrez, and cousins, Alanna Osorio and Arianna Osorio.



Everett High senior Kristi Skane, with her family, mother, Carolyn Skane, aunt, Karen Garofalo, grandmother, Carolyn F. Skane, sister, Julianne Skane, stepmother, Megan Scheid, uncle, George Skane, and cousin, Hunter Skane.



Everett High senior Jules Curran, with her mother, Katie Miller, stepfather, Rich Minichello, brother, Isaac Minichello, grandmother, Elaine Curran, aunt, Susan Shockley, friend, Billy Seward, and Crimson Tide teammate, Ashley Seward.

EHS Roundup

EHS BOYS TRACK RUNS PAST THREE GBL FOES TO IMPROVE TO 6-0

The Everett High boys outdoor track and field team defeated a trio of Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals, Lynn English, Lynn Classical, and Malden, to improve to 6-0 last Tuesday.

Coach Jehu Cimea's Crimson Tide squad was scheduled to take on similarly undefeated GBL rival Somerville yesterday

(Tuesday) in a meet that will decide the 2023 GBL title.

"The boys have been looking forward all season for the Somerville meet and they can't wait to go against Somerville," said Cimea ahead of the showdown.

Everett handily defeated all three GBL foes in last week's unusual quad-meet. The Crimson Tide topped Malden by a score of 83-53, English by a score of 97-32, and Classical by a score of 100-35.

The Everett 4 x 100 relay quartet of freshman Kayshaun Eveillard, junior Jeremiah Jeanlouis, junior captain Jalen Jones, and junior captain Jayden Prophete outsprinted all three rivals in a time of 45.8, edging Classical (46.0), Malden (46.9), and English (49.7).

Among the top individual performers for Everett were:

-- Jayden Prophete, who was the top high jumper

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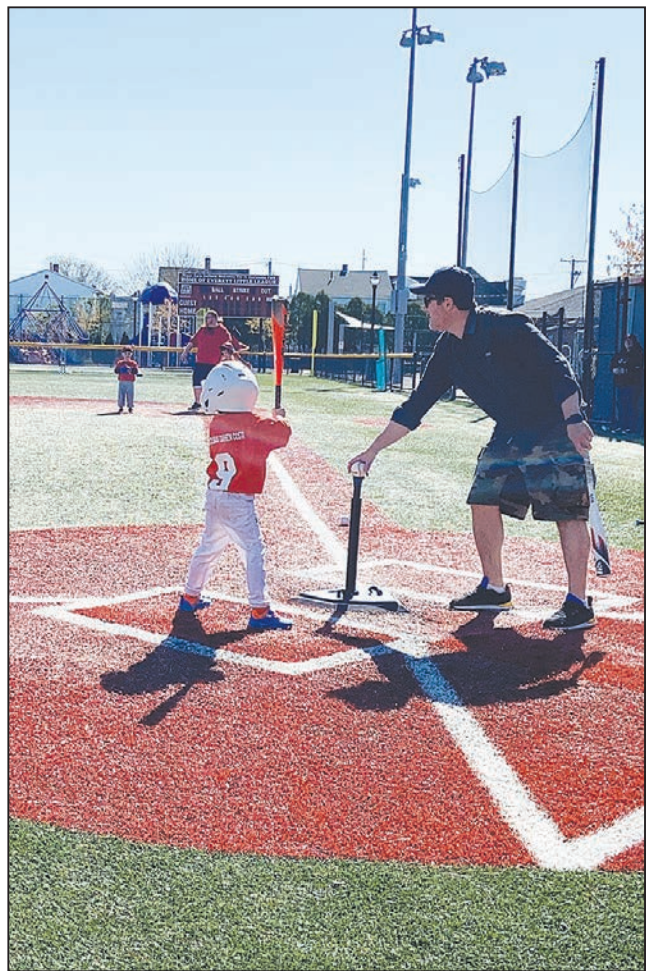
SCENES FROM EVERETT LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON OPENER

COURTESY PHOTOS

The Everett Little League T-ball and Farm teams kicked off their season last week at Sacramone Park. The T-ball division, led by Director Jimmy Striker, has 45 boys and girls on 5 teams with ages ranging from 3-6 years old. The players have been working hard over the past month at individual team practices and a weekly Friday night clinic where the players get together as one group to learn the fundamentals and meet new friends. These practices have paid off as the teams had a great start on Saturday. The Orioles hosted the Phillies and Ronald Freeman, in his Everett Little League debut, got the game ball. He had a solid line drive and laser focus while playing first base. The Phillies had an amazing game and showed up to play against a veteran's Orioles team. The Dodgers visited the Rockies and despite the Rockies having only one returning player from last season, the Rockies played well as a team and had some hard hits to the infield. The Dodgers also had a great first game bringing their newly learned skills to the field. The season continues on at Sacramone Park kicking off 9 a.m. on Saturday where there is a rematch of the Dodgers vs. Rockies and the Cubs host the Orioles.

The Farm division, led by Director Mike Graham has a league high 70 players across 6 teams with ages ranging from 5-9. The Farm division kicked

off their season on Thursday where four of the six teams played and continued the season on Saturday where the Mets hosted the Braves. The Mets, with a roster full of new players to the Farm Division had an outstanding first game with almost every player recording a hit. An outstanding feat for a rookie team! Sebastian Heard got the first double of the season while Jack Thompson went 3-3, and Chris Zide and Tyler Woods went 2-3. The game ball went to the entire team for their teamwork in recording five outs in the field. The Braves played a great game against the Mets and their game balls went to Mason Baldacchino and Matteo Munez. The Marlins played the Nationals and the Marlins came out the gate hot with their bats. The whole team contributed to a great game with awesome teamwork! The Nationals earned a rare three defensive outs in the second inning due to their extraordinary teamwork, earning the entire team a game ball. The Royals visited the Diamondbacks and the Royals' bats have been hot early in the season, with Lorenzo Teixeira, Jackson Graham, Jonathan McGowan and Jordi Arias all getting big hits. Farm games continue Thursday at 5:30PM at with the Mets hosting the Marlins and the Braves hosting the Diamondbacks. Catch all 6 Farm teams on Saturday starting at 11AM at Sacramone Park.





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on the day with a leap of 5’-6” and who took first vs. English and Malden and second vs. Classical in the 100 dash;

-- Shane MacKenzie, who defeated all competitors in the shot-put with a throw of 38’-5” amd was first vs. English and Classical and second vs. Malden in the discus with a personal record throw of 114’-0:

-- Donald Michel, who was first overall in the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 1:08.3; third in the high jump vs. English and Classical; and first vs. Classical and second vs.English and Malden in the 110 hurdles;

-- Jalen Jones, who was second overall in the high jump; second vs. English and Malden and third vs. Classical in the long jump; and first vs. Classical and English and second vs. Malden in the 200 dash;

-- Kayshaun Eveillard, who was the fastest 400 dash runner with a clocking of 53.7;

-- Math Telson, who took first vs. Malden and Classical and second vs. English in the 800;

-- Adail Costa Fernandes, who was first vs. English and Malden and second vs. Classical in the triple jump with a final landing of 38’-0” and who took first vs. Malden and English and second vs. Classical in the long jump with a flight of 17’-10”;

-- Jason Stark, who was second vs. Classical and Malden and third vs. English in the shot-put with a toss of 35’-5” and first vs. Classical and English and second vs. Malden in the javelin with a personal record throw of 102’-11”.

-- Senior captain Samuel Desir-Mafouana, who finished first vs. Malden and Classical and second vs. English in the mile; and

-- Anthony Cooper, who took first vs. Classical and English and second vs. Malden in the two-mile;

Other members of the Crimson Tide who contributed points to the winning effort were:

-- Fludjy Moise, who was the second fastest overall in the 400 dash;

-- David Huezo-Erazo, who took second vs. Classical and third vs. English in the two-mile;

-- Khang Nguyen, who was third in the triple jump vs. English and Malden;

-- Fabrice Michaud, who was third vs. Classical in the shot-put and second in the discus vs. Classical and English;

-- Matthew LaMonica, who was second vs. Classical and English and third vs. Malden in the javelin;

-- Jonathan Goes, who was third vs. Classical and English in the javelin;

-- Elijah Lassiter, who was second overall in the 400 hurdles and third vs. English and Classical in the 110 hurdles;

-- Jeremiah Jean Louis, who was second vs. English and third vs. Malden and Classical in the 100 dash;

-- Kervens Joseph, who grabbed second vs. Classical and third vs. English in the 800; and

-- Sundjimar Oscar, who took third in the 800 vs. English.

After yesterday’s final dual meet of the season with Somerville, Cimea and his squad will compete in the GBL Championship Meet on Monday.

EHS SOFTBALL TEAM CONTINUES TO ROLL ALONG

The Everett High soft-



LEAP FROG: As the ball bounces away, Everett’s Alex Lara hurdles Revere first baseman Brendan Sack and avoid a pickoff during the Monday game.

ball team chalked up three more victories this past week to improve to a sterling 16-1 on the season and in the process clinched a share of the 2023 championship of the Greater Boston League (GBL).

Last Wednesday, coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo’s crew dispatched GBL rival Somerville, 14-2, in a contest that was called after five innings because of the mercy rule.

EHS starting pitcher Kristi Skane earned the victory in the pitcher’s circle, tossing all five innings in which Kristi allowed just three hits and no earned runs, while fanning five Lady Highlander batters and walking only one.

Somerville threatened to get on the board in the top of the first, lacing runners at the corners with one out. However, Skane responded to the challenge, getting the second out on a pop-up to first baseman Bryanna Mason and then striking out the next Lady Highlander hitter.

“These last two outs were big ones because they kept the runners from scoring,” noted Poste-Schiavo.

The Lady Crimson Tide then wasted little time in taking control of the contest, erupting for five runs in the bottom of the inning.

After Emma Longmore and Skane drew walks, both advanced on a passed ball. The next hitter, Kaley Rossi, reached base on a dropped third strike to load the bases. Another passed ball allowed Longmore to score.

Rossi stole second, but that became moot when Ashley Seward drew another base-on-balls to reload the bases. Gianna Masucci drew yet another walk to force in Skane and, after a force out at the plate, another passed ball brought in Seward to make it 3-0.

Mason then delivered a double for two RBI to leave matters at 5-0 after one.

Somerville struck back for two runs in the second thanks to some uncharacteristic miscues by the Everett defense.

“We allowed them in the game with these errors,” said Poste-Schiavo. “These were routine plays for us that just should not happen that early in the game. But this was the last inning we made an error and buckled down to keep runners off the bases.”

The contest remained at 5-2 through the bottom of the fourth, when the Lady Crimson Tide put the game away with a six-run outburst. Three successive base hits by Skane, Rossi, and Seward produced the first run, followed by a two-RBI double by Masucci down the third base line.

Mason delivered another RBI base hit and Arabella Cvitkusic (after showing a bunt that al-

lowed two Everett runners to work a double-steal) rapped a double for two more runs to cap the big inning.

The Lady Crimson Tide then put up three more markers in the fifth to invoke the mercy rule.

“A lot of our runs were scored by walks, but the girls were patient at the plate. The umpire really was not calling strikes unless it was down the middle for both teams,” said Poste-Schiavo. “However, we gave a pep talk about getting up to the plate and being patient and waiting on the ball. The girls adjusted and started to make contact. We came out a little late with the bats, but in the fourth inning we knew we had to take more of a lead. Somerville had just beaten Medford (which had been tied for first place in the GBL with Everett until this past week), so I knew they could potentially come back and we did not want to chance it.”

Last Friday, the Lady Crimson Tide blanked non-league opponent O’Bryant, 5-0 and then on Monday, Everett celebrated Senior Day in appropriate fashion, overwhelming GBL foe Revere, 16-2.

In the Revere game, after surrendering a run in the top of the first, the Tide essentially put the game away with a nine-run rally in the bottom of the inning. Key hits were a bases-loaded single by Rossi for two runs, another bases-loaded hit for two runs by Seward, and two-run doubles by Longmore and Skane.

“This was a huge inning for us,” said Poste-Schiavo. “Even with the walks, we were able to get the hits when we needed them. Revere had beaten Medford and we knew we needed to get the score up and keep the hits going.”

Another two-RBI two-bagger by Longmore made it 11-1 in the second and the Tide tacked on five more in the third thanks to a plethora of walks and passed balls for the 16-2 finale.

Skane pitched all five innings, striking out 10 Revere batters, while walking none and allowing six base hits.

“This was such a great feeling on Senior Night to get this win,” said Poste-Schiavo. “The girls knew they had to beat Revere to have another win under their belt. We knew they (Revere) beat Medford, which helped us stay in first place, and knew they were coming out to beat us. We came out with important hits when we needed them. We have been leaving too many runners on base lately and this time we needed to get the hits.”

Poste-Schiavo and her crew were scheduled to take on Medford yesterday (Tuesday) in their GBL finale. Although the Lady Mustangs now

have three losses and have dropped from contention for the GBL title, they still could play the spoiler role for Everett’s bid for an undisputed GBL crown. Medford handed the Lady Crimson Tide their only loss this season and, with Lynn Classical one game behind Everett in the standings, a victory by the Lady Mustangs would leave Everett sharing the GBL crown with Classical for the second year in a row.

On the other hand, a win by Everett would give the Tide a 13-1 GBL mark and the undisputed 2023 championship.

The Lady Crimson Tide will wrap up their regular season with contests against non-league foes Minuteman Tech next Monday and Cambridge next Wednesday at 4:30 at Glendale.

GIRLS TRACK TOPS TWO FOES, TIES ANOTHER IN QUAD-MEET

The Everett High girls outdoor track and field team improved to 3-1-2 on the season thanks to wins over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Lynn Classical (80-47) and Lynn English (81-53) and a tie with Malden (68-68) in a quad-meet held last Tuesday in Lynn.

The outcome of the meet with Malden came down to the final event, the 4 x 400 relay. The Lady Crimson Tide quartet of junior Kaesra Sandy, junior Malaica Guillaume, senior Selma Moutaouakkil, and senior captain Luca Jean Noel turned in a time of 5:04.7 to cross the line well ahead of their Malden counterparts, who finished in a time of 5:21.5.

Coach Jehu Cimea’s squad also turned in a host of outstanding individual performances:

-- Darrynn Desrameaux was the best in the discus with a spin of 86’-0” and was second vs. Classical and Malden and third vs. English in the shot-put;

-- Junior captain Layla Betancur Cardona was tops among the competition in the shot-put with a throw of 29’-8.5”;

-- Junior Tiana Allen was first overall in the javelin with a personal record throw of 75’-0” and second vs. Classical and English and third vs. Malden in the discus;

-- Senior captain Nyla Crowder took first vs. Classical and second vs. English in the high jump and first vs. Malden and second vs. Classical and English in the 100 dash with a personal record sprint of 13.0;

-- Nicole Brandao took second vs. English and third vs. Classical in the long jump and first vs. English and Classical and second vs. Malden in the 110 hurdles;

-- Senior captain Ida Bittaya took first vs. Classical and English and second vs. Malden in the long jump with a personal record leap of 14’-2.5” and also grabbed a third vs. Classical in the 110 hurdles;

-- Malaica Guillaume took first vs. English and Classical and third vs. Malden in the triple jump and first vs. English, second vs. Classical, and third vs. Malden in the 400 hurdles;

-- Junior captain Suzanne Maharjan finished first vs. English and second vs. Classical and Malden in the two-mile;

-- Yelsa Garcia snared

first vs. Malden and second vs. Classical and English in the 200 dash;

-- Victoria Macao was second overall in the javelin with a throw of 72’-9” and third vs. Malden in the 200 dash;

-- Jossycah Emmanuel took third vs. English and Classical in the 400 hurdles and second vs. Classical and English and third vs. Malden in the 110 hurdles;

-- Milena Antonio finished first vs. English and second vs. Malden and Classical in the 800;

-- Senior captain Luca Jean Noel finished second vs. Classical and English and third vs. Malden in the mile;

-- Isabella Pimenta took second vs. Malden and third vs. Classical and English in the 200 dash;

-- Selma Moutaouakkil took first vs. Malden, second vs. English, and third vs. Classical in the 400 dash;

-- Kaesta Sandy finished second vs. Malden and third vs. English in the 400 dash;

-- Sonia Flores finished third vs. all three foes in the 800;

-- Tiffany Escobar finished third in the mile vs. Classical and English;

-- Jacqueline Machado was third vs. Classical and Malden in the javelin.

-- Taisha Alexandre was third vs. Classical and English in the discus.

-- Lamiah Wyzard was third in the shot-put vs. Classical; and

-- Zyelle Cannon-Mathais took third vs. Malden in the 100 dash.

EHS BASEBALL TOPS SALEM ACADEMY, 11-0

The Everett High baseball team earned an 11-0 victory over Salem Academy last Friday.

The Crimson Tide jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Enrico Vega led the way with two hits, a run scored, and an RBI. Omar Marshall, Alex Velasco, David Saia, Alex Lara, Albert Santana, and Matt Turilli all had a base hit apiece. Marshall chalked up the win on the mound.

“It was a nice way to wrap up a tough week for us,” noted EHS head coach Joel Levine, whose squad improved to 6-8 on the season with the win. “After a game that we gave away to English, and then a tough loss to Somerville, it was nice to get one in the win column.”

Levine was referring to the Tide’s contests earlier in the week with Greater Boston League rivals Lynn English and Somerville.

In their battle with English last Monday, the Crimson Tide held a 7-4 advantage over the Bulldogs with two outs and no one on in the top of the sixth inning. But then -- in a scenario reminiscent of the fateful Red Sox-Mets World Series Game 6 in

1986 -- things fell apart for Everett.

English rallied for five runs to take a 9-7 lead in the sixth and then broke the game open with five more in the seventh.

Alex Velasco, Nordeivy Santana, and Alex Lara had multi-hit games, with Omar Marshall and Albert Santana chipping in with a hit apiece. Nordeivy Santana suffered the loss in the defeat.

“You can’t surrender 23 walks and expect to win a baseball game,” Levine noted. “However, we were right there. Over the course of the past few seasons we have lost in a multitude of ways, but surrendering 23 bases-on-balls was one that I had not envisioned.”

By contrast, the Tide’s encounter two days later with Somerville was an old-fashioned pitcher’s duel on the Highlanders’ Trum Field.

The Tide’s Matt Turilli and Highlander counterpart Kevin Clarke mowed down mostly everyone in their path. The game remained scoreless until the bottom of the seventh when Somerville loaded the bases on an infield single, an error, and a bunt single, before blooming a game-winning hit over a drawn-in Everett infield.

Turilli suffered the hard-luck loss, going 6+ innings, allowing no earned runs on five hits while striking out seven opponents. The Tide’s offense was led by Alex Lara (2-2) and Alex Velasco (1-2).

“This was a really well-pitched and well-played game by both sides,” said Levine. “Matt was fantastic, the best game he has pitched in three seasons for us. He didn’t get into a single three-ball count, and after what happened on Monday vs. English, that was really refreshing to see.”

Levne and his crew host Charlestown Friday at Glendale at 4:00. They will engage with Greater Lawrence in a home-and-home series on Monday at Glendale and at GL next Wednesday.

EHS BOYS VOLLEYBALL BLANKS ENGLISH 3-0

The Everett High boys volleyball team cruised to a straight set win over Lynn English last Monday, but then was officially eliminated from playoff contention with a 16-14 fifth set loss to Somerville last Wednesday. The first-year varsity squad is 5-9 with three games remaining.

“Monday’s win over the Bulldogs was our team’s most complete win,” said EHS head coach Mike Fineran. “Everyone contributed; we played with focus and purpose for the three sets, and we eliminated the serving runs that have doomed us in other

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CITY PAWS

Dogs friendly or not

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In a report by Forbes Advisor, Boston recently received the dubious distinction of being the 5th least pet-friendly city in the country. Sadly, we agreed with this shameful distinction, so we set off to learn more about what makes a place dog-friendly. As we did, things began to change in Boston.

On May 4, Universal Hub reported that Boston Mayor Michelle Wu had opened the door to allowing dogs in beer gardens and outdoor seating areas. Universal Hub's Adam Gaffin explained, "Restaurants that want to let human/dog combos enjoy nice days dining and drinking outdoors can now apply for a 'Dog Friendly Space' permit from ISD."

Provincetown was one of the first places where we enjoyed knowing we were not breaking the law by having our dog sit on a restaurant patio with us. The rules outlined by the city are very similar to the sensible ones Province-

town has had in place for years.

What Else Makes a Place Pet-Friendly?

Several factors pushed Boston to its 5th least pet-friendly city rating. One metric used to rate cities was the cost of veterinary care. This area has a very high cost of living, including all aspects of pet care. The rating also included access to veterinary care. With the number of new veterinary resources opening in recent months, that should improve.

Housing available to families with pets is a significant issue in Massachusetts. Last year Newsweek reported that while 46.3% of rental properties will allow cats, only 25% allow small dogs, and only 12% will rent to families with big dogs.

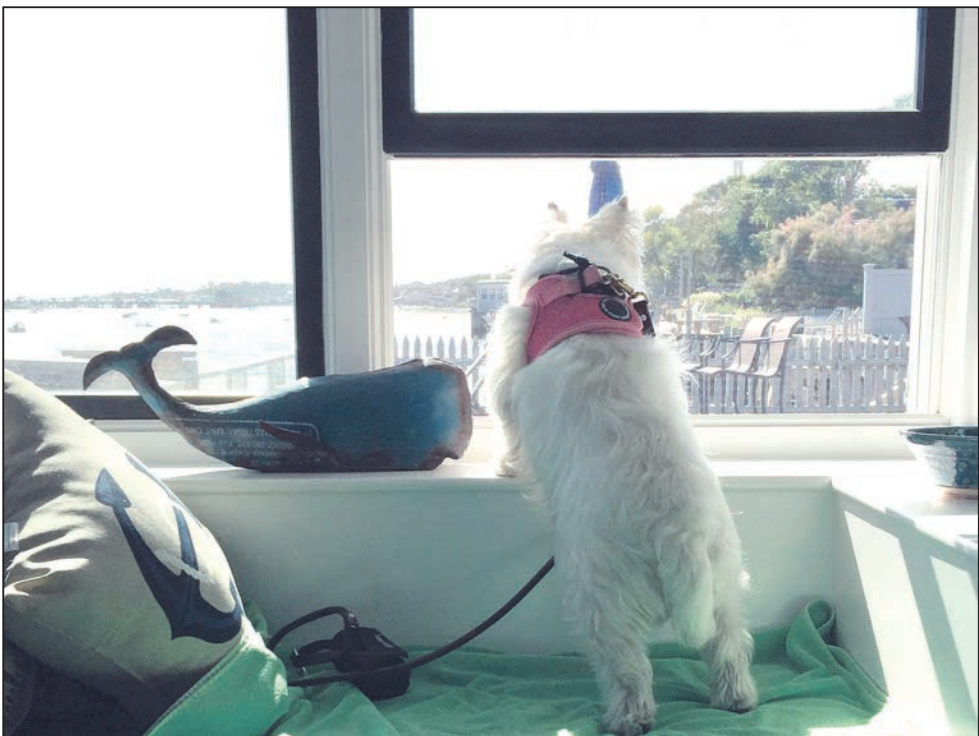
The survey also considered the number of dog parks per 100,000 people and the number of pet businesses. While our state has a fantastic array of parks and green spaces, a high percentage of those places prohibit dogs.

Other surveys on this topic included factors like an area's walkability, the number of dog-friendly restaurants with outside seating, dog-friendly shopping centers, the number of pet-friendly visitor accommodations, and even the number of days of precipitation per year.

Advocate for Change

There are things we can do to change the pet-friendly status of our local area. First and foremost, we must be responsible pet guardians who make good neighbors, great tenants, and positive examples in public.

See that your pet is licensed, vaccinated, trained, leashed when required, and under your control. If you disagree with a rule, work to change it rather than disobey it. Think beyond yourself and your dog when you advocate. Consider those people with dogs who are not as well-behaved and friendly as yours. Think about people who are



In pet-friendly Provincetown, it's easy to find rental properties to share with our dog Poppy.

afraid of dogs or have little or no positive canine experience.

Tell local officials you prioritize time with your dog over other forms of recreation. Penny once took a Boston City Councilor on a dog walk with her. She handed him the bag she had used to pick up after our dog and asked him to find a place to dispose of it. He quickly learned why she kept ask-

ing for more trash receptacles.

Ask for the changes you would like in local and state regulations: allowing dogs in outdoor seating areas of restaurants, opening more parks and green spaces to dogs, and setting aside sites at beaches, in state parks, and on hiking

trails for people with dogs. As we've seen in Boston, advocates can and do bring about change!

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How to save water with a natural lawn

By Valerie Smith

Conserving water has become a major concern with residential and commercial sites alike. From indoor application to landscape and irrigation outdoors, water conservation has been a goal for many builders and homeowners—and a lot of natural turfgrass is being wrongfully accused of excessive water usage.

Although synthetic turf is a rising trend for its environmental benefits, it is quite possible to grow natural grass while still conserving plenty of water. Many irrigation techniques have been made available through modern technology for using less water on plants...even during droughts.

Discover a few simple tips for saving water on lawns and how to get the most out of your water and save money on your water bill.

1. Refrain From Overwatering

One of the ultimate ways to save a ton of water is to simply stop overwatering your lawn. This is a common mistake many homeowners make as it's incredibly easy to water too frequently or for too long. After all, the amount of time spent watering your lawn depends on many factors that differ for each household. For example, irrigation systems deliver different amounts of water, and various soil profiles have different water-holding capacities.

There's also the misconception that more water is better while too much water can drown or damage your lawn and encourage disease outbreaks. Many overwater their lawns out of habit by following a regular schedule without taking any weather into consideration.

The majority of turfgrass only needs about 1-inch of water per week including rainfall. If the weather forecast states it'll be raining later in the week or if it's already rained, go ahead and turn those irrigation systems off.

2. Audit Your Irrigation System

A great way to save water is to audit your irrigation system. This will provide homeowners with information on how much water each zone of a lawn is receiving from each irrigation head so that adjustments like moving a sprinkler head or shortening the amount of time irrigation systems run can be made.

To perform an irrigation audit, use a few measuring cups or beakers and place them in various locations

around the lawn to see how much water is being delivered to each area within a set amount of time.

3. Install Drought Tolerant Turfgrass

Selecting the proper turfgrass for your climate is essential for conserving water. Lawns that are tolerant of heat and drought will be less likely to require more irrigation during these warm, dry periods.

Depending on the type of grass, it may be possible to even let the lawn naturally go dormant during extreme dry spells to avoid overwatering. EMPIRE® Zoysia, for example, is a type of zoysia grass that will turn brown during periods of drought faster than a St. Augustine lawn will, but when EMPIRE turns brown, it's entering a state of dormancy as a defense mechanism to conserve nutrients. When regular irrigation resumes, EMPIRE will come out of its dormancy state and return to its lush, green color. On the other hand, when St. Augustine turns brown, it's dying.

Drought-tolerant lawns are incredibly resilient and will bounce back as soon as cooler temperatures and regular irrigation return.

Drought Resistance vs. Drought Tolerance

“Drought tolerant” and “drought resistant” are terms used to describe different characteristics of turfgrass in relation to their ability to withstand periods of limited water availability, such as during drought conditions. While these terms are sometimes used interchangeably, they have slight differences in their meanings.

- Drought Tolerant: Drought tolerant turfgrass refers to grass species or varieties that can withstand or tolerate drought conditions without showing significant signs of stress or damage.

Drought-tolerant grasses can survive with reduced water availability by going into a state of dormancy or slowing down their growth during periods of drought, and then recovering when water becomes available again.

- Drought Resistant: Drought-resistant turfgrass, on the other hand, refers to grass species or varieties that are resistant to drought stress. Instead of simply tolerating periods of drought, drought-resistant turfgrasses have genetic traits that allow them to use water more efficiently, such as reduced water loss through transpiration, or more effective water uptake through their root systems. In turn, this keeps them from entering stages

of drought stress.

It's important to note that even drought-tolerant or drought-resistant turfgrasses still require some water to thrive, and proper lawn management practices, including appropriate irrigation, soil preparation, and maintenance are still important for promoting healthy turfgrass growth—even during drought conditions. Here are a few turfgrass varieties that work well in drought conditions:

1. Bahia
2. Celebration Bermudagrass
3. Latitude 36 Bermudagrass
4. NorthBridge Bermudagrass
5. TifTuf Bermudagrass
6. Tahoma 31 Bermudagrass
7. Common Buffalo
8. EMPIRE Zoysia
9. Geo Zoysia
10. CitraZoy Zoysia
11. Innovation Zoysia
12. CitraBlue St. Augustine
13. Palmetto St. Augustine

14. Common Centipede
15. Seashore Paspalum

4. Follow Proper Lawn Care Practices

The best way to conserve water is to always maintain a healthy lawn. Most lawns require only 1-inch of water per week, either from irrigation or from rainfall. Deep, infrequent watering will encourage healthy growth as well as assist in avoiding water wastage. Avoid irrigating when the Sun is at its peak, but instead water in the early morning hours. Always watch for stress in your yard and reduce irrigation as needed if overwatering becomes an issue.

Spring Tips to Reduce Water Usage

In the spring, it's important to water more frequently but with less volume as this will establish more roots after cold winter temperatures and before transitioning to the hottest time of the year.

Summer Tips to Reduce Water Usage

On the other hand, water less frequently and increase the volume a little bit to build deeper roots. Deeper roots going into the fall season encourage the turfgrass to have a better cold tolerance and hold more nutrients.

Fall Tips to Reduce Water Usage

Water the lawn less as temperatures begin to drop. If the grass is watered too much, it could lead to disease during this time. Lawns generally only need about 1-inch of water weekly including rainfall. It's best to water a little less than this during the fall months, though.

Fall is one of the most opportune times of the year for fungus to start appearing. This becomes even more likely if lawns are overwatered or covered with fall leaves on the ground that create areas of shade.

Regardless of disease outbreaks, it's best to water your lawn to prevent drought stress while the grass is actively growing.

Winter Tips to Reduce Water Usage

Lawns are living organisms that require water, but they don't need nearly as much during the winter as they do during other times of the year. However, lawns in areas that experience dry winters should be watered enough so that the soil receives nourishment and keeps grass blades from drying out.

5. Irrigate in the Early Morning

Water the lawn in the early mornings—not evenings—as this reduces the chances of disease outbreaks. Fungus tends to grow in areas that are warm, dark and moist, so when the lawn is watered in the evening, there isn't a lot of sunlight to keep disease at bay.

6. Have a Regular Irrigation Schedule—But Only When the Lawn Needs It

It's important to provide turfgrass with the water it needs. It's good to follow a regular schedule to keep the lawn hydrated without forgetting, but watering the lawn when it doesn't need additional irrigation is a waste of water and money. Lawns should only need 1-inch of water per week. Perform an irrigation audit to determine how much water your lawn needs.

A regular watering schedule also decreases the chances of chinch bug outbreaks. There is evidence to suggest that irregular lawn irrigation schedules may contribute to chinch bug outbreaks, although it is not the sole factor.

Chinch bugs are small insects that can infest lawns and cause damage by feeding on grass blades and stems, which can result in yellowing, thinning, and wilting of the turfgrass. Chinch bugs thrive in dry, stressed lawns, and their populations can increase rapidly under favorable conditions.

7. Adjust the Irrigation System

Making a habit of regularly checking the irrigation system to ensure proper functioning will save the lawn from being overwatered as well as add additional charges to the water bill. Things to check for include:



There are a few simple tips for saving water on lawns and how to get the most out of your water and save money on your water bill.

- Leaks
- Broken Irrigation Heads
- Misaligned Irrigation Heads
- Proper Spacing
- Placement
- Operation pressure

8. Use Modern Technology

The result of incorrect irrigation techniques often causes concern about water usage in lawns. Overwatering lawns is a common issue that not only wastes our natural resources but also leads to unhealthy turfgrass. Fortunately, numerous modern devices are available for homeowners to monitor their lawn's moisture intake and set appropriate irrigation schedules.

Among the many tools to consider installing are rain-shut-off devices and smart irrigation systems. These simple yet effective devices will detect moisture in the soil and prevent your irrigation system from overwatering your lawn. Choosing a smart irrigation system over traditional water practices will save you time, money and an abundance of water.

9. Level the Lawn

Leveling the lawn so there aren't any pockets of standing water or puddles that accumulate in lower-lying areas is easy and reduces the amount of water you need to use when irrigating the lawn. Areas in the yard that might have an incline likely don't absorb as much water as they should while the lower areas probably receive too much water.

Puddles of standing water not only drown the lawn, but also opens opportunities for disease outbreaks, which is just additional stress on a waterlogged lawn. Standing water also tends to serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Leveling the lawn can be as simple as buying extra soil to level out pockets of lower-lying areas. Regular aeration is also important for improving drainage and reducing water runoff.

10. Collect Rainwater

Using a rain barrel to collect rainwater is an ex-

cellent method for conserving water for lawns and putting it to good use. Simply collect the rainwater from your house gutters and pump the water out when you're ready to irrigate your yard. Depending on the type of irrigation system you have, you may even be able to connect your rain barrel to the system for easy irrigation.

11. Apply Mulch

Mulching your turfgrass in the spring or fall is incredibly effective for conserving water. The simple application of mulch will protect the plants from drying up and prolong the soil's moisture level. Additionally, the lawn's soil will soak the irrigation and rainwater more efficiently.

12. Leave Grass Clippings on the Lawn

Like mulching, leaving grass clippings on your lawn will encourage moisture retention in the soil. Furthermore, grass clippings act as a compost that provides beneficial nutrients as they decompose into the ground. Be sure to follow a proper mowing schedule to avoid stressing your lawn and smothering it with too many grass clippings.

Water usage should not be an issue in turfgrass if proper irrigation methods are used. By following these simple techniques, you can conserve water while still maintaining a healthy, vibrant lawn.

Want to learn more about achieving a great lawn? Check out more Sod University tips here and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

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matches.”

The match started out strong for the Crimson Tide, with sophomore setter Dantae Bauer hitting three straight aces. Sophomore Jefferson Umana had five kills and the final two serves in a 25-8 win.

In the second set, senior captain Dimitar Dimitrov had six service points and a kill, junior middle Andrew Linhares had two blocks and three kills, and sophomore Henrique Franca had six kills, including the game winner as Everett won, 25-16.

In the third set, Linhares had three more kills and three aces in a run of nine serves. Junior Kaleb Miranda had four of his seven kills and a block in the set, which Everett won 25-16.

On Wednesday, Everett traveled to Somerville hop-

ing to keep the momentum going, but a couple of bad breaks saw Everett drop game one 29-27. Umana had three kills, Linhares had four, and Franca had seven in the set, but the Tide were playing catch up most of the time.

Everett took its first lead, 25-24, and served again for the set up 26-25, but could not put the point away.

“That loss deflated us and our offense kept misfiring in the second set,” noted Fineran, whose squad came up short, 25-18. “But we’ve been in that situation before, and we responded well.”

In the third set, Umana served seven in a row to help build a 9-3 lead and Linhares and Franca combined for six kills as Everett took the set, 25-19.

In the fourth set, the Tide tallied 14 kills from seven different players, including junior Dawens Germain, seeing his first action in a month after an elbow injury. Dawens’s serves put Everett up 21-17, and Bauer’s serves pushed the lead to 24-20. When Somerville missed their serve, that brought the gteams to a fifth and deciding set.

In the race to 15, Franca had three kills, Germain had two, and Bauer had a block and a kill. “We were up 9-7, and tied at 14, but the final bounces did not go our way,” said Fineran. “That’s been the story of our season: we play well at times, and we have chances to put away the game, but a couple plays here and there will keep us out of the state tournament.”

Fineran and his crew

close out the season on the road against Pioneer Charter Academy on Friday.

EHS GIRLS TENNIS PLAYS WELL VS. LE

The Everett High girls tennis put up a spirited battle in their match with Lynn English last week, but came up just short by a score of short 3-2.

“Overall it was a great match, where we stepped up and played to our potential,” said EHS head coach Courtney Meninger.

Junior captain Yasmine Laabadla came up with her first win of the season, losing her first set 4-6, but winning her second set to force a third-set, 10-point tiebreaker with her opponent. Yasmine won the tie-breaker, 10-3, to bring home the “W” in her match

at third singles.

At first singles, senior captain Luisa DaSilva came out on top with a victory, winning her match 7-5, 6-2. At second singles, senior BrookeLynn Acevado played a fierce match against her opponent, forcing both of her sets into 7-point tie breakers. Her first set went to 6-6 and she came up a little short in that tie breaker, 3-7. Her next set also went to 6-6, forcing that into a tie breaker as well. BrookeLynn fought hard all the way to the end, but fell a little short in the tie-breaker 5-7.

Everett also received some solid performances from the doubles tandems of Tracy Pham and Nga Ho (4-6, 4-6) and Rebecca Hickey and Kirtsy Hall (2-6, 5-7) .

“All four of those doubles have really stepped it up this season,” said Meninger.

In their next match with a very tough Boston Latin Academy team, the Lady Crimson Tide dropped a 4-1 decision.

“While we came up short, I couldn’t be more proud of how they played against them,” said Meninger. “Yasmine Laabadla came through with her second victory of the week, beating her opponent 8-2. Luisa, BrookeLynn, Nga, Tracy, Aline and Becca also did an amazing job playing against Boston Latin Academy.”

Meninger and her crew were scheduled to wrap up their season last night (Tuesday) against Medford on Senior Day.

CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH KICK-OFF EVENT

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The City of Everett recently hosted the Ansanm Nou Kanpe event to bring the community together in celebration of Haitian Heritage Month at the Everett Recreation Center.

A great time was had by all who attended. They enjoyed delicious Haitian cuisine and amazing live musical performances representing Haitian Culture. There was dancing, singing and much festivity throughout the night.

“Everett has a large and wonderful Haitian community and it was great to see so many come out to celebrate their heritage together with people of other cultures as well,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “I would like to thank all of the organizers, performers, vendors and volunteers that made the event a rousing success. Your efforts enable us to continue to host these types of events to help create an Everett for Everyone.”

If you would like to know about all the upcoming events we have planned, please visit cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/ list. You can also follow our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Facebook: @cityofeverettma and @mayordemaria. Instagram: @cityofeverettma and @mayorcarlodemaria. Twitter: @Mayor_DeMaria. All residents are welcome to join us for all the exciting events we have planned.



The community gathered together at the Everett Recreation Center to celebrate Haitian Heritage Month.



Attendees enjoyed a variety of performances.



Elected officials, City employees and community members gathered together for the Haitian Heritage Month kickoff event.



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