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EVERETT CELEBRATES FOURTH OF JULY



Cooking up a storm for lots of hungry Everett residents and guests at the Everett 4th of July Celebration last Friday evening.



State Representative Joe McGonagle, former Councillor Anthony DiPierro, Everett Veteran's Agent Antoine Coleman and Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Sebastian Heare took 1st Place in the the bike, doll carriage, and wagon decorating contest with his Patriotic ride. See more photos on Page 6.



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Special to the Independent

Hundreds gathered at Glendale Park to celebrate Independence Day with food, live entertainment, fireworks and much more.

Everett, MA – The City of Everett hosted its annual Independence Day Celebration on Friday, June 30, 2023, at Glendale Park with hundreds attending for the evening festivities.

The event kicked off with the Doll Carriage, Bicycle and Wagon Decorating Contest hosted by the Everett City Council. This age-old Everett tradition allowed contestants to use their imagination and decorate their choice of carriage, bicycle, stroller or wagon in whichever manner they chose and

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McLaughlin will not seek re-election to School Committee

By Cary Shuman

Michael McLaughlin, one of the city's most well-known and active public officials for more than a decade, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the Everett School Committee.

McLaughlin is currently vice chair of the School Committee, and all indications were that he would be running for another term in the 2023 municipal election. But McLaughlin has stunned the Everett



School Committee Vice Chair Michael McLaughlin. community with his political announcement that

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DeMaria announces new date for annual Senior Summer BBQ

Special to the Independent

Everett's older adults are encouraged to wear boots, jeans and cowboy hats for this year's Country Western theme

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, in collaboration with the Council on Aging, is pleased to announce the City of Everett will now host the annual Senior Summer BBQ on Friday, July 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea Street. Please note that the date for the event has been changed from Thursday, July 13, to Friday, July 21, and the new registration deadline is Friday, July 14. All other details will remain the same.

You'll want to put on your boots, jeans and cowboy hat to join us for this year's Country Western

theme. We'll have plenty of traditional barbecue food like hamburgers and hot dogs with vegan and vegetarian alternatives, live music and dancing to "Stomp & Holler" Country Band, and plenty of fun for all.

Everett's older adult residents who are interested can get tickets at the Connolly Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, until Friday, July 14. Please note that proof of residency will be required upon registering. If you require transportation to the event, please indicate so at the time of reservation.

For additional information, please call 311 or 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center. This event is sponsored by the Everett Foundation for Aged Persons.

New mini-pitch completes first phase of Boston Scores/ Salesian Boys & Girls Club investment

By Adam Swift

A new mini-pitch at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club aims to fuel big soccer dreams for the young people of East Boston and beyond.

On Friday morning, Boston Scores and the Boys & Girls Club held a ribbon cutting for the new mini-pitch, which was made possible through gifts and donations from

the family of Mark and Sarah Williamson, the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the Major League Soccer Players Foundation, and Musco Lighting.

"You guys have been nothing short of amazing in the world of community partnerships, and myself and this community and our organization will be forever grateful," said Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Direc-

tor Michael Triant of the partnership with Boston Scores.

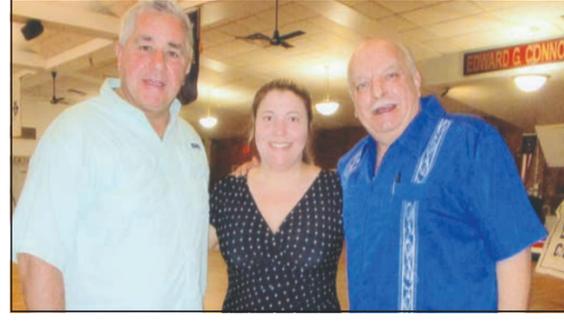
The mini-pitch is the first program space to be activated as part of a \$15 million investment by Boston Scores in the Salesian Boys & Girls Club that will also include a multi-field soccer complex, playground, community garden, outdoor classroom, shaded sitting areas, field house, renovated

classrooms, meeting spaces, and parking. Boston Scores is a non-profit organization and an affiliate of America SCORES that has provided programs in East Boston and across the city for over 20 years.

"I have never seen a programming space impact an organization in such a short period of time as I have this mini-pitch

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EVERETT DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE MEETS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Everett Democratic City Committee met on Saturday June 17. Shown above in attendance are State Rep. Joseph McGonagle, Holly Garcia, candidate for Ward 4 City Council, and Council Chairman and Ward 1 City Councilor Wayne Matewsky. The Democratic state convention will be held in September.



The newest in sports technology, the mini pitch, combining soccer and basketball. This playing area is highly praised as they are being placed around the country. Lighting will be installed shortly, allowing evening usage by members.

City of Everett holds June Lunch and Learn

The City of Everett recently held its Lunch and Learn for the month of June at Everett City Hall. This month's program was titled: "Building Houses: Creating Safe and Inclusive LGBTQIA+ Spaces."

City employees were pleased to be joined by DJ Cilla BK to discuss ways to create spaces that are more inclusive and safer for members of the

LGBTQIA+ community. Mayor Carlo DeMaria would like to thank DJ Cilla BK for sharing insight on how to create safe and inclusive LGBTQIA+ spaces.

DJ Cilla BK is a Brooklyn-born native who started in the music scene working as a studio manager and owner in 2013.

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Healey funds the implementation of DiDomenico's Law to provide resources to expand access to safety net programs

Last week, the Healey Administration announced \$40 million in federal and state funding to implement the law that Senator Sal DiDomenico championed for years, and the legislature passed in 2022 that would streamline access to core safety net programs. Legislation passed in August of 2022, Chapter 174 of the Acts of 2022, directed the Administration to create a Common Application for SNAP, MassHealth, cash assistance, childcare and housing subsidies, fuel assistance, and other needs-tested benefits and today this funding infusion will ensure the state can reach this goal.

The funding included in the Governor's five-year Capital Investment Plan represents a significant step towards making basic benefit programs more efficient and effective, closing participation gaps, maximizing federal revenue for needy families, and ensuring more residents connect to the programs they need. The announcement comes

as part of the Administration's broader efforts to improve quality of service across government programs, including enhancing transparency, accessibility, and cybersecurity.

"The allocation today by the Healey Administration of \$18 million will move the implementation of the Common Application forward in Massachusetts and help thousands of low-income individuals across the Commonwealth meet their basic needs," said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Senate lead sponsor of the Common Application legislation and Assistant Majority Leader. "After many years of work on this issue we are thrilled to partner with the Administration and advocates to make the Common Application a reality and look forward to building on this momentum of equitably expanding access to public benefits."

For many years, Massachusetts had separate application processes for MassHealth and SNAP, as well as many other safe-

ty-net programs, that all asked for the same basic information. For many low-income families, these burdensome and duplicative application processes were a significant barrier to access the benefits for which they were entitled. For example, the separate application process for MassHealth and SNAP resulted in the "SNAP Gap" – with approximately 700,000 MassHealth recipients who are likely income-eligible for SNAP, but not receiving them. The MA Legislature included language in the FY20 and FY21 budgets requiring the Administration to allow MassHealth applicants to apply for SNAP at the same time, which has produced significant results in boosting SNAP enrollment. The Common Application initiative weaves in other basic benefits and creates a "no wrong door" portal for low-income families, while allowing state agencies to more efficiently process benefits using common eligibility infor-

mation and proofs.

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI) and the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-MA) led a coalition urging the adoption of a Common Application. De-siloing government programs and closing gaps were core goals of legislation and subsequent budget language filed by State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representative Jay Livingstone, an Act to Streamline Access to Critical Public Health and Safety net Programs through Common Applications (S.761/H.1290). More than 70 State Senators and Representatives supported this legislation, demonstrating widespread bipartisan and bicameral support.

"Bureaucratic obstacles should never stand in the way of Massachusetts households being able to access the benefits they are eligible for to meet their basic everyday needs," said Georgia Katsoulomitis, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Law Reform

Institute (MLRI). "Passing the Common Application legislation was an important step in the process toward solving this issue, and today's allocation of funds to get it implemented is a welcome affirmation from the Healey Administration that they are committed to improving the lives of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents."

"Social workers understand how important it is to address the root causes of poverty and food insecurity through public policy. The infusion of this essential funding will finally allow the state to provide streamlined access to essential, life-saving benefits, which will improve economic mobility and, in turn, overall health and mental health outcomes for kids and families across our Commonwealth," said Rebekah Gewirtz, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter. "We are grateful the Administration took this bold action to finally begin to realize the Common Application and

we look forward to working with the Administration on implementation."

Patricia Baker, MLRI Sr. Policy Advocate and Chair of the statewide SNAP Coalition, added, "We are thrilled that Governor Healey and her Administration are actively removing access barriers and finally investing resources to make the Common Application a reality for Massachusetts families, older adults, and persons with disabilities who need to be connected to these key benefits. MLRI and the anti-poverty advocacy community look forward to working with the Healey Administration on robust implementation. We are deeply grateful to Chairman Jay Livingstone and Assistant Majority Leader Sal DiDomenico along with the Massachusetts Legislature for their unwavering efforts in closing the SNAP Gap and mandating the state create a Common Application. Massachusetts has the smarts and IT to get this done."

NFPA offers safety tips to help families protect themselves

With summer upon us, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is reminding people about potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools and hot tubs, on-

board boats, on docks and piers, and in waters surrounding boats, marinas, and launch ramps.

While most people are unaware of electrical dangers posed in water environments such as electric

shock drowning (ESD), each year people are injured or killed from these hazards. ESD can occur when improperly installed or maintained electrical systems within marinas or boat electrical systems

result in electrical current in the water, which can then pass through a person's body, causing a level of paralysis that can ultimately cause serious injury or drowning.

"Because ESD is not

well known, NFPA continues to raise awareness about the presence of electrical hazards in water to help prevent deaths and injuries from happening in pools and waterways," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA

vice president of Outreach & Advocacy. "Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard, and have a qualified electrician inspect your boat, swim-

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came during the holiday weekend.

McLaughlin, 37, was first elected to the Everett Common Council in 2010 before serving six years as the Ward 6 representative on the City Council. He was elected as the Ward 6 member on the Everett School Committee in November, 2021, and his colleagues voted him to the position of vice chair.

Known for his professional, good-natured manner, and his ability to connect with all neighborhoods in the city, McLaughlin was a highly visible figure at city events, large and small. In the sports community, McLaughlin, an Everett High Class of 2004 graduate, strongly supported Crimson Tide teams, including the powerful football program, and the historic 'E' Club with his attendance at every scholarship and awards dinner. In the political arena, McLaughlin has had a vibrant presence, volunteering in other campaigns before he decided to place his own name on the ballot.

McLaughlin's support of other officials in Everett has been welcomed and appreciated. Last Thursday night, for example, McLaughlin was greeted warmly by Sen. Sal DiDomenico at his birthday reception at Kowloon. McLaughlin confidently walked the function room while exchanging pleasantries with the hundreds of Everett residents in attendance.

McLaughlin has been unafraid to take stances on issues vital to the Everett community. He was an early supporter of Mayor Carlo DeMaria's visionary plan to build a resort/casino in Everett, and the result speaks for itself: the five-star, world-class Encore Boston Harbor is considered the crown jewel of private development projects in New England.

In a somewhat uniquely constructed declaration of his decision not to seek re-election, McLaughlin brought forth the following individual points in reflecting on his productive career in politics and his thoughts about the city

that he proudly calls his home:

- It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve the only community I have ever called home.

- I have not only served in elected office - long before that, I served as a volunteer throughout the city.

- Everett has witnessed me growing up since I was a kid volunteering on campaigns like then-Mayor David Ragucci's and now-Mayor Carlo DeMaria's campaign for State Senate. On Sal DiDomenico's State Senate campaigns, both for Common Council and State Senate, that is where I learned about the campaigning process and the dedication and determination it takes to be candidate for public office.

- I have made countless friends from every corner of the community. I have met thousands of residents and knocked on every door in this city more than a handful of times.

- I will forever remember and be grateful for conversations I have had on people's doorsteps.

They will never be forgotten.

- Everett is a beautiful community made up of people from all around the world calling 02149 their home.

- There is a divisive group of individuals attempting to pull the city apart. They will never win; Everett is too strong. They will fail at their desperate attempt to hurt our community.

- I'd suggest they take a lesson on Everett by attending the events on Memorial Day or Veterans Day, even volunteering on clean-up day or another opportunity.

- To my colleagues who they are attempting to tear down, you know the reason you are serving. Please continue every day for this reason.

- As an elected official I have tackled important issues - smart development providing much needed housing in Everett, settling fair and equitable contracts with hardworking EPS employees, and welcoming Encore Boston Harbor to our community

as a leading voice.

Closing Comments
Michael McLaughlin said he will always be grateful for the support he has received from residents and the business community. "They are the heart of the city," he affirmed.

"The city has seen me go through life-changing moments and has always encouraged me to continue," related McLaughlin. "I will always be thankful for my colleagues, past and present, who I have learned from and been able to call a friend. I respect everyone who is willing to place their name before the voters to share ideas and help make a meaningful impact on our city.

"As I end one chapter and begin another in my life, I want to thank the people who always believed in me and supported me. I can't mention you all, but those who placed a sign at your home, supported me financially throughout my campaigns and wished me well throughout my ca-

reer like my friends, at 66 Main Street, and encouraged me to move forward on good and bad days - I say thank you, and I will never forget.

"I would also be remiss if I didn't mention my family, first and foremost - my mother and father - thank you for making me the man I am today. To my friends - Mike Danton, Roger Thistle, Greg and Caryn Antonelli, Lisa Cuscuna, Anthony Rossi, Franz Eberth, Tom Ciulla, Anthony Radzowski, Rich Bradway, Mike Mangano, Sal and Tricia DiDomenico, Rich Dell Isola, John Burley, Tom "Tucker" Fiorentino, Ralph Sacramone, Lisa Antonelli, and my best friend, Tony DelInnocenti, who I miss dearly - I thank each of you all from my grateful heart for always sticking by me and believing in me through this journey.

"Thank you, Everett for shaping me into the person I am today. This isn't goodbye - it's 'I'll see you later,'" concluded McLaughlin.

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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSION
484 Broadway Everett, Massachusetts 02149

Public Hearing Monday, July 17, 2023, @ 6:30 PM

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023, @ 6:30 P.M. at Everett City Hall, 2nd Floor, in room 27. Opinions will be heard regarding the following application:

An application has been presented to the License Commission for a Transfer of License from J.L. Vasquez, Inc. d/b/a La Finca Restaurant and Bar, 37 Norwood St., Everett to Los Compadres Oaxaqueños LLC d/b/a B & M Grill.

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

All interested parties may attend.

Phil Antonelli
 Chairman
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An application has been presented to the License Commission from Julie Enterprises, Inc., 203 Main St for a Change of Officers and a Transfer of Stock.

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

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Everett Arts & Culture Events

SUMMER AT ART LAB EVERETT
 Summer Kids Club, Teen Drop In, Adult Workshops and Member studio time.
 Spend some time exploring art in a class or work on your own discoveries. Visit artsforeverett.org for more information

Flamenco!

JULY 16 Open House at Art Lab Everett
 Stop by to experience Flamenco through live dance, costumes, video and a talk with Everett artist Laura Sanchez 3-5PM at Art Lab Everett, 132 Bucknam St.

MY INSPIRATIONS
Community Art Show at Everett City Hall,
 July 24 to August 24.
 featuring the Everett Arts Association
 On view to visitors during regular hours.

Mason Tenaglia is appointed Malden Catholic Board Chair

Mason Tenaglia '74 has been appointed Board Chair of Malden Catholic and he will assume the position on July 1. Jim Donovan Hon. '11 has completed his term after serving 10 years at the school as Board Chair and 22 years overall.



Mason Tenaglia.

Mason Tenaglia, an Everett native, joined the Malden Catholic Board in 2001 as MC Finance Committee Chair and remained in the position for three terms. He stepped off the Board in 2012 but remained involved in an advisory capacity for the

addition of MC's Girls Division and the hiring of the school's current President in 2019, John K. Thornburg. He rejoined the MC Board once again in 2019 as Finance Committee

Chair and took the position of Vice Chairman of the Board in 2022.

According to Tenaglia, "The trajectory that both past Board Chairmen, Ted Legacy '63 and Jim Donovan Hon. '11, created over the last two decades emphasized operational improvements and bold ambitions that ensured the school's growth and sustainability. As a result, we have seen a complete re-writing of Malden Catholic's future with the school solidly positioned as a leader in private college preparatory education.

With so many Catholic schools closing over the past few years, my goal is to ensure that MC continues to offer a strong Catholic education based in the Xaverian traditions to the hard working and determined young men and women in Boston and the North Shore."

John K. Thornburg commented, "We are very fortunate to have Mason serve Malden Catholic in the capacity as Board Chair. Over the past two decades he has devoted his expertise in finance and planning, time and atten-

tion to the financial health of this institution and we are in strong position due to his efforts. He has also worked very closely with Jim Donovan, and they have a shared vision for MC's future. Additionally, hailing from Everett, Mason has benefited greatly from his Malden Catholic education. He cares deeply about providing the same opportunities that were afforded to him to the young men and women who live in the surrounding urban communities."

Tenaglia added, "I am also incredibly im-

pressed with the ever-increasing quality of the Malden Catholic Board. Our Board has attracted individuals from a wide variety of relevant disciplines including law, finance, marketing, higher education, health care, engineering and consulting. This, in combination with the extraordinary MC leadership from John Thornburg and his administrative team provides a tremendous foundation to support Malden Catholic's plans for future expansion."

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts earn prestigious Gold Award

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, the largest girl serving organization in Massachusetts and 10th largest Girl Scout council in the United States, is celebrating the 2022-2023 class of Gold Award Girl Scouts: over 50 teen world-changers in Eastern Massachusetts who invested over hundreds of hours creating lasting impact on issues important to them. As they take action to transform their world, Gold Award Girl Scouts gain tangible skills and prove they are the leaders of our community and world need.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, available to girls in high school who create sustainable change on a community or world issue, from teen nutrition to literacy development in youth. Gold Award Girl Scouts address the root cause of a problem, plan and implement innovative solutions to drive change, and lead a team of people to success.

Girl Scout Karen Altenhoff was awarded for her work on the community project titled 'Sweet Smiles'. Karen felt the pressures of isolation during the pandemic and saw her phone as a lifeline to connect with family and friends. When she discovered that many elderly nursing home residents could not access the same technological lifeline due to lack of knowledge or ability, she took it upon herself to bring them a break from their loneliness. Karen collaborated with Hale House Boston, a local residential care facility for seniors, to create a social hour program with games and homemade treats. Karen led a team of all-ages volunteers who will sustain these special social hours beyond her involvement. Through Karen's Gold Award project, the entire community was enriched by way of multigenerational interaction and enjoying the simple things in life.

"The issue of loneliness does not only impact the

people in my community, but our entire world. With my project, I was able to bring a smile to a person's face and let them talk about their lives—all while enjoying a treat," said Karen Altenhoff.

Gold Award Girl Scout Mariella Mattaliano was awarded for her work on the community project titled 'Reading is Fun'. Mariella loved to read, and was discouraged by research reports that showed an increase in children's literacy issues in recent years. Therefore, Mariella dedicated her time to watching eight kindergarten and first aid students enhance their reading skills, increase their attention spans, and overall improve their literacy capabilities. Mariella would read to the students before creating a game out of question/answer sessions and completing the reading comprehension with a themed craft. Mariella often had friends help her with this project, and one particularly invested volunteer helper will sustain

this project by continuing it for the next year.

"At the start of this process, it felt impossible. It seemed as if there was a roadblock down every path I attempted to follow. Failure and rejection became constant. I learned that I am able to accomplish things especially when I truly try," said Mariella Mattaliano.

Gold Award Girl Scout Hannah Sullivan was awarded for her work on the community project titled 'Body Positivity Amongst Adolescents'. Hannah noticed a rise in physical insecurities in preteens and teenagers, as a result of an increased use of social media around the age of 13. Hannah developed an experience-based curriculum in which she and a group of volunteers created presentations about representation in media, the importance of body-positivity, and coping strategies for those struggling with negative feelings towards their appearance. Hannah also created educational pam-

phlets to distribute within the Mental Health and Women Empowerment clubs at her school. The Women Empowerment Club was so impressed by Hannah's work that they agreed to run the presentation yearly and continue the important conversation for the foreseeable future.

"The most successful part of my project [was] how diverse it was and how I really [felt] like we managed to touch upon a larger spectrum of groups that I [felt] are commonly left out of body positivity conversations," said Hannah Sullivan.

Gold Award Girl Scout Gabriella Turco was awarded for her work on the community project titled 'Period Insecurity Right Next Door'. Gabriella admired the work of an organization called "Hope and Comfort" and wanted to extend a helping hand. The organization is committed to providing period packages to in-need teenagers, an issue that Gabriella felt de-

served more awareness in her community. Gabriella held information sessions at her church, alongside a Girl Scout cookie booth sale, put up flyers in her school's bathroom stalls, contacted her congresswoman to promote tax free menstrual products, and posted on Facebook and Instagram pages to educate people beyond her local reach. By partnering with an established organization and getting younger Girl Scouts involved with her project, Gabriella's efforts will continue to make an impact on her community beyond her involvement.

"I know that I was able to help the intended audience of my project. Although I never knew their names, I know there is a girl behind every anonymity number who felt more secure with their specific high-quality products fitting their own needs," said Gabriella Turco.

Mayor DeMaria announces Seniors on the Road Trips in October

Special to the Independent

The Council on Aging has planned two exciting trips to New Hampshire and Wildwood, NJ

Everett, MA – Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Council on Aging has planned two trips in October as part of their Seniors on the Road program.

The first trip is a 1950's-themed weekend in Wildwood, New Jer-

sey from Friday, October 13, to Sunday, October 15. The fare will include round-trip motorcoach transportation, two nights with deluxe accommodations at an ocean front hotel, two full breakfasts and two dinners. There will also be two amazing nights of entertainment. On Friday evening, go back in time for a Sock Hop dance party featuring live bands, vendors and lots of laughs. The Saturday night concert

will not disappoint with a star-studded line-up featuring The Miracles, The 5th Dimension and The Temptations Review featuring the legacy of Dennis Edwards. There will be an ice cream social, classic car show, vendors and dancing galore.

The second trip will be held on Thursday, October 19, for a beautiful day in scenic New Hampshire. Here you will enjoy peak foliage before boarding your exclusive train ride

departing from Meredith, NH. On this tour, you will enjoy a sumptuous Hart's Turkey Farm turkey dinner with all the fixings.

For additional information about these fantastic trips, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center. Please ask for Cathi for all the details. A check made out to The City of Everett must accompany your reservation.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
484 BROADWAY
EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02149
PHONE 617-394-2498 FAX 617-394-2433

To Whom It May Concern:
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday July 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Kevearian 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: 15 Dean St. Everett, MA. 02149
Map/Parcel: C0-06-000049
Permit Number: B-22-685
Person Requesting: Tom Mills
15 Dean St.
Everett, MA 02149
PROPOSAL:
The owner wishes to demolish a single-family dwelling and erect a three (3) family dwelling in the Dwelling District. The plot plan submitted indicates the lot area is 4,665 SF. Architectural plans submitted by Lafreneire Architects shows the proposed floor area is 4,383 SF. In the plans provided there are 5 proposed parking spaces in the rear.
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance. The applicant shall seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:
Section 4.A(1) Allows conversion of one- and two-family structures to three family structures, provided certain conditions are satisfied. This provision does not permit demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and con-

struction of a new three-family dwelling, since this is not a conversion of the existing structure. A use variance is therefore required.
Section 4 B. Dimensional Requirements. 1. Frontage (A) 50 feet minimum. According to the plans provided, the property at 15 Dean St. has a frontage of 40 feet. Although the frontage of the lot will not change, the use of the nonconforming lot will be intensified. Therefore, it is my determination that the proposal will increase the nonconforming nature of the lot and that a special permit is required from the Zoning Board of Appeals, pursuant to Section 4.F of the Zoning Ordinance.
Section 4 B. Dimensional Requirements. 2. Lot Area (C) 0.5 maximum floor area ratio. According to the plans provided, the applicant proposes a .94 FAR. Since the property is currently conforming as to lot area, a variance for the proposed FAR is required.
Section 17. Off-Street Parking. (A). 2. Multifamily Dwellings. 2 (two) spaces per dwelling unit. In the plans provided 5 (five) parking spaces are proposed where 6 (six) are required. The applicant must either obtain a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals or choose to participate in the TDM provisions of Section 35.
MARY GERACE –
Chairman
Roberta Suppa –
Clerk of Board of Appeals
June 28, 2023
July 5, 2023

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 20 Pleasant Street
Map/Parcel: C0-05-000063
Zoning District: Dwelling
Permit Number: B-23-364
Person Requesting: Ms. Claudia Kasper
20 Pleasant Street
Everett, MA 02149
REASON FOR DENIAL:
The applicant seeks to convert the existing 1 (one) family residence built approximately in 1894 into a 3 (three) family residence
Violation and Zoning:
• Pursuant to Section 4.B.2.c of the Zoning Ordinance, the maximum allowable floor area ratio (FAR) is .50. The proposed FAR is .71. A variance is required.
• Section 17.1 of the Zoning Ordinance requires each parking spot to be at least 9' x 18'. The proposed parking spaces in the rear yard are 8.5' x 18'. A variance is required.
• Section 17.O.5 requires a minimum driveway width of 18'. The existing structure is 17.8' from the side lot line, and the proposed driveway appears to be less than eighteen feet wide. A variance is required.
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 11 Buell Street
Map/Parcel: K0-02-000055
Building Permit: B-23-533
Property Owner: TJ LLC,
9-10 Buell St Realty Trust
61 Locust Street
Middleton, MA 01949
Applicant: Carlos DeCarvalho
27 Revere Street
Everett, MA 02149
PROPOSAL:
Applicant seeks a change the use of the property from a storage building into an Auto Body Shop.
Violation and Zoning:
• Section 3 General Requirements (C) this is an existing non-conforming structure. In that the building does not have the required setbacks (SP)
• Section 3 B line (C) lot size only 5,000 square feet where 8,000 is required. (SP)
• Section 3 B line (E) no landscaping has been provided. (V)
• Section 3 B line (J) no parking has been shown on the plot plan where 8 are required. (V)
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WE'RE (OVER)EATING OURSELVES TO DEATH

The latest statistics reveal an incredibly negative picture of Americans: 40-percent are obese and another 32-percent are overweight. In other words, almost three quarters of Americans maintain an unhealthy weight.

Yes, the fast-food industry is hugely to blame, as epitomized by all of those melted-cheese-dripping triple-bacon-burger commercials on college football Saturdays. Americans' lifespan is declining for a myriad of reasons (alcohol, opioids, and COVID), but our epidemic of obesity surely is a contributing factor to our high rates of heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. We are eating ourselves to death.

The average American male today weighs 30 pounds more than he did 50 years ago and the average American woman today weighs the same as that man of 50 years ago. Certainly, for some people genetics plays a huge role in their weight. But our society has become obese not because of changes in our genetic makeup compared to 50 years ago, but because we eat way too much of the wrong kinds of food which have become all too easy to access.

The number of fast-food franchises has grown exponentially in the past 50 years. In addition, we have come to equate excess food consumption as a luxurious pleasure, as though it is an end in itself. If you go on a cruise ship (as we recently did), the non-stop over-abundance of food available at buffets only serves to encourage gross overeating -- and way-too-many passengers are happy to comply.

Overeating truly has become as American as apple pie (no pun intended). Bad food habits are just as bad for us as anything else (e.g. smoking, alcohol, drugs), but are less expensive and on every street corner. Moreover, these unhealthy foods are pushed on us all day, every day. TV ads for cigarettes were banned decades ago— we need to do the same for fast-food ads.

The new diabetes drugs, which have been shown to induce weight loss, hold huge promise for those who struggle to maintain a healthy lifestyle. As these drugs are tested for side effects (and no doubt will be improved-upon in the future) and come to market, perhaps this generation of Americans can win the modern-day Battle of the Bulge.

60 YEARS OF JAMES BOND

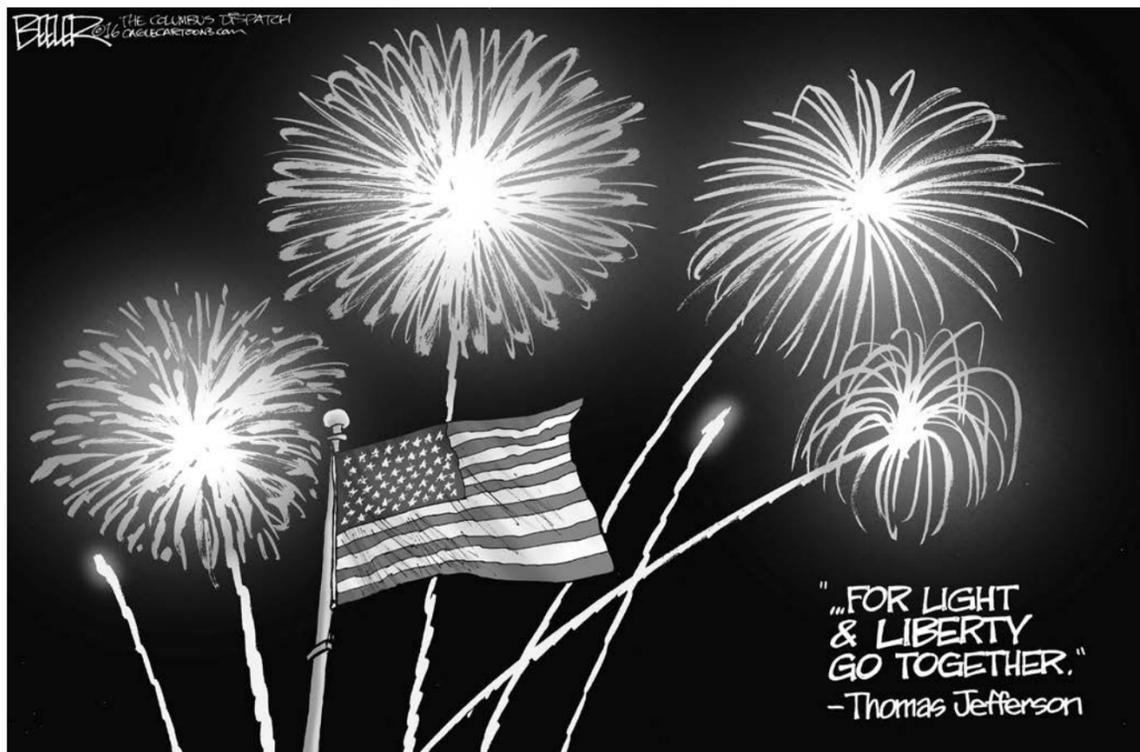
It was 60 years ago this summer that the first James Bond movie, Dr. No, starring the late Sean Connery, was released in the U.S.

That movie instantly became a touchstone of 1960s pop culture which has flourished to the present day. The iconic James Bond theme is as recognizable today as it was 60 years ago, and we recall all of the big pop songs by the biggest stars that were written just for the movie, from Shirley Bassey belting out Goldfinger to Adele's haunting performance of Skyfall.

Admittedly, not all of the Bond movies were that great, nor were all of Sean Connery's successors equal to Connery. And to be sure, as with just anything from that pop-culture era, some of it is cringe-worthy by today's standards.

But James Bond films always were fun and entertaining, and proved to be a wonderful escape, whether in an air-conditioned movie theatre in the summertime or a cozy theatre at winter holiday-time, creating warm memories that have lasted a lifetime.

Independent Forum



LETTER to the Editor

GIVE MASSACHUSETTS A BREAK, NO NEW BAG BANS. A SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS' PERSPECTIVE

Dear Editor,

Amid an unsteady economy, small business owners like me have a lot on our plates: keeping shelves stocked, prices affordable and meeting consumer expectations. Over the years, that increasingly also means focusing on sustainability.

As proof in the Commonwealth, look no further than the more than

150 local regulations on plastic carryout bags. It seems like every local official wanted to showcase their own concern about plastic waste. But the result is a headache-causing patchwork of differing standards of fees, allowable types of bags and stores that are covered.

To be clear, I don't like plastic waste. I don't know anyone who does. But I still see the value in affordable and convenient bags and worry that new proposals for a statewide approach could undermine sustainability goals, hurt small businesses, and raise costs for struggling families in the process.

Recently, at the state and local level there's been an increasing focus on requiring carryout bags to have stitched handles. As a store owner, I have to say this doesn't make sense.

These stitched products are more expensive. They are still made from plastic, imported from some of the world's worst polluting countries, and cannot be recycled in the Northeast. That doesn't sound like sustainability to me.

Instead, if there's going to be a single solution, it should follow what my community and the majority have others have done: promote durability in re-

usable bags standards.

For most localities in Massachusetts with a bag ordinance, they allow stores like mine to offer American made, reusable, recyclable options. This is the same approach that most state bag laws – including California, Connecticut, and Maine – follow.

Rewriting local rules to favor nonrecyclable and foreign-made bags with isn't sustainable when there are better, recyclable options available for stores like mine: the one's we are already using.

Wilton Range
Niko Daliadakis

EBNHC Chief Behavioral Health Officer receives Massachusetts Community Health Center Clinician Award

Earlier this month, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's (EBNHC) Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Michael Mancusi, LICSW, received the Massachusetts Community Health Center Clinician Award from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. The award is presented to clinicians who embody the mission of community health centers and are committed to innovation to achieve health equity for all.

"I am honored to receive this recognition from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers," said EBNHC Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Michael Mancusi, LICSW. "I am proud to work at an organization that values mental health as a core component of health care and lead a team of accomplished practitioners who share my view of mental health care as a basic human right."

Michael, who has been with the health center for 38 years, manages EBNHC's more than 50-person Behavioral Health team, which serves a commu-



Pictured (left to right) Michael Curry, Esq., President & CEO, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Michael Mancusi, LICSW, EBNHC Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Elizabeth Browne, CEO of Charles River Health & Chair of the Mass League Board of Directors).

nity of patients that bear a disproportionate burden of trauma, unmet mental health needs and substance use disorders.

Specializing in an integrated model of behavioral health care, Michael oversees a broad spectrum of departments including Emergency Preparedness, Recovery Services, and numerous community-based programs, including the health center's Community Resource and Wellness Center at 282 Meridian Street in East Boston and the Student Wellness Center at East Boston High School.

"Access to high quality behavioral health care

services remains a significant challenge in communities across the Commonwealth. As our state's largest community-based primary care health system, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center continues to lead the way on expanding access to behavioral health services as well as introducing new services for our patients and communities," said EBNHC President & CEO, Greg Wilmut.

"We are grateful for Michael's nearly 40 years of dedicated service, both caring for the mental health of our patients and leading EBNHC's efforts to grow and innovate the

area of Behavioral Health. We are so excited to celebrate him and the important work of our diverse and talented Behavioral Health team."

This fall, EBNHC will be launching a new Behavioral Health Urgent Care Service located at 10 Gove Street in East Boston, in order to deepen and extend mental health community support. This new service is just another example of important and innovative work that EBNHC advances under Michael's leadership, enabling EBNHC to improve access to high-quality behavioral health care in the communities it serves.

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DJ Cilla BK and Rita Romero presented to City employees.



Left to right: Rita Romero, the City of Everett's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Cathy Draine, DJ Cilla BK and Simone Holyfield.



Lunch provided by Femme Bar.

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Later working as a radio host for Dwild Music Radio and pursuing a career as a DJ. Building a following in the LGBTQ+ community and organizing events, she felt the lack of support for LGBTQ+ artists and the dangers that came with it. DJ Cil-

la BK created a safe place for artists to work freely in the music industry and decided to open the first LGBTQ+ focused recording studio, Haus of Madusa, in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

Lunch and Learn is a monthly program created

and moderated by the City of Everett's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Cathy Draine. It allows City employees to come together, share ideas and experiences, and discuss new topics while enjoying lunch. The series is a part of the City's commitment

to engage, educate and elevate.

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ming pool equipment, hot tub, and spa before engaging in any water activities to ensure all life-saving measures and protection systems are functioning properly."

Following are tips for swimmers, and boat and pool owners:

Swimmers
• Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard.

• While in a pool or hot tub look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker, or work intermittently.

• If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swim-

ming in the direction you are heading. Try and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

Boat owners
• Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. These areas can contain stray electrical currents in the water, possibly leading to electric shock drowning or injury from shock, including death.

• Each year, have the boat's electrical system in-

spected by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including those set by the American Boat & Yacht Council. Make the necessary repairs, if recommended. Follow the same steps after any major storm that affects the boat.

• Check with the marina owner about the marina's electrical system and whether it has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code® (NEC®).

• Have ground fault circuit protection (GFCI and

GFPE) installed on circuits supplying the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that bear the proper listing mark for marine applications when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

• NEVER modify the electrical system on a boat or shore power to make something work. The code-required safety mechanisms in place are intended to alert people if something is wrong with the boat and with shore power. Find a licensed, qualified professional to help determine the cause

of the problem.

Pool owners
• If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations and that the completed work is inspected by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

• Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary — replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off

all power in case of an emergency.

• If there are overhead electrical lines, make sure they have proper clearance over the pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

NFPA has resources for swimmers, boat and pool owners, including videos, tip sheets, and checklists, that can be downloaded and shared. Please visit www.nfpa.org/water-safety.

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have their entry paraded in front of the stage at the event. There were many incredible and creative entries that made it difficult for Antoine Coleman, the City of Everett's Director of Veterans Services and honorary judge for the contest, to pick the winners.

Those who attended were able to enjoy live musical performances throughout the event by the Fenway Brats, Whiskey 6 and Angelena Hightower & The Unit. There were also many free offerings at the event like face painting, balloon creations, photos with props and characters, inflatable attractions, arcade games with prizes for all, vendors

offering giveaways, and food generously cooked by City employee volunteers. Mayor Carlo DeMaria would like to thank McKinnons and Square Deli for donating portions of the food used for the barbecue to the event. The grand finale of the event was the spectacular fireworks show at Glendale Park that surely did not disappoint.

"Bringing everyone together as a community is what makes this event so special, and I'm happy we had the opportunity to do so again this year," said Mayor DeMaria. "I'd like to thank the members of my team and the many organizations, performers and vendors that came to-



Free popcorn from the Everett Recreation Dept. Thalia Patino and Gianna Martion were kept very busy.

gether to make this event another huge success."

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, In-



Tayla and Uara Bazmat waiting for the bike decorating contest.

stagram and Twitter. Facebook: @cityofeverettma and @mayordemaria. Instagram: @cityofeverettma and @mayorcarlo demaria.

Twitter: @Mayor_DeMaria. All are welcome to join us for the many exciting events we have planned throughout the summer.



Everett's Family Resource Center was on at Glendale Park, shown are volunteers, Tina Cardodo, Jazlyn Previlon, Liliana Patino and Ysabella Nazareth.



Everett City Councillors and School Committee members, Councillor Irene Cardillo, Councillor Alfred Lattanzi, School Committee Chairperson Michael Mangan, Councillor John Hanlon and Councillor Darren Costa.



Maura Letizia and Noel Lyman enjoying the festivities.



Lots of flags at Glendale Park, Catherine, Caroline and Charlotte Tran are enjoying the celebration.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with his family, Matthew, Sal and Trisha.



Buzz Lightyear was a popular photo-op, shown with Alex and Radka Velez.



Meet Gohtty and Caiolen Cesar with the minions.



Third Place for bike decorating went to Jessica Zide presented by Antoine Coleman.



Everett Veterans Service Officer Antoine Coleman presents Harlowe Hart 1st Place on doll carriage decorating.



Kayden Wilson with his patriotic bike.



Second Place bike decorating went to Kaitlyn Aluarez presented Antoine Coleman.

THE CITY OF EVERETT AND MAYOR CARLO DEMARIA CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY



Representing Mayor DeMaria, Catarina Patterson, Briana Hyppolite and Dolores Lattanzi.

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith leads in the wagon contestants.



First Place Wagon went to Melonie Mumguia, shown with her family at Glendale Park.

Shown to the right, Alexander Zide as Spidermanto 3rd Place in wagon decorating.



Woody loved having his picture taken with all the guests, shown with Felicia Ricci, Briana, Amelia and Karlina McCann.



Second Place in wagon decorating went to Brayden and Ashton Botte.



"Fire Works", Gina DeFreitas in her 4th of July outfit.

SCENES FROM THE AGGANIS ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME



BOB MARRA PHOTOS

Everett's Ralph Pierre clashes with a North offensive lineman as he pursues the quarterback.



Everett's Nick Raymond sets to block the rush of North defensive end Jack Marks.



Everett's Karmarri Ellerbe fights for yardage during the Agganis All-star football game at Manning Field Wednesday, June 28. Ellerbe and his South teammates topped the North, 24-7.



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Resilient Mystic Collaborative receives \$2.25 million from Barr Foundation

The Mystic River Watershed Association is celebrating a \$2.25 million, three-year grant from the Barr Foundation for continued support of the Resilient Mystic Collaborative (RMC) and regional climate work. Convened by MyRWA and 10 watershed communities in September 2018 and now led by senior staff from 20 cities and towns and non-governmental partners, the RMC focuses on managing flooding and extreme heat on a regional scale and increasing the resilience of our most vulnerable residents and workers to extreme weather.



Collectively, RMC communities have secured nearly \$57 million for climate resilient projects in the Mystic Watershed, with the goal of securing an additional \$100 million in public funding over the next three years.

“The Mystic River watershed needs to take collective and significant action to prepare for a stormier, hotter, and less predictable climate future,” says Patrick Herron, Executive Director of the Mystic River Watershed Association. “This funding enables our communities to achieve outsized public benefits and make progress on our goals of climate equity in the watershed.”

“We are pleased to be able to make this investment in the work of the RMC,” said Barr Foundation Senior Program Officer Kalila Barnett. “Their focus on closing climate equity gaps across especially race and income, and commitment to centering the needs and aspirations of people most affected by their efforts really align with our values.”

“Because of COVID, many more people now understand what GreenRoots has been fighting for since its founding, to ensure that people in historically disinvested communities have the same ability to deal with challenges like climate change as people in wealthy communities,” said John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at Green-

Roots. “As a co-founder of the RMC, I’m glad to see us work to effectively focus scarce public resources on the people who need them most.”

“We’re proud to be a founding community of the Resilient Mystic Collaborative,” said Woburn Mayor Scott Galvin. “Being part of this group has enabled us to secure resources and funding for important community climate change projects, including design work for the 11.3 acre climate resilient Hurd Park, the Shaker Glen wetland stream/trail restoration project and the Horn Pond fish ladder. Over the years, this partnership has been invaluable.”

“Communities along the Mystic River are already feeling the impact of climate change and it is imperative that we meet these challenges with swift, decisive action. The new Barr grant for the RMC will help us do exactly that,” said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “Together we can reduce risks, adapt to changing climate patterns, and foster more resilient and equitable communities. I want to thank our colleagues in the Resilient Mystic Collaborative for their hard work and unwavering dedication to fighting climate change.”

“Several of Arlington’s landmark climate projects in recent years relied on data and partnerships—as well as funding—secured by the Resilient Mystic Collaborative,” said Town Manager Sandy Pooler. “This award from the Barr Foundation strengthens our ability to accomplish

our climate planning goals collaboratively, such as preventing flooding and reducing extreme heat.”

“We’ve been working to strengthen our climate resiliency and extend needed resources to our more impact communities,” Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn said. “The Resilient Mystic Collaborative is critical to our climate action work and will directly lead to increased protections for our residents.”

“The Town of Reading is committed to addressing climate change by implementing robust solutions that center the most vulnerable members of our community,” said Town Manager Fidel Maltez. “This work takes a collaborative approach and resources beyond what our Town can provide on its own. The RMC provides our Town with technical support and proven community engagement processes that will affect lasting impact for our residents.”

“The RMC is creating regional collaboration across municipalities to develop long-term resiliency solutions to climate change which knows no boundaries,” said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “Individual communities cannot do this critical work on their own. By sharing information and resources, our environmental work benefits exponentially.”

“The intensifying impacts of climate change are unevenly burdening communities of color, new immigrants, and vulnerable populations in Chelsea,” stated Alex Train,

AICP, Director of Housing & Community Development. “The RMC has enabled us to work with long-standing community partners, like GreenRoots, by adding capacity for regional solutions to coastal flooding, urban heat, and air quality that will stem displacement, combat public health disparities, and allow residents to prosper in place.”

“The RMC is leading regional collaboration to address the impacts of climate change across municipal boundaries and Cambridge is proud to be a part of this amazing organization,” said Katherine Watkins, Cambridge Commissioner of Public Works. “A perfect example of this is the Amelia Earhart Dam, which provides critical protection from coastal flooding to numerous communities, but is owned and operated by the state. Through the RMC, the conversation about the dam has shifted from individual communities identifying the dam as being vulnerable to a coordinated effort with DCR to elevate the dam and other coastal flood pathways.”

“We designed our facilities in Assembly Row and Charlestown with climate change in mind,” said David Burson, Senior Project Manager for Mass General Brigham. “We knew this wouldn’t be enough, however, and understood the need for a regional strategy and coalition to address the larger climate vulnerabilities that we and the communities we serve will be facing. The Resilient Mystic Collaborative has provided an effective

forum for this regional conversation, and has been an incredibly effective catalyst for the funding and implementation of this essential work.”

“I have been part of quite a few partnerships,” said Lexington Town Engineer John Livsey. “The RMC really delivers. I am really proud to have been one of its founders and still involved five years later.”

“Winchester has been working to address increasing heat, flooding and water quality issues,” said Sustainability Director Ken Pruitt. “Through our participation with the RMC, we have access to resources and experts that are helping our community become more resilient to climate change. The RMC is a valuable partner, and we are grateful for its support and collaboration.”

“When we worked with Cambridge on flood mitigation planning for the Alewife neighborhood, it quickly became apparent that the city could not protect itself on its own,” said Barbara Landau, partner at Noble, Wickersham and Heart. “We understood that solutions had to be regional. That is when the RMC stepped in and provided its terrific and effective framework for collaboration and the ability to secure funding for critical projects that benefit the region.”

“People say that cities and towns in Massachusetts don’t like to work together, but the RMC is a great counterexample,” said Carri Hulet, Principal at CH Consulting. “For five years I’ve seen folks work across borders with tremendous good will and it’s paying off. The people who live and work in this region will benefit for decades because their leaders today are doing the hard work of regional collaboration.”

“Our success has been a blend of hard work, high trust, and very, very lucky timing,” said Julie Wormser, MyRWA Senior Policy Advisor. “Right now, the federal government is making a generational investment in equitable, climate-resilient, nature-based projects that

make our communities safer, more just, and more beautiful. Barr’s generous investment means that the RMC is ready and able to leverage this funding to bring more priority projects to fruition.”

Mystic River Watershed at a Glance.

The 76-square-mile Mystic River Watershed stretches from Reading through the northern shoreline of Boston Harbor to Revere. An Anglicized version of the Pequot word *missi-tuk* (“large river with wind and tide-driven waves”), it is now one of New England’s most densely populated, urbanized watersheds.

The seven-mile Mystic River and its tributaries represented an early economic engine for colonial Boston. Ten shipyards built more than 500 clipper ships in the 1800s before roads and railways replaced schooners and steamships. Tide-driven mills, brickyards and tanneries along both banks of the river brought both wealth and pollution.

In the 1960s, the Amelia Earhart Dam transformed much of the river into a freshwater impoundment, while construction of Interstate 93 filled in wetlands and dramatically changed the river’s course. Since then, many former industrial sites have been cleaned up and redeveloped into new commercial areas and residential communities.

The Mystic is facing growing climate-related challenges: coastal and stormwater flooding, extreme storms, heat drought and unpredictable seasonal weather. The watershed is relatively low-lying and extensively developed, making it prone to both freshwater and coastal flooding. Its 21 municipalities are home to 600,000 residents, including many who are disproportionately vulnerable to extreme weather: environmental justice communities, new Americans, residents of color, elders, low-income residents and employees, people living with disabilities and English-language learners.

PATINO HONORED AT 2023 COMMONWEALTH HEROINE AWARDS

Last week, Rep. Joe McGonagle joined Liliana Patino, Director of Community Engagement at the Eliot Center as she was honored as a 2023 Commonwealth Heroine, nominated by Rep. McGonagle. Patino was honored alongside over

125 women from across Massachusetts who are sometimes unrecognized but always making a difference in their communities. Each heroine was nominated by a Representative or Senator in their district. The Class of 2023 was honored in a ceremony

by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women at the State House with remarks from MCSW Chairwoman Dr. Sarah Glenn-Smith and a reception.

“Liliana and I have gotten close throughout the years because she is



Rep. Joe McGonagle with Liliana Patino, Director of Community Engagement at the Eliot Center.



Liliana with State Rep. Joe McGonagle and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

always there,” said McGonagle. “At every community event or whenever you need her, Lillian shows up. She works tirelessly to provide for those who depend on her, going above and beyond. The Eliot Center and the City of Everett are extremely lucky to have her and I consider myself extremely lucky to call her a friend. She is the embodiment of a Commonwealth Heroine; I can think of no one more deserving and I’m thrilled I was able to nominate and join her at this event.”

Patino has served in various roles at the Eliot Center since 2016, becoming a champion for community needs not only in Everett, but also Malden, Medford, Revere, Chelsea, Lynn and other communities. After working for nearly six years as the director of the Family Resource Center in Everett, she was promoted to the Director of Community Engagement at the Eliot CBHC anchored in Lynn. She continues to be an advocate for all those who need her.

The MCSW is a state-established body charged with reviewing the status of women in Massachusetts and offering recommendations regarding policy that would improve access to opportunities and equality. The purpose of the Commission is to advance women and girls toward full equity in all areas of life and to promote rights and opportunities for all women and girls. The mission of the Commission is to provide a permanent, effective voice for women and girls across Massachusetts.

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BLO brings free orchestral music to Boston neighborhoods this summer

Boston Landmarks Orchestra (BLO), under the direction of Music Director Christopher Wilkins, brings its annual summer series of free, live orchestral concerts to the iconic DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade, with a special focus on concerts in Dorchester, Roxbury, Hyde Square, and Chelsea. Rooted in the mission “we build community through great music,” Landmarks Orchestra is thrilled to present a concert series of free events which showcase a diversity of music and cultures. Programming this summer celebrates an increased commitment to programming music by underrepresented composers and artists.

Music Director Christopher Wilkins says, “The 2023 season is filled with music everyone can enjoy. On the Hatch Shell series, we’re thrilled to work with Grammy Award-winning drummer and composer Terri Lyne Carrington, celebrating the symphon-

ic legacy of Black American women during the NAACP’s national convention. With the Landmarks Orchestra’s Artist-in-Residence Fabiola Méndez, we continue our fruitful partnership with the Hyde Square Task Force. Other highlights include the premiere of a co-commissioned work by Brian Raphael Nabors on our annual “Green” Concert; George Gershwin’s An American in Paris; Rodrigo’s Concierto de Aranjuez for guitar and orchestra; and Violin Concerto in G composed by Joseph Bologne, subject of the new film, Chevalier. Most importantly, performing in Boston’s neighborhoods brings our mission front and center, celebrating Boston’s diverse culture and history through live orchestral performances.”

2023 Summer Concerts and Events
ASL interpreters will be present at many performances; see the website for current details.

GREEN CONCERT
Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 7p.m. ET | Hatch Shell

July 19th at the Hatch Shell is the annual “Green Concert” with works celebrating nature, including “Appalachian Spring” and a new piece from Brian Nabors, “Upon Daybreak”, co-commissioned by Landmarks Orchestra.

BLO, Christopher Wilkins, conductor
Ludwig van Beethoven The Creatures of Prometheus: Overture Op. 43
Lili Boulanger On a Spring Morning
Aaron Copland Appalachian Spring
Ethel Smyth On the Cliffs of Cornwall
Brian Raphael Nabors Upon Daybreak (Landmarks Orchestra co-commission)
Franz Liszt Les Préludes

SEEN/UNSEEN:
Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 7p.m. ET | Hatch Shell

The Symphonic Legacy of Black American Women
Featuring Terri Lyne Carrington, guest artist and

co-curator
Coinciding with the NAACP’s conference in Boston, the July 26 concert at the Hatch Shell brings a special focus to celebrating the symphonic legacy of Black American women and their compositions. GRAMMY® award-winning drummer, producer and educator, Terri Lyne Carrington joins Landmarks as a guest curator and performer.

BLO, Christopher Wilkins, conductor
Louise Toppin, soprano
Shirley Graham Tom-Tom: Overture and Excerpts, orchestrated David Kemper
Florence Price Dances in the Canebreaks, orchestrated William Grant Still
Undine Smith Moore Three Love Songs from the Life of a Martyr, To the Memory of Martin Luther King Jr.
Mary Lou Williams Zodiac Suite (excerpts)
Nkeiru Okoye Voices Shouting Out
Valerie Coleman Umoja: Anthem of Unity
Courtney Bryan Foot-

steps of a Queen
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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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News and Notes

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

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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

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

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Pastor’s Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women’s Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

We are on the Internet
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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.foreverett.church

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News and Notes

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

FUCCILLO NAMED TO UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

Celeste Fuccillo of Everett was named to The University of Alabama Deans List for spring semester 2023.

A total of 12,487 students enrolled during spring semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools.

The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The spring 2023 lists include the following students:

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The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross celebrated nearly 762 bachelor of arts degree recipients at its 177th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 26 at the DCU Cen-

ter in Worcester. U.S. Senator Peter Welch '69 of Vermont, a Class of 1969 alumnus, delivered this year's address to the Class of 2023 and received an honorary degree.

Vincent D. Rougeau, president of the College, presided over the celebratory event, bestowing the honorary degrees and greeting each graduate as they crossed the stage.

In his remarks, Welch said the social mission of Holy Cross - that achievements should be shared and used for the betterment of others - left an indelible mark on him.

Welch also assured graduates that they are capable of facing the great odds of today to accomplish great things for the future.

"You are strong and ready. Your shared experience at Holy Cross has made you so," said Welch. "The Holy Cross commitment to intellectual and open inquiry and using our talents for good is something this institution has

preserved and passed on to one generation after another since 1843. This experience and commitment will make you the builders of tomorrow."

In addition to Welch, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Rosanne Haggerty, an internationally recognized social entrepreneur and leader in developing innovative strategies to end homelessness. Haggerty is the president and chief executive officer of Community Solutions, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending homelessness she founded in 2011.

The following local students earned degrees:

Ashley Cadet of Everett
Dennis Ryan of Everett - Cum Laude

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned

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OBITUARIES

Nancy M. Iovanna

Loving wife, mom, sister and nana



Nancy M. (Dalton) Iovanna of Revere, passed away on Thursday, June 29th, 2023. Beloved wife of Andrew Iovanna. Loving mother of Karla Iovanna of North Reading, Michael Iovanna and Jessica Iovanna both of Revere. Daughter of the late Albert "Cappy" and Theresa "TeeTee" (Amaru) Dalton. Grandmother of Olivia DeLuca and DJ Canniff. Sister of Karen Dalton of Revere, Maureen Waddell and her husband George of Beverly, Charles Dalton of Revere and the late Denise Parsons and Raymond Dalton.

Nancy was full of life, love and laughter. Her beautiful smile lit up any room she was in. Her fun, sweet personality made it impossible not to love her. Everyone loved Nancy, and Nancy loved everyone - exactly the way they needed to be loved.

Nancy was adored by her loving husband, Andrew, for 53 years and together they shared 51 beautiful years of marriage. There was nothing more important to Nancy than family. She was THE BEST wife, mother, Nunna, daughter, sister, niece, cousin and friend to all who knew her, and even those she just met. Nancy loved to cook, bowl, travel and shop. The majority of her time was spent caring for, and doting over, her two grandchildren, Olivia and DJ.

Nancy fell ill in 2020, and spent 3 long years battling pulmonary hypertension and Sjogren's syndrome. She struggled longer than she should have for her family, and in the end she wanted to make sure everyone knows that now she gets to rest peace-

fully. Nancy will be sorely missed by all who knew her, and remembered by the precious memories she left behind.

Relatives and friends are most respectfully invited to attend a Funeral Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 670 Washington St., Revere on Thursday, July 6th at 11am.

Visiting hours at the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St. (corner of Park St. and Rte. 28) NORTH READING, at Reading line, on Wednesday from 4-8pm.

Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy's name to ACF Family Scholarship Fund, 14 Joseph Rd., Revere, MA 02151.

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DIDOMENICO'S LEGISLATION INCLUDED IN GOVERNOR HEALEY'S RELATIONSHIP & SEX EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined Maura Healey, Senate President Karen Spilka, advocates, and his State House colleagues to celebrate the Governor's Administration updating DESE's outdated health and physical education framework to provide our students with sex and relationship education that is inclusive, medically accurate, and age appropriate. These guidelines haven't been updated for over 20 years and will be considered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. If the Board decides to move forward with the proposal, there will be a 60-day period for public comment followed by potential revisions and a vote on implementation later this year.

"As lead sponsor of the Healthy Youth Act bill, I take great pride in the health and well-being of our students and see this framework update as the natural progression toward passage and implementation of my legislation," said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I want



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Senate President Karen Spilka.

to thank Governor Maura Healey and her team for making this a priority, ensuring our students can protect their health, form respectful relationships, and build the bright futures they deserve."

Senator Sal DiDomenico is lead sponsor of the Healthy Youth Act bill, An Act relative to healthy youth (S268), which has been proposed in the legislature for over a decade. This bill is similar to DESE's new proposed guidelines but would make them permanent and give them the force of law which will ensure Massachusetts public



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at the press conference alongside Governor Healey, Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, State House colleagues, and advocates.

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. Senator DiDomenico will continue to push for passage of the Healthy Youth Act.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Governor Maura Healey (3rd from right), Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll (left), Representative Jim O'Day (middle), his Chief of Staff Christie Getto Young (2nd from right, and staff.

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for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

LOESCH NAMED TO HUSSON UNIVERSITY'S DEAN'S LIST

Everett resident, Carissa Loesch, has been named to Husson University's Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester.

During the spring semester, Loesch was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration and public health/Master of Science in occupational therapy (MSOT) program.

Students who make the Dean's List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.60 to 3.79 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

REGIS COLLEGE CELEBRATES 93RD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Empowered and inspired by their Regis education to serve as leaders and advocates for a more just and compassionate global society, members of the Class of 2023 celebrated their accomplishments with an inspirational commencement ceremony at the Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston featuring WH-DH's Amaka Ubaka who delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree, along with philanthropists Bill and Joyce Cummings. More than 1,300 students graduated with degrees ranging from associate to doctoral levels.

"It is now up to you to take what you have learned and leave this ceremony committed to bettering the world around us with your knowledge and

compassion. As the journey continues for each of you, I am confident in the future because you are in it," Regis College President Antoinette M. Hays, PhD, RN said to the graduates.

Ubaka delivered the commencement address urging graduates to embrace their "rebel hearts," a term used by the late singer Harry Belafonte to encourage individuals to stand up for what they believe in, even if it goes against the norm.

"Whether it's through volunteering, activism, or pursuing a career that aligns with your values and passions, each of you has the power to create positive change. Remember that life is a journey, not a destination. There will be ups and downs, twists and turns, and unexpected surprises along the way. Embrace the journey and don't be too hard on yourself if things don't always go as you planned in your head," said Ubaka. "As you move forward, remember that your unique experiences and perspectives are what make you special. Embrace your rebel heart, pursue your passions, and don't be afraid to take risks."

Thousands of friends and family members attended the ceremony, bringing their support and enthusiasm in celebration of the graduates' achievements.

The following local students earned degrees:

Brianna Paris of Everett graduated with a AS in Nursing

Scarlett Salerno of Everett graduated with a AS in Nursing

Aimee Duclos of Everett (graduated with a AS in Dental Hygiene

Roy Lima of Everett graduated with a BS in Medical Imaging

Daphney Lachapelle of Everett graduated with a MS in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

McLaura Trezil-Ortiz of Everett graduated with a MS in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

ST. JOHN'S PREP ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC HONORS

St. John's Prep recently

announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2022-2023 school year, which ended on June 2, 2023. Students who qualified for the Head of School's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following student was named to the academic honors list for the Fourth Quarter 2022-2023.

EVERETT
Head of School List
Nicholas Vogel '26

NGAN COMPLETES INTENSIVE RESEARCH PROJECT

Amy Ngan of Everett, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in Biomedical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), recently

completed a senior thesis that is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience. The project, Metric to Characterize Baseball Pitcher Fatigue, was Amy's Major Qualifying Project (MQP), one that is usually team-based and often focuses on very specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the student's work.

"It's inspiring to see

the creativity and skills that our students bring to these projects, as well as the professionalism with which they present their research," said Arne Gericke, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies and director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. "Their experience managing a major project like this-including identifying a problem and researching all of the implications and possible solutions while also managing team dynamics over an extended

period of several months-sets them up well for success not only in their first jobs after graduation but throughout their careers."

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in just the one week that we've had it available to the summer camp," said Triant. "We have over 150 kids a day, and it wouldn't be possible without a safe space for them, and they have come out to baptize it, it's been amazing."

Boston Scores Executive Director John Maconga noted that the mini-pitch is just the first phase of the Boston Scores \$15 million investment in the Salesian Boys & Girls Club.

"This is going to offer new program opportunities and really provide access to the whole community to a world-class educational and recreational facility," said Maconga, who thanked the club's board and leadership team for partnering with Boston Scores and making it feel like part of the family.

Maconga also thanked the other donors and partners in bringing the mini-pitch to East Boston.

Williamson, a former Boston Scores board member and current U.S.

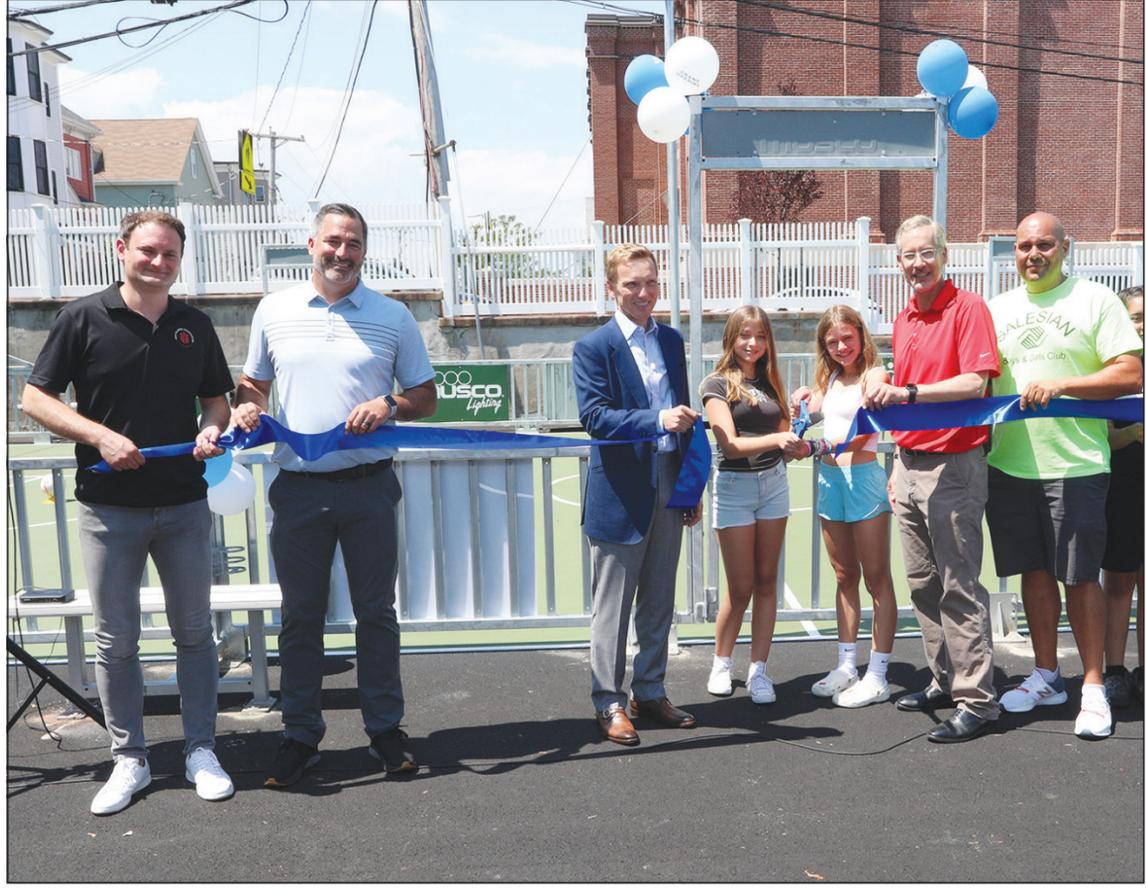
Soccer Foundation board member, said he and his wife Sarah were delighted to support the mini-pitch project.

"The mission of the (U.S. Soccer) Foundation is to bring innovative play spaces ... to underserved communities in a way that fosters wellbeing and helps youth to achieve their full potential," said Williamson. "It's great to see the embodiment of that mission here today with this field."

The U.S. Soccer Foundation works with 700,000 young people annually and has built 600 of the mini-pitches throughout the country.

"This is the first in the city of Boston, and really, what better place to have this one than at this fabulous boys and girls club," said Williamson.

Dan Jones of the Major League Soccer Players Association said he was excited to represent MLS players, who are committed to working with the communities they play and that the players are



Campers Carolina Arredondo and Melissa Balla assist with the ribbon cutting, shown from left: Dan Jones, Mike Berry from Musco Lighting (another sponsor) Mark Williamson, John Maconga, Michael Triant. The ribbon was cut, and the mini pitch was open for use.

from. Musco Lighting constructed the pitch, and will be adding lights soon so play can extend into the evening hours.

"Musco has partnered with U.S. Soccer and we



Ceremonial kicking of soccer balls by, from left: Amelia Wilkes, Tony Barbiero, Elizabeth DeBlas, Samuel Lisboa and Silene Pires.

have invested heavily with the goal to put 1,000 of these mini-pitches across the country by 2026 to promote youth sports

accessibility and equal play," said Mike Berry of Musco Lighting. Hitting that goal will coincide with the 2026

World Cup, which will be hosted by the United States and see games played in the Boston area.



On the grill, Emilio Passariello and Steve Carlo from Carlo's Catering.



Brad Feldman introduces the speakers.



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