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Denise Garlick, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Education (first row, center), Rep. Judith Garcia (first row, left) Rep. Joe McGonagle (back row, right) and the staff of Children's Playhouse.

McGonagle, Education Committee visit Everett early education centers

Special to the Independent

Last week, Rep. Joe McGonagle welcomed Representative Denise Garlick, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Education and her staff to visit two early education centers in Everett. The visit is part of the Education Committee's effort to understand the needs of early education centers across the Commonwealth post-pandemic.

The group began the visit at Children's Playhouse Daycare, a family owned and operated business that takes children from four weeks old through kindergarten. They then followed that by meeting with ABCD Headstart Everett, one of several Headstart programs across Boston, Malden, Medford and Everett. ABCD Headstart is a nonprofit organization aiming to give quality early education to low-income families. Each visit was comprised of a tour of the facilities and in-depth discussions with program leaders about the goals, struggles and needs of early education centers.

"To say I was impressed by both centers is certainly an understatement," said McGonagle. "I was truly blown away by the quality of care that exists in our own community. The settings for each were slightly different yet they both maintain the mission of the providing the best possible education and care to every child that walks through their doors. They are also committed to the wellbeing of their teachers and staff which is vital. This does not go without its' struggles though as we discussed raising costs of providing such quality



Rep. Joe McGonagle (far left), Rep. Judith Garcia (front left), Denise Garlick, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Education (far right) with staff of Children's Playhouse.



Rep. Joe McGonagle (second from the left) and Denise Garlick House Chair of the Joint Committee on Education (third from the right) with staff of the ABCD Head start.

care and staff retention." "Rep. Joe McGonagle's leadership has been integral to the Education Committee," said Representative Denise Garlick, Chair of the Education Committee. "In our visit he showed us saw the importance of accessible, affordable, and quality early education in the Everett community. Our visits to Children's Playhouse and

ABCD Head Start will inform us as we continue our focus on early education and care in the Legislature."

"I'm so thankful to these centers for welcoming us in and being gracious hosts who answered all our questions," said McGonagle. "I'm also grateful to my friend and colleague Chairwoman Denise Garlick who is working hard to better understand the

educational needs across the Commonwealth. I also want to thank Senator Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Judith Garcia for joining us."

The Education Committee, which McGonagle serves on, also visited early childcare centers in Malden and Lowell and will be conducting several more visits around the Commonwealth to different demographic and geographic areas.

Councillors seek to revive municipal scholarship fund

By Cary Shuman

Thanks to the diligent efforts of City Councillors Stephanie Martins and Vivian Nguyen, Everett High Class of 2024 graduates and future graduates may have access to college scholarships through a fund that currently exists in Everett.

Martins (Ward 2) and Nguyen (Ward 5) were looking into establishing a municipal scholarship fund "because several cities around us have one," said Martins.

During their research, they discovered that there

is an existing Everett Municipal Scholarship Fund that was established in 1976.

"On the city tax bill, there is a box that the taxpayers can check and donate to the scholarship fund, but the fund hasn't been active," related Martins.

Martins and Nguyen said the existing Scholarship Fund is listed under Article VIII of the General Ordinances, stating a fund will be established "to provide financial assistance to students in the city who

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Sgt. Joe Gaff says process is being updated for handicapped parking

By Cary Shuman

Everett Police Sgt. Joe Gaff, chairperson of the Everett Traffic Commission, said the city's handicapped parking sign process is being updated and will include a provision that applicants must notify the Commission every two years that the parking space is still required.

"We currently have all the handicapped parking assigned spaces and signs on file and we're going to implement a program that applicants will have to contact the Everett Police Department that the space is still in use," said Gaff,

who also oversees the EPD Traffic Division.

Gaff's announcement comes after Ward 1 Councillor Wayne Matewsky brought up the issue of handicapped parking signs for discussion at the Oct. 10 Council meeting.

Gaff said some handicapped parking signs were still situated in front of residences even though the original applicant for the handicapped sign no longer lived at the address for which the sign was intended.

"The issue at hand is

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Cornelio announces her candidacy for School Committee Ward 1

Margaret Cornelio announced her candidacy for School Committee, the following is her statement:

I'm Margaret Cornelio, candidate for School Committee in Ward 1.

I'm running because I'm upset with the politics being played by the current School Committee and know we can do better. I believe my experience and background in education, public service and community work makes me the best candidate for the job.

For over 20 years, I was a teacher's aide in the Everett Public Schools focused on special education. I worked alongside our amazing teachers to

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Margaret Cornelio, candidate for School Committee Ward 1.



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 for Ward 3 City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 7

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

City Council candidate Anthony DiPierro endorsed by State Representative Joe McGonagle

Anthony DiPierro is pleased to announce the endorsement of State Representative Joe McGonagle in his candidacy for Ward Three's City Councilor. DiPierro and McGonagle worked closely together as City Councilor and State Representative for a number of years, delivering results for residents of Everett in the areas of education funding, substance abuse prevention, transportation, economic development and public safety. Both understand that working together, respectfully, is how we get the best results for the people who live and work in our City.

"Anthony and I have worked together over the years to deliver top notch constituent service to the people of Everett. Anthony has the relationships and experience to ensure Ward Three gets the very best from our City and State Government", said State Representative Joe McGonagle. "When you



Anthony DiPierro (left) and State Rep. Joe McGonagle.

go out and vote on November 7th, or earlier, I respectfully ask that you give Anthony the greatest honor a citizen can give an elected official... your vote," McGonagle added.

Anthony DiPierro is running to be your Ward Three City Councilor to ensure our neighborhood gets the very best from City Government and the

attention it deserves. He remains committed to making sure your voice is listened to, your concerns are brought forward and Everett remains an inclusive community where everyone is counted. To learn more about Anthony's campaign for City Council, visit www.AnthonyDiPierro.com.

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assist in educating students from preschool to high school ages. Many of these students struggled with mobility issues, language barriers, or challenging home life situations. These years gave me a passion for helping all the youth of our city – and have provided me with a deep understanding of the experiences facing today's diverse student community.

I also served as past president of the Teachers Aides' Association, where I represented union members in contract negotiations. This role instilled in me the lesson to fight passionately for what is

right – not what may be politically popular.

Outside of the classroom, I've worked as a clerk for the Council on Aging, where I did everything from helping plan and organize our senior socials to resolving questions from our many daily senior visitors. Finally, I served in the Assessor's Office handling various office duties.

But even more important than my experience and dedication is that I promise to be an independent voice on the School Committee. I pledge not to follow anyone else's political agenda.

I will fight the over-

crowding in our schools by advocating for using the old Pope John High School as a new school. I'm also opposed to using modulars as classroom space – our kids deserve better!

Finally, I will stand up to the kind of politics that's leading to costly lawsuits, which end up costing taxpayers millions while taking away monies that would otherwise go to our students' education.

Please vote for a mother, a grandmother, and former teacher's aide in special education, Margaret Cornelio for School Committee, Ward One on Tuesday, November 7.

McGonagle, Massachusetts Legislature pass comprehensive tax relief package

With the goal of providing financial relief to families across the Commonwealth while making Massachusetts more competitive with other states, Rep. Joe McGonagle, along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature, overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan tax relief package supporting residents across all income levels on Thursday.

"I am thrilled we passed this long-awaited tax relief package," said McGonagle. "House and Senate leadership have proven that we in the Legislature are making it a priority to address affordability concerns in the Commonwealth without sacrificing our standards. We want Massachusetts to continue being the best place to live and work. I'm grateful to Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz and members of the conference committee for their work in getting this done."

"This tax relief package strikes the critically important balance of providing permanent financial relief to residents and businesses across Massachusetts, without compromising the long-term financial security of the Commonwealth," stated Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I'm confident that this tax reform legislation will help to make Massachusetts more affordable for all residents, while also helping to make the Commonwealth more competitive with other states. I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz, the members of the conference committee and all the members of the House, as well as Senate President Spilka and our partners in the Senate for working diligently to get this done."

"This tax relief package will help thousands of residents keep more money in their pockets by providing much needed financial assistance," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "This package will also help keep the Commonwealth an economically competitive work environment for both businesses and workers. "I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his leadership, my counterparts on the conference committee for their tireless work to make this legislation possible, as well as the entire Legislature for their collaboration on this issue."

The compromise bill includes the following tax changes:

Child and Dependent Tax Credit

The bill increases the refundable tax credit for a dependent child, disabled adult, or senior from \$180 to \$310 per dependent in taxable year 2023, and then to \$440 in taxable year 2024 and beyond, while eliminating the child/dependent cap. This expanded credit, which will benefit more than 565,000 families, will be the most generous universal child and dependent tax credit in the country.

Estate Tax

Massachusetts' current estate tax, which has not been updated in many years, has become an outlier in several ways. The changes made in this bill update the tax to bring it more in line with other states and eliminate punitive elements of the tax for those with incomes just high enough to trigger it. The bill reduces the estate tax for all taxpayers and eliminates the tax for all estates under \$2 million by allowing a uniform credit of \$99,600.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

This bill increases the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from 30 per cent to 40 per cent of the federal credit. This increase will provide crucial support to working individuals and families, benefitting nearly 400,000 taxpayers with incomes under \$60,000.

Single Sales Factor Apportionment

Currently, most businesses in Massachusetts are subject to a three-factor apportionment based on location, payroll, and receipts. To support companies headquartered in Massachusetts, this bill establishes a single sales factor apportionment in the Commonwealth based solely on receipts, matching what 39 other states currently do.

Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit

This bill doubles the refundable senior circuit breaker tax credit, which supports limited-income seniors facing high rents or real estate taxes, from \$1,200 to \$2,400. This change is expected to impact over 100,000 seniors across Massachusetts.

Rental Deduction Cap

This bill increases the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000. This is expected to impact about 800,000 Massachusetts taxpayers.

Short-Term Capital Gains Tax

At 12 per cent, Massachusetts is among the states with the highest short-term capital gains tax rate, and taxes short-term capital gains at a higher rate than long-term capital gains. The bill lowers the short-term capital gains tax rate to 8.5 per cent.

Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP)

The bill increases the statewide cap from \$10 million to \$57 million for 2023, and subsequently to \$30 million annually, which will provide Gateway Cities with an expanded tool to develop market rate housing. This increase is estimated to create 12,500 new homes in Gateway Cities and spur over \$4 billion of private investment in these communities.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit

This bill raises the annual authorization from \$40 million to \$60 mil-

lion. This increased authorization cap provides enough funding to spur the creation of thousands of new units of affordable housing annually while also bolstering economic development.

Local Option**Property Tax Exemption for Affordable Housing**

This new policy will permit municipalities to adopt a local property tax exemption for affordable real estate that is rented by a person whose income is less than a certain level set by the community.

Title V Cesspool or Septic System Tax Credit

This bill will triple the maximum credit from \$6,000 to \$18,000 and increases the amount claimable to \$4,000 per year, easing the burden on homeowners facing the high cost of septic tank replacement or repair.

Additional Tax Changes

- Lead Paint Abatement: Doubles the credit to \$3,000 for full abatement and \$1,000 for partial abatement, to support families with older homes.

- Dairy Tax Credit: Increases the statewide cap from \$6 million to \$8 million, to provide more assistance for local farmers during downturns in milk prices.

- Student Loan Repayment Exemption: Ensures that employer student loan payments are not treated as taxable compensation.

- Commuter Transit Benefits: Makes public transit fares, as well as ferry and regional transit passes and bike commuter expenses, eligible for the commuter expense tax deduction.

- Apprenticeship Tax Credit Reforms: Expands the occupations for which this workforce development credit is available.

- Cider Tax: Raises the maximum amount of alcohol for these classes of drinks to 8.5 per cent, allowing more locally produced hard cider and still wines to be taxed at a lower rate.

- Senior Property Tax Volunteer Program: Increases from \$1,500 to \$2,000 the maximum that municipalities may allow for certain seniors to reduce from their property tax by participating in the senior work-off program.

Additional Reforms

In addition to tax relief, the bill updates Chapter 62F of the Massachusetts General Laws, which triggered nearly \$3 billion in taxpayer refunds in 2022. This law requires that excess revenue be returned to taxpayers when tax revenue collections in a given fiscal year exceed an annual tax revenue cap. The bill passed today ensures that each credit is applied equally to every taxpayer.

The bill also adjusts the Stabilization Fund cap, allowing the Commonwealth's savings account to retain more funding. In addition, the bill requires married taxpayers who file a joint return with the federal government to file a joint state return, subject to exemptions or adjustments promulgated by the Department of Revenue (DOR).

Having passed the House of Representatives and Senate, the bill now goes to the Governor for her consideration.

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Tran, Dan	Foppiano, Karin D	11 Foster St	\$840,000
Guerra-Perez, Elder M	Labonte, Randolph A	23 Mohan St	\$510,000
Wulf, Kevin F	Zidor, Pierre	25 Parker St	\$689,000
Gelin, Leonie	Oscar & Sophia Campos In	54 Sycamore St	\$605,000
Alexis, Jean	Tevez, Jose	60 Baker Rd	\$690,000
Mei, Jan	Napolitano Ft	60 Windsor St	\$635,000
Guillen, Villma A	Diamelio Irt Rt	148 Cottage St	\$620,000
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Lackland scores five touchdowns In Everett's 41-6 rout of Medford

Senior is named Herald 'Star of the Week'

By Cary Shuman

Damien Lackland rushed for 135 yards and scored five touchdowns as the Everett High School football rolled to a 41-6 victory over Medford Friday night.

Lackland's speed and skills proved to be too much for Medford (3-3) who has improved a lot this season and had shut out Somerville, 20-0, in its previous game.

Lackland's effort earned him Boston Herald Star of the Week honors in Division 1.

Senior Matthew LaMonica also rushed for a touchdown for Everett.

Head coach Justin Flores singled out Everett High players Christian Zamor, Shane McKenzie, Aidan Duclos, Domenic

Papa, and Pedro Rodriguez for their outstanding defensive play in the win over Medford.

Everett is ranked at a solid No. 6 in the Boston Globe Top 20 poll, but sits at No. 16 in the Division 1 Power Rankings that will determine Everett's playoff status. The top 16 teams qualify for the playoffs. At this point, Everett would have to go on the road for the opening round of the playoffs.

"We just have to take care of business and beat our rival (Malden at MacDonald Stadium Thursday) and then play a really good Lynn Classical team," said Flores. "We're going week by week and don't want to look too far ahead. You have to play good teams in the playoffs

no matter where you're seeded."

If all goes according to form this week, Everett (5-1) and Lynn Classical (4-2) and hosting Revere this week) would play for the Greater Boston League championship on Senior Night (Oct. 27) at Everett Memorial Stadium.

Flores is earning plaudits for his leadership of the vaunted Crimson Tide program. Following a loss to Xaverian in the season opener, the Tide have rattled off five victories and are the third-rated team in Division 1 behind St. John's Prep (who plays John DiBiao's No. 1-ranked Catholic Memorial this week) and Xaverian. The team is showing improvement across the board and its dramatic win over BC High has reenergized the Tide's large fan base.



Everett High senior Damien Lackland, who scored five touchdowns in the victory over Medford, is pictured during the Tide's previous game versus Revere. Lackland takes advantage of some tremendous blocking by his teammates on the play.

Scholarship / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

have been accepted at an institution of higher learning beyond high school."

A board of trustees, consisting of nine persons, including the city auditor, city treasurer, and super-

intendent of schools, was tasked with overseeing the scholarship fund.

"Since we can't establish the scholarship fund, we're asking the administration to revive it and the

board of trustees to finally come to be," said Martins.

Martins and Nguyen have requested an update on the scholarship fund at the Oct. 23 Council meeting.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



Last year's Halloween Bash was a huge success with more than 1,000 people attending, dressed up in costumes and interacting with characters like this scarecrow.

CITY TO HOST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will host the annual Halloween Bash on Tuesday, October 31, from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Everett Recreation Center, 47 Elm Street.

Residents and their families are invited to attend the spookiest celebration of the year as attendees will enjoy an array of activities, arts and crafts, entertainment for children and giveaways full of candy... lots of candy. Halloween costumes are strongly encouraged for all who plan to attend.

"We're excited to once again host the annual Halloween Bash for residents of all ages to celebrate with us," said Mayor DeMaria. "It's always a wonderful time for families and residents of all ages to dress up in costumes and partake in all the fun of

this event."

To learn more about this event, please visit cityofeverett.com/events/halloween-bash-2023.

CITY SEEKING PHOTOS OF EVERETT VETERANS FOR 'WALL OF HEROES'

The City of Everett Veterans Services Department is seeking photos of Everett veterans who served in any branch of the United States military to be placed on the "Wall of Heroes" at the Connolly Center.

Residents are asked to submit any photos they may have of Everett residents while serving in any branch of the U.S. military. The Veterans Service Department would like to place these photos on the new "Wall of Heroes" to honor all those who served.

"We are truly thankful for all those who served

our military and want to continue to show our appreciation of their service by showcasing their photos on our Wall of Heroes," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "We encourage all veterans or friends and family of a veteran to submit any photos they may have."

"The purpose of creating the Wall of Heroes is to connect the past with the present and hopefully the future veterans of the City of Everett," said Director of Veterans Services Antoine Coleman. "To celebrate the men and women who signed up to defend this country from all enemies foreign and domestic, and to bring awareness to residents of all the heroes among us."

For more information and to submit photos, please email Director of Veterans Services Antoine Coleman at Antoine.Coleman@ci.everett.ma.us or call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Veterans Services Department.

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that people pass away or move away and the [handicapped parking] spot still stays there," said Matewsky. "I received a couple of calls, one on High Street, that the man moved away, and the sign is still there. I got a call the next day from a man on Reynolds Avenue at Malden Street, and according to him, the person who originally requested the sign moved

away ten years ago."

Matewsky said he was pleased that Sgt. Gaff was well into the updating process for all handicapped parking signs in the city and that the matter was being handled so expeditiously and professionally by Gaff and the Traffic Commission.

In addition to Gaff, the other members of the Everett Traffic Commission

(according to the city's website) are Transportation Planner Jay Monty, Director of Parking Chad Luongo, James Lavecchio Sr. (Ward 1), Frederick Cafasso Jr. (Ward 2), Theresa Naimo (Ward 3), Stephen Altieri (Ward 4), Leo Pizzano (Ward 5), and Al Lattanzi (Ward 6), who is also the Ward 6 city councilor.

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CITY COUNCIL ... No. C0282-23

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE AN ORDER REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO CALL FOR THE 2023 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

/s/Michael K. Marchese, as President

Be it Ordered: By the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts, as follows:

That in accordance with the provisions of the General Law of Massachusetts and the Everett City Charter, the Election Commission and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the City of Everett, qualified to vote, as the law requires, to assemble at the several polling places, for and within the several precincts, where they are duly registered voters on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2023 for the MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION**, then and there to give in their votes for the election of candidates for the following offices:

City Council At-Large
City Council Ward 1
City Council Ward 2
City Council Ward 3
City Council Ward 4
City Council Ward 5
City Council Ward 6

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- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY COUNCIL ...No. C0283-23

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE AN ORDER REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE POLLING PLACES AND A CALL FOR THE FITTING OF SAID POLLING PLACES FOR THE 2023 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

/s/Michael K. Marchese, as President

Be it Ordered: By the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts, as follows:

That the polls be opened from 7 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock in the evening and the City Clerk and Elections Commission to cause all voting places to be properly fitted up for the Municipal General Election, **TUESDAY, November 7th, 2023;**

Be it Further Ordered: That the following places, be designated as polling places for the above mentioned Municipal General Election, **TUESDAY, November 7th, 2023:**

WARD 1	Precinct 1	Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea St
	Precinct 2	Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea St
	Precinct 3	Whittier School, 337 Broadway
	Precinct 3A	Whittier School, 337 Broadway
WARD 2	Precinct 1	Kevearian School, 20 Nichols St
	Precinct 2	Kevearian School, 20 Nichols St
	Precinct 2A	Kevearian School, 20 Nichols St
	Precinct 3	Parlin School, 587 Broadway
WARD 3	Precinct 1	Community Center, 21 Whittier Dr
	Precinct 2	Rec Center, 47 Elm St
	Precinct 3	Rec Center, 47 Elm St
WARD 4	Precinct 1	Lafayette School, Bryant St entrance
	Precinct 2	Glendale Towers, 381 Ferry St
	Precinct 3	Lafayette School, Bryant St entrance
WARD 5	Precinct 1	Maddie English, 105 Woodville St
	Precinct 2	City Hall 484 Broadway, Kevearian Room
	Precinct 3	Parlin School, 587 Broadway
WARD 6	Precinct 1	Maddie English, 105 Woodville St
	Precinct 2	Parlin Library, 410 Broadway
	Precinct 3	City Services, 19 Norman St

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HAMAS ARE TERRORISTS, NOT FREEDOM-FIGHTERS

The demonstrations that have been occurring around the country, especially on college campuses, in apparent support of the Hamas terrorists who slaughtered 1400 Israelis, have been disappointing on many levels.

The Hamas organization is not composed of “freedom fighters” who are seeking to better the lives of the two million people of Gaza. Rather, Hamas is a terrorist group that proclaims only one goal -- the destruction of the State of Israel -- and has shown it will stop at nothing to achieve its ends, including the cold-blooded slaughter of 1400 Israeli civilian men, women, and children.

In addition, Hamas and its masters, the Iranian government leaders (who have funded and trained the Hamas terrorists), consider the two million residents of the Gaza strip -- of whom half are children -- essentially as cannon fodder to achieve their objective of provoking a response from Israel that, they hope, will set the Middle East, if not the entire world, aflame.

The massacre at the Israeli kibbutzim, dance festival, and villages on October 7 accomplished nothing, other than to bring about an Israeli military invasion of Gaza that the Israelis see as necessary in order to root out the military capacity of the Hamas terrorists, but which Hamas knows invariably will result in the deaths of hundreds of innocent Gazan civilians and children.

Peace in the Middle East will be achievable only when all Arab states and Iran are willing to acknowledge the right of the State of Israel simply to exist. However, given that Iran, Hamas, and others preach that Israel must be destroyed, peace will never be achieved and the endless cycle of violence only will continue for future generations, a sad state of reality that the pro-Hamas demonstrators conveniently ignore.

WILL A PILL MAKE AMERICANS SLIMMER?

Americans have been overeating -- and eating the wrong kinds of food -- for a long time. It is estimated that 40 percent of Americans are obese and another 32 percent of us are overweight -- which means that three out of every four Americans maintain an unhealthy weight. American men today weigh 30 pounds more than they did 50 years ago and American women now weigh as much as that average American man of 50 years ago.

Americans currently rank in the top 10 among all countries for obesity in the world (those who rank higher than us for obesity mostly are small, developing nations) and we are the most overweight nation of every affluent country on earth.

Diabetes has become epidemic in the U.S. and the economic costs stemming from health issues related to our obese society runs in the billions of dollars, while bringing misery to hundreds of millions of our fellow citizens. During the recent pandemic, the biggest factor (aside from being over the age of 65) for developing a serious case of COVID-19 was being overweight.

However, it would appear that a miracle solution -- in the form of drugs originally meant to treat diabetes that also have been shown to tamp down patients' appetites -- is on the horizon.

These drugs already are being prescribed “off-label” for use as weight-loss drugs and the results thus far have been dramatic. In addition, these drugs also show promise for other medical conditions, such as improving blood pressure and cholesterol levels, improving blood sugar levels in patients with diabetes, delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes, and decreasing the occurrence of repeat heart attacks and strokes in those who have type 2 diabetes.

Wall St. believes that these drugs will have a dramatic effect on our society. The two drug companies who make these drugs, Eli Lilly (Mounjaro) and Novo Nordisk (Ozempic and Wegovy), have seen their stock prices surge, while those in the snack food industry -- the makers of junk food such as Twinkies, Oreos, and Doritos -- have seen their stock prices plummet in recent weeks.

There are still many questions about the efficacy and side effects of these new drugs if they are to be prescribed for weight loss, but the future holds hope that America may have found a “cure” for our obesity epidemic.

Your opinions, please

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EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, October 24th at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

Chess Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Wednesday, October 25th from 3-5pm. Play, learn, and practice chess at our club meetings every other Wednesday. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Call 617-394-2300 with any questions. No registration required.

Armchair Travel to China Parlin Meeting Room, Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. Can't get away? Travel with us as the Falun Dafa Association of New England presents a cultural history of China.

Pumpkin Painting Palooza Parlin Meeting Room, Saturday, October 28th at 12:00pm. All ages are welcome to join us in your spooky paint-friendly clothes and enjoy a monster-mashup of music while you create your very own pumpkin masterpiece. Registrations are required for all participants. This program is generously funded by

the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, October 23rd from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime with Vera. Parlin Children's Room. Tuesday, October 24th at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children's Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

Crafts for Kids Parlin Children's Room. Tuesday, October 24th at 3pm. Join us this month for fall-themed crafts! All kids ages 3 and up are welcome; please come and join the fun! Registration is required. Sign up online or at the Parlin Children's desk.

A Forensics Mystery at the Library, Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, October 24th at 3:30pm. Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) wanted! As we near Halloween, come join real scientists as we learn about blood! We'll learn about the role of blood in forensics and will use sci-

ence to solve a mystery based on 'blood' evidence. Young scientists in grades 5-8 will see how crimes can be solved using blood typing and act like forensics experts. Participants will take home an exciting science gift related to the program! Registration is required, and space is limited, so sign up today! This program is funded by the Everett Cultural Council.

Storytime and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, October 25th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, October 27th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Coco with your friends and family.

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, October 28th at 12pm. Come and practice the ancient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

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

Pumpkin Paint Night, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, October 24th at 7 PM. Join the Shute Library for a Pumpkin Paint Night! This event will be instructed step-by-step with a monster mash-up of music. Dress in your spooky paint-friendly clothes; bring home your pumpkin masterpiece that will be ready to adorn your house for the holiday! This event is for ages 14-109; registrations are required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

NEWS IN BRIEF

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM HOSTS FREE, PUBLIC BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR “OLD IRONSIDES”

The USS Constitution Museum will host a free, public “Birthday Bash” to celebrate USS Constitution's birthday on October 21, 2023, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Museum in Charlestown Navy Yard.

On October 21, 1797, USS Constitution slipped into the waters of Boston Harbor. While “Old Ironsides” commemorates this event 226 years later with a historic, annual Underway cruise in Boston Harbor, the Museum invites the public to welcome the Ship back to the pier and join in the celebration. The Museum will offer festive activities throughout the day, including USS Constitution-themed minigolf, yard games, and interactive fun for all ages.

“While most people think of the Ship on July 4, we consider October 21st as “Old Ironsides” birthday. Two hundred and twenty-six years ago, Americans boldly dared to dream, build, and launch this remarkable vessel, one of the six original ships of the United States Navy. It is a unique Boston story, too,” notes Museum President and CEO Anne Grimes Rand. “This is where Constitution was built and remains, a living piece of our history that we can still experience. The world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and America's Ship of State will cruise into Bos-

ton Harbor once again, and we want to offer the public a way to experience and celebrate this exciting moment, too.”

USS CONSTITUTION TO GO UNDERWAY FOR 226TH ANNIVERSARY

USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway for its 226th Anniversary on Saturday, October 21, at 10 a.m.

USS Constitution will be closed in the morning and reopen to the public for tours following the underway from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Family members and distinguished guests will join Old Ironsides' current crew to celebrate the ship's historic 226th milestone.

The underway will include a 21-gun salute viewable from Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:15 a.m. and an additional 17-gun salute as she passes U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston at approximately 12:15.

USS Constitution's cruise will be viewable from the Boston Harborwalk, Castle Island, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

The USS Constitution Museum invites the public to join the festivities at a Birthday Block Party on Saturday, October 21, following the underway of Constitution.

Family-friendly activities and games will mark the day, including a USS Constitution-themed 9-hole miniature golf course.

Birthday party-goers

can also participate in lawn games courtesy of USO New

England, activities run by fellow military branches, and music by the Navy Northeast Band.

The event is free for all ages and no registration is required. More information is available at usscm.org.

USS Constitution is open to free public visitation Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USS Constitution Museum is open to the public every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the

Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents.

The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.

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Continuous training

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For us, continuous training means that learning never ends for a dog or the people who train and communicate with the animal. The human half of the team needs to keep up with and improve their skills and methods. The canine teammate requires ongoing reminders and refinements of the behaviors that make a dog a great dog.

Nancy Kerns is the editor of the Whole Dog Journal, one of our most trustworthy resources for all dog information. Last January, she wrote an article in the publication about why she still takes training classes and why most dog guardians should.

While this is important and can benefit every family with a dog, it is vital

when the dog has behavioral issues. Kerns wrote, “A single multiple-week course would help anyone get to know and understand their dog better and communicate with the dog better, which would likely help the dog understand what the heck is expected of him better, too— which would surely relieve some of the anxiety that’s likely driving some of his problematic behavior!”

How to Train Yourself

Classes are one way to train the trainer. Locally, groups like the Animal Rescue League and MSP-CA offer a wide range of classes from “Puppy Kindergartens” to “Learn to Train Your Dog” at various locations in the Greater Boston area.

Group classes have the advantage of putting you and your dog in a situation where there are distract-

tions, other dogs, people of many experience levels, and the support of professional trainers.

Another benefit of group classes is that you can learn from your classmates. They may ask questions you didn’t think to ask or share tips that they have worked for them. They may bring up issues they are having that you share.

You can also learn what not to do by noticing those who need to practice the skills they have learned between classes or even in class. And, as in any social situation, you and your dog may make new friends with a common interest.

Private Training

You could also opt for private classes with a carefully selected trainer. Whole Dog Journal also had an article on this top-

ic by their training editor, Pat Miller, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA. She warns that anyone can call themselves a trainer; many bad and dangerous ones are out there.

She recommends finding one through one of the Dog-Trainer Certifying Organizations. If your veterinary practice has a certified veterinarian behaviorist, that person can help you find someone who specializes in the type of training you prefer.

Once you have a referral or two, you should interview the candidates. Ask about their training philosophy to ensure their methods are force-free, reward-based, and backed by science. Miller suggests, “Ask if they would ever use a choke (slip), prong (pinch), or shock collar (also called “electronic collars” or



You may need to learn to train your dog on how not to do something, like stealing food. (photo from istockphoto.com)

“e-collars”). We don’t recommend trainers who use these tools.” Finally, ask for references, and at this point, ask your friends and acquaintances if they have any information about your finalist.

We keep up with the latest training methods and ideas by subscribing to dog publications like the Whole Dog Journal. You can also follow websites like Patricia McConnell,

Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (CAAB) Emeritus’s “The Other End of the Leash.” We also recommend the work of behaviorist Karen B. London, PhD, CAAB, CPDT-KA, on the site, The Wildest.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Massport, elected officials celebrate modernization of Terminal E and 100 years of connecting to the world

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) today joined Governor Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, airline partners and other stakeholders to celebrate the completion of the Modernization of Terminal E as well as Boston Logan’s 100-year anniversary.

Massport recently completed four new gates in Terminal E, the airport’s international terminal, along with respective amenities to support the increased operational demands and create a better and more efficient travel experience for passengers. Once through the new security checkpoint, passengers flow into an open space with high ceilings drenched in natural light where they will find a number of new concessions, departure lounges and can access new airline clubs on the fourth level. The project included construction of approximately 390,000 square feet and renovations to the existing Terminal E structure to create a unified building.

Throughout the last century, Boston Logan has grown from a small field with two runways to a world-class transportation hub with more than 120 non-stop destinations, providing people and businesses with a gateway to opportunity. Opened in September 1923 for the military, the airport quickly grew in response to advancements in aviation technology and the demand for commercial flights. The Commonwealth and City of Boston both managed the facility for a period. Massport has owned and managed the airport since 1956. Terminal E was first built in 1974 with 12 gates; these new gates bring the total number to 16.

“Logan International Air-



Shown (back row left to right) are John Fish, (CEO, Suffolk Construction) Martha Sheridan (President & CEO of Meet Boston), Sam Sleiman (Executive Vice President, National Transportation, Suffolk Construction), Senator Brendan Crighton (Chair, Transportation Committee), Luciana Burdi (Director of Capital Programs & Environmental Affairs, Massport), Dan Kraft (President of the Kraft Group-International & CEO of International Forest Products). Shown (front row left to right) are Tom Glynn (MBTA Board Chair and Former CEO of Massport), Jane Garvey (Former FAA Administrator & former director of Logan Airport), Acting Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Lisa Wieland (Massport CEO), Governor Maura Healey, Ed Freni (Director of Aviation, Massport), Patricia Jacobs (Massport Board Chair), Linda Pizzuti Henry (CEO of Boston Globe Media).

port is a critical economic engine for our state. These fantastic new upgrades at Terminal E are going to supercharge that engine and help to elevate our image on the world stage,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We are thrilled with the completion of this new step forward at Logan, and we are grateful to Massport, the Biden Administration and our Congressional delegation for their leadership and partnership on this critical project.”

Project details include:

- New, state of the art TSA 7-lane security checkpoint;
- An expanded Arrivals Level curb;
- Expanded ticketing area;
- Over 100,000 sq. footage of modern hold room and concession space;
- Enhanced outbound baggage handling system and baggage claim capacity; and
- Advanced amenities and diversified seating options to enhance the passenger experience.

“Logan Airport is a gateway to opportunity and fosters connections for residents, businesses, universities and organizations in the global economy,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “We look forward to the continued partnership with Massport and investments into our communities.”

Sustainability Benefits

The goal of this project was to create a sustainable, high-performance, resilient,

and resource-efficient terminal building that is comfortable for passengers and employees. The design will achieve energy efficiencies at a minimum 20% better than the MA Energy Code. Upgrades to the HVAC system will improve the terminal’s overall energy efficiency and help achieve LEED Gold certification.

The project integrates several innovative environmental features includ-

ing photovoltaic window glazing, glare controlling View@ glass and an energy efficient displacement ventilation system. Other benefits include:

- Lower energy and greenhouse gas emissions;
- Water conservation;
- Additional waste management and recycling;
- Air quality improvement; and
- Reduced energy consumption.

Amenities and Concessions

This modernization responds to diverse passenger needs by providing various amenities within the departures level including a mothers’ room and sensory room. The addition of the Sensory Room makes Boston Logan one of the few major airports in the U.S. to provide this type of experience to passengers of all ages. The space has various interactive stations that focus on balance, light therapy and cognitive/memory improvement, including a room that replicates an airplane cabin to help passengers acclimate themselves with the often stressful experience of flying. This initiative is a continuation of Massport’s efforts towards

creating more inclusive spaces for passengers.

Passengers will also have access to a number of new dining options including sit down restaurants as well as grab-and-go including Sal’s Pizza, Boston Harbor Distillery, Legal Sea Foods, Boston Market Grab and Go, Hudson Grab and Go and a Marketplace food court. The space also features stores such as Whiskey Connoisseur, ISTORE and flow through Duty Free by Dufry.

The new security checkpoint will include seven new Analogic Computed Tomography (CT) lanes, which create 3-D images that can be rotated 360 degrees for thorough visual image analysis by a TSA Officer. Because of their enhanced imaging capabilities, travelers will enjoy the added benefit of keeping their laptops and other electronic devices in their carry-on bags during screening.

“Modernizing Terminal E represents Massport’s strong commitment to strengthening our role as an economic engine and connecting the people and busi-

See MASSPORT Page 6

EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP FOR WARD 3

As City Councilor, Anthony DiPierro has led on the issues that matter to Ward 3 and Our City

- ✓ Established Council’s Committee on Opioid Crisis.
- ✓ Lobbied administration to hire a city clinician and substance abuse coordinator.
- ✓ Modernized outdated lodging laws to ensure developers pay their fair share.
- ✓ Advocated for the Student Opportunity Act, which increased Everett’s School Funding by tens of millions of dollars.
- ✓ Passed the 25 MPH city-wide speed limit to make our neighborhoods safer.
- ✓ Sponsored Police Cadet legislation in an effort to further diversify our Police Department.
- ✓ Consistently voted for infrastructure improvements and the beautification of Ward 3.
- ✓ Earned Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Certificate from Suffolk University.



ANTHONY DIPIERRO

For Ward 3 City Council

Vote ANTHONY DIPIERRO by Tuesday, November 7

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Dāphā Songs with Pushpa Palanchoke
Presentation of traditional songs from Nepal
Sunday, Oct 22nd at 3:00 pm

We welcome Pushpa Palanchoke, an applied ethnomusicologist from Nepal who believes in the transformative power of collective music-making. Pushpa will present Dāphā songs mostly based on the tradition of Kirtipur and Kathmandu. Additionally, she will recite her poetry in between the songs as articulations for the songs.

This event is organized by Smit Shrestha.
Photo credit: Nija Maharjan

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THE GREAT CHELSEA FIRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Chelsea and its Emergency Management Department hosted an event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Great Chelsea Fire (see Page 7) that occurred on October 14, 1973.

The fire began in the rag shop district of the city, near the Everett line, on a very windy Sunday afternoon and destroyed 18 city blocks.

More than 110 fire departments, including the Everett Fire Department, fought the fire which took three days to finally be extinguished.

Firefighters are credited with setting up a wall of defense at Chelsea's Williams School, preventing the fire from spreading throughout the entire city. Several Chelsea residents chose to evacuate their homes during the fast-moving fire, whose flames and smoke could be seen from miles away.

Below, is a copy of the Monday, October 15, 1973 edition of The Chelsea Record, one day after the Great Chelsea Fire of 1973.



Reproduction photos of the great fire were on display at the Chelsea Station.

THE CHELSEA RECORD

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Monday Oct. 15, 1973

Most Of Ward Two, City Yard, 60 Homes Destroyed; Williams School, City Hall, Fire House Burn, But Saved . . .

1,000 HOMELESS, DAMAGE \$100 MILLION IN CHELSEA'S SECOND DISASTROUS FIRE



FIRE ROARS through the southwest portion of the city yesterday afternoon, engulfing a score of city blocks in flames and black billowing smoke. Firefighters battled the blaze at the intersection of Fifth and Spruce sts., in the above photo, trying to contain the monumental blaze.



THE CONFLAGRATION broke out at 3:56 p.m. yesterday in a shop on Summer st. and raged until well into the morning, demolishing homes and businesses, including the structure shown in the above photo, in the congested Ward 2 section of the city.

A massive, general alarm fire, city this morning, but was believed under control. The city had the appearance of an armed camp, as hundreds of National Guardsmen and police cordoned off the area, and allowed only cars having official business to enter the city. Completely destroyed were scores of buildings in the waste area on Second st., Third st., and Spruce st. Also destroyed were many homes, more than 20 on Vale st. Completely destroyed was the city yard on Fifth st. Damaged but saved from destruction were the Williams School, the City Hall, and the engine 5 fire house. The fire cut a swath a mile long from the Everett line to almost the Mystic-Tobin bridge, and ran a course a half mile wide from Second st. to the proximity of Sixth st.

Palls of thick black smoke hundreds of feet in the air, blanketed the city, and was wafted over East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop and into the harbor. The flames leapt from building to building with amazing rapidity. Firemen would no sooner send a stream into one building, when the adjoining one caught. It was soon apparent in the late afternoon that the buildings ablaze could not be saved, and efforts were directed into containing the fires in areas involved. This too loomed an insurmountable task despite the greatest influx of firefighters and equipment in the city's history. More than 60 departments and firemen from a radius of 70 miles statewide responded, many coming on a volunteer basis, together with auxiliary units and lighting plants. More than 100 ambulances streamed into the city in the event they were needed.

outsiders to remain away. All entrances into the city from Revere and East Boston, as well as Everett, were closed off. More than 1,000 police officers, including over 50 state troopers, and 30 Boston Police tactical men, came into the city to assist. Several reports of looting were received at the police station, and four youths were later taken into custody, two were found on the roof of a building. In the early evening, when the flames continued to spread, and the situation appeared grave, plans were made to evacuate Chelsea Memorial Hospital if the fire got beyond Broadway. The tremendous use of water affected the supply at the hospital, and at the request of the mayor, the National Guard sent a tank truck to the hospital to meet the needs.

City Appears Like Armed Camp
Fire was still very much in evidence in various sections of the city.

Security guards and watchmen on Second st. saw the fire break out about 3:50 p.m. in a shop on Summer st., near Carter, and alerted the fire department which sounded the first alarm at 3:56. When the first engine arrived on the scene, the fire, fed by tires, was a raging inferno. Second and third alarms were sounded in a matter of minutes, as the flames, whipped by a 40 to 50 mile an hour wind, spread like wildfire. When it was apparent it was out of control, a general alarm was sounded. The flames quickly spread into the Second and Third st. areas, and along the tracks to Everett av.

Hundreds Flee, Ordered From Homes
As the evening advanced, and it became apparent hundreds would be forced from their homes, evacuation plans were ordered into effect. Residents in the Fourth st., Everett av., Arlington, and Walnut st. areas, and even as far as Chestnut st., were ordered from their homes. Hundreds fled carrying suitcases and other belongings and valuables. The State Armory, Spencer av., was set up to accommodate 1,100 evacuees. Also offering facilities in the event they were needed were the Soldiers Home, the Naval Hospital, St. Rose Church, the St. Andrews B.B.C., the YMHA Community Center, and the St. Andrews B.B.C. Over 1,000 persons did register at the Armory, but the majority later found lodgings with friends and relatives. Scores did remain overnight at the Armory. State and city officials from nearby communities flocked to the police station to offer assistance. Mayor Reinstein of Revere offered 25 buildings to care for refugees if needed. He also sent over a supply of food. Governor Sargent kept apprised of the situation and sent an aide here to confer with the mayor. State (Continued on Page Two)

Disaster Information Center
A disaster information center which can be reached by calling 854-2864 has been set up at city hall.
Any persons who want to contribute or have need of food, clothing or shelter are asked to call the center.
A job information center will also be set up. The telephone number will be made available tomorrow.

NO BINGO TONIGHT
DUE TO CIVIC DISASTER.
P.A.V. Post 13
35 Fourth St.

Thousands of Curious Hamper Firemen
Thousands of curious, in cars, converged on the city, hampering firemen as well as police trying to maintain order and fire lines. Mayor Philip J. Spelman and Police Chief Abraham Burgin went aboard a helicopter to survey the situation. When they returned, they set in motion machinery to completely close off the city to outsiders. Radio and TV stations were asked to join in a plea for

TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS . . . THANK YOU . . .
... from the Children of Chelsea
As yesterday's tragic fire raged up Vale Street, engulfed the City Yards and the surrounding homes, it then headed toward the Williams School.
The destruction of our largest school was actually only moments away — when an incredible and unbelievable wall of water was set up along Arlington Street from Fourth St. to Vale St., to Fifth St.
This truly superhuman effort saved the Williams School from certain destruction — and saved Chelsea taxpayers millions of dollars as well.
As a former Mayor for 4 years, and a School Committeeman for 16 years, I have never seen a more courageous display by public employees.
I know I speak for my colleagues on the School Committee when I say: "Thank God for the courage of all our Firefighters."
A special word of gratitude to Joe Magner, Frank Mondano and Asa Burke whose efforts — like those of the firefighters and police were truly far beyond the call of duty.
Gratefully,
Andrew P. Quigley,
School Committeeman



EN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY, Mayor Philip J. Spelman, and other city officials view the still-smoldering shells of Arlington st. buildings in the devastated Ward Two area this morning. The senator toured the area for an hour and discussed the economic impact of the fire with the mayor, promising the city his aid in obtaining federal funds to cope with the fire disaster. Gov. Francis W. Sargent, who declared the city a disaster area, was also scheduled to tour the area today.

BINGO TONIGHT
ST. ROSE SCHOOL HALL
Broadway
7:45 p.m.

CITY of CHELSEA CANCELLATION
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THE GREAT CHELSEA FIRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

City of Chelsea Holds Event on 50th Anniversary of the Great Chelsea Fire of 1973



Chelsea Fire Chief Len Albanese and Jake Wark from the State Fire Marshall's Office.



Firefighter Gabe Ruiz, assigned to Tower 1 is serving his last shift this day, after 32 years of outstanding service to the Chelsea Fire Department and the Community of Chelsea. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication.



Deputy Fire Chief John Quatieri is interviewed by Chelsea TV, also shown, Paul Koolloian, Supervisor of Chelsea Emergency Management, Director of Emergency Management and Communications Steve Staffier, and Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, Jennifer Hassell.



Ed Dunn with his mother, Jeanne Dunn, family of Deputy Chief Ed (Pat) Dunn were on hand at the Chelsea Station Restaurant.



Sarah Ritch looks over one of the displays, giving a full account of the fire.



Captain Bob Denning (fourth from right) and Captain Paul Doherty (second from left) with Cristian Avellaneda, Sean Dunn and Kevin DeJesus outside of the Chelsea Station Restaurant.



Recovered video of the fire was watched by all that visited the tribute to the Chelsea Fire Department on the 50th Anniversary of the fire.

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Vote **ANTHONY DIPIERRO** for Ward 3 City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 7
LEADERSHIP THAT LISTENS

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Chelsea Fire Fighters were at the Chelsea Station Restaurant last Saturday afternoon, remembering the 50th Anniversary of the Great Chelsea Fire.

CITY OF EVERETT Carlo DeMaria Mayor
HALLOWEEN BASH
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Fall backyard activities for families

By Valerie Smith

'Tis the season of fall. If you and your kids have been waiting for the breezy winds and falling leaves, this is the time for you. Fall is the best time for you and your kids to get out of the home and enjoy the season in its full bloom. One great idea to have fun outdoors is to come up with backyard activities that you and your family can enjoy easily!

Jump in Piles of Leaves
If you have trees in your backyard, then in fall, the leaves must fall! You and the family can now jump in piles of leaves. Channel your inner child, and it's time to have some fun. Rake all the leaves in the corner of your backyard.

Once there is a huge pile of leaves, be patient and let the kids jump in first. We know it's difficult, but the joy on their face will be worth it. You can rake the leaves into a pile after every few jumps and have a blast.

Autumn Photo Shoot
Fall is the perfect season to make lots of memories. The best way to make memories and remember them is by taking photos. You can plan a funky photo shoot with your kids or use fall-themed props to take

lots of pictures. There are many creative ideas you can use to take pictures. For example, you can get a fall-themed backdrop to add more drama to your backyard and dress your children in cute costumes to take exciting and memorable photographs.

You can even follow the pumpkin theme and hollow out different pumpkins so the kids can wear them on their heads like a Jack-o-Lantern. Ask your children to come up with fun ideas, and you can put those ideas to the test in the photo shoot for some added fun!

Pumpkin Carving
Pumpkin carving is an age-old activity; kids love it! Halloween is the biggest attraction in fall, and to prepare for it, you may start carving pumpkins. Children love this activity as it gives them the chance to be creative and carve out funny faces in their pumpkins.

This activity can keep your kids occupied, and you can have a wonderful time sitting in your backyard and cracking jokes.

Build a Campfire
The nights can be a little chilly in fall, and the perfect weather for you to have a campfire. Children

thoroughly enjoy campfires; you can get a fire pit and use crystals like the ones linked below to make the fire even fancier. Once the fire is set up, you can set up cushions or chairs around the fire in a circle so the whole family can sit comfortably.

Moreover, you can set up different snacks that all of your family can enjoy. Some popular snacks for a campfire include s'mores, nachos and popcorn. Keep drinks on hand so no one has to run inside each time they are thirsty.

Scary Story Night
Who doesn't love a bone-chilling story at night in fall? You can make a complete night out of it. Set up a comfortable space to sit in your backyard. Gather all your cushions and blankets so you can sit comfortably and begin with the scary story night.

For added effect, you can use props such as a flashlight. Whoever is telling the story can put the flashlight up their face and make faces and expressions to add drama to the story. However, if you have young ones, it is better to lay off terrifying stories that may scare them a little too much. Moreover, motivating your children



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to come up with scary stories independently is a good idea. To have a complete experience, you can even arrange snacks so your everyone can have a good time.

Star Gazing
Most of us are fascinated with stars and the skies in fall are often clear. Clear skies allow you to spot all constellations and pinpoint different stars.

It can also be a great learning experience for you and your family. You may get to learn about different stars. Then you can research to give kids more information about each constellation or star you spot. Lay down mats so you can lie under the starry sky and have a whimsical time.

Arts & Crafts
Let's get crafty! If you are fond of arts and crafts, you will have a great time crafting with your family. You can do many things; for instance, you can ask your children to come up with some DIY projects they would like to work on outdoors. For instance, they can make something out of leaves, such as leaf paintings and even decorative DIYs. Each child can have a different DIY project; all you need to do is to provide them with all the art and craft materials. You can also offer them occasional help whenever they get stuck.

Build a Birdhouse
Building a birdhouse is a great activity in your backyard. If your kids are older, they can handle hammer and nails easily. If not, you

can put them to much simpler and easier tasks such as painting the birdhouse.

Once the birdhouse is ready, you can put it on any tree or against the backyard wall and put a little food in it to attract birds. Your family will enjoy it when they see lots of birds in the birdhouse. You will find many design ideas, and you can choose from them.

Movie Night
A good movie is time spent in the best way. You can arrange a movie night for your family in the backyard. To set the movie night, you will need comfortable seating, a projector and a backdrop to project the movie on.

Many shops rent out projectors on rent. You can get the projector and a backdrop to arrange the movie. Once that is done, you can set up a comfortable seating arrangement in front of the backdrop so everyone can sit down and enjoy the movie. Add lots of pillows and blankets to make the space more comfortable. Moreover, you must have movie snacks! Prepare baskets of popcorn and get a soda to have the best time.

Most family members find it challenging to decide on a single movie. To avoid going back and forth, you can take a poll

and watch the movie with the most votes.

Backyard Picnic
If you are tired of spending all your time indoors but still can't go out somewhere far, then you must opt for a backyard picnic. There are lots of things you can do to arrange a backyard picnic. Choose a day with good weather to enjoy the fall breeze and clear skies. Prepare a picnic basket with all the goodies. You can ask your family what they want to eat and make the food together. Cold sandwiches, cheese and crackers, and crisps are great examples of eatables that can be a part of your picnic basket.

For entertainment, you can play car games like UNO or even party games like 'pass the parcel.'

These activities are a great way for families to spend quality time together and make the most of the fall. With lots of time, you can try most of these activities and have lots of fun! Make the most of this season and spend some quality time with your loved ones!

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Anniversary Exhibit
Massport also unveiled its centennial exhibit in the public area of Terminal E called Boston Logan Looks Back: A century of Powering What's Possible that focuses on critical events that shaped Boston Logan. Visitors of the exhibit will be able to view a series of videos and archive photography that explore the airport's historical moments, impressive innovations and significant challenges. The videos, including historic moments such as when Amelia Earhart visited Logan in 1933, will also be accessible through QR codes at the exhibit and on our website here www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/art-landmarks/logan-100/.

"By creating a modern, customer-centric, and sustainable Logan Airport, we will be a stronger economic engine for the City and the Commonwealth," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Massachusetts is home to numerous travel-intensive industries that help power our economy and a modern international terminal will enhance connectivity across the globe, improve operations at the airport and create a more efficient travel experience for passengers."

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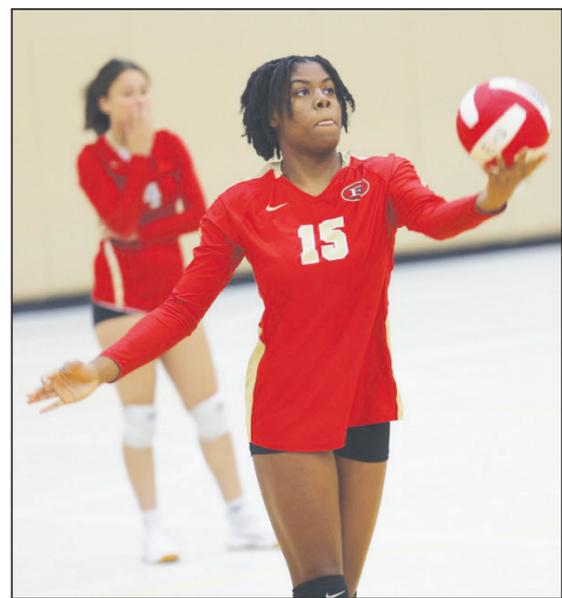
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EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON TIDE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL HONORS THEIR SENIORS AT FINAL HOME GAME

Last Monday evening the tournament bound Crimson Tide Volleyball Team recognized their seniors at the final home game against the Medford Mustangs.



Kayleigh McMahon and Sonia Flores attack a return for the Crimson Tide.



Kaesta Sandy prepares to serve.



The EHS Crimson Tide Seniors, Kaesta Sandy, Darrynn Desrameaux, Captain Nicole Brandao, and Captain Yasmine Laabadla.



Captain Nicole Brandao returns a serve.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL WINS THREE MATCHES, QUALIFIES FOR TOURNEY

The Everett High girls volleyball team clinched a spot in the Division 1 state tournament with three wins in four matches this past week, improving its record to 9-6 and assuring at least a .500 record for the season, which is the magic number for an automatic bid to the post-season.

“I’m very proud of this team, which has played with focus and determination all season,” said EHS head coach Michael Fineran. “We had a goal of playing in November. We overcame injuries early in the year, we battled to the end of every match, and we have achieved what we set out to accomplish when we started back in August.”

The Lady Crimson Tide’s path on its Journey to the Tourney did not prove to be an easy one, however. In a rare week-end matchup, Everett traveled to Hyde Park to take on non-league opponent New Mission this past Saturday, and they had to do it without middle hitter Kaesta Sandy and her team-leading 118 kills.

Everett dropped the first two sets thanks to sloppy passing and a lukewarm attack. They also missed five serves in those sets, four of which came with the score tied or with Everett down only one point. Everett turned the tide in the third set, getting three kills apiece from junior Tanessa Duvilaire and seniors Darryn Desrameaux and Nicole Brandao. Solid back row play from juniors Sonia Flores, Kayleigh McMahon, and Murielle Campo helped

Everett cruise to a 25-15 win.

Flores and junior setter Victoria Rodrigues propelled Everett in the fourth set, combining for 13 service points. Captain Brandao was a force, earning six of her 12 kills in the set and acing the final point, giving Everett a 25-19 win. Brandao added two more kills and three aces in the 15-9 fifth set tiebreaker, sending Everett to the state tournament for the first time since 2017.

“Nicole is such a tremendous leader for us,” said Fineran. “As the captain, she sets the tone for the team. She holds everyone, including herself, accountable. After the two losses a couple of weeks ago, she wanted to implement consequences in practice for missing serves and not getting to balls on defense. She is the first to run when it’s her own mistake, and the rest of the team follows her example.”

“She and co-captain Yasmine Laabadla have also helped foster a positive team culture,” Fineran continued. “They organized an ‘Adam Sandler’ practice and this past week and they ran ‘opposite day,’ where back row players switched and played front row, and vice versa.”

“However, it takes more than one or two players to make a successful season, and getting to this spot has truly been a team effort,” added the coach, “and we were able to clinch on Saturday thanks to our back-to-back wins last Tuesday and Wednesday vs. Lynn English and Somerville.”

In last Tuesday’s match at Lynn English, Laabadla took over serving with Everett up 15-14 in the first set and served out the rest of the set. Sandy had

two blocks and four kills, while Brandao had three kills and two digs.

In the second set, McMahon had four service points in a row, and sophomore outside hitter Amanda Verteiro had five aces among seven service points to go along with a kill and three digs. She served the last two points as Everett dominated, 25-13.

However, Everett stumbled at the start of the third set, falling behind 12-2 before starting to climb back in. Junior Emily Nogueira had three aces and five service points to bring the Tide to within two, 21-19, but Everett fell 25-22. Everett was down 13-11 in set four, but three aces in five serves from Flores put Everett back in the lead, and three points from Rodrigues put the Tide up, 21-16. Verteiro had two digs, and Brandao finished the set and the match with a serve to give Everett the 25-20 win.

The next day, Everett hosted Somerville, but came out flat at home, falling 25-16 in the opening

set. The second set started just as badly, with Everett looking up from a 13-6 hole. But then Brandao had a run of six service points to tie the set at 15-15, and Rodrigues served the last five points of the game, including two aces, as Everett won, 25-20.

“That was a pivotal set for us,” said Fineran. “We weren’t playing well, we were not passing well, and all our hits were going long. But the silver lining to this happening so often this season is that we don’t get fazed by it. We know we can come back, and that whatever happened five minutes ago has nothing to do with what happens next.”

Indeed, that proved to be the case one again for the Tide in the third set. Sandy exploded for seven kills and Duvilaire had a kill, a block, and a dig. Sophomore Nicole Damaceno and Flores combined for 11 service points and junior Trinh Dang closed out the set with two serves, as Everett went up 2-1, winning 25-16.

Laabadla served the first

eight points of the fourth set, Sandy and Bradnao combined for five kills, and Flores, Dang, and McMahon added aces as Everett finished off the match with a 25-21 win.

Fineran and his crew will conclude their regular season with three matches this week: They were scheduled to host Medford this past Monday in a contest that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities and to entertain New Mission yesterday (Tuesday). They will travel to non-league opponent Saugus on Friday for the regular season finale.

GIRLS SOCCER TOPS CHELSEA

The Everett High girls soccer team cruised to a 9-1 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Chelsea last Tuesday.

“We started the game very flat, but we began to

roll once we scored the first goal,” said EHS head coach Domenick Persuitte

Emilia Maria-Babcock, assisted by Yelsa Garcia, scored the first Everett goal of the day to get the Lady Crimson Tide rolling. Garcia then notched her first of two goals, assisted by Maria Silvestri from her position on the wing, and then netted another goal, assisted by Layla Cardona.

Garcia was just getting going. In addition to her own two markers, she was a major contributor in assisting her teammates. Yelsa gave the ball to Layla Cardona, who rocketed it past the Chelsea keeper Luna Sepulveda Maselli worked tirelessly and finally found the back of the net from a misplaced Chelsea ball.

“She played the entire game, not giving up

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Senior Kaesta Sandy with her mother, Nezra Sandy and Aunts Veronica and Kaesta Smith.



Senior Captain Nicole Brandao with her family.

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once,” noted Persuitte. “We capitalized off the misplays of Chelsea a handful of times, allowing Emilia Maria-Babcock and Gabby Lones to score. Gabby Lones came in the second half to help on the left-side wing. Besides notching her first goal of the season, she also assisted on a goal by freshman Marianna Rodriguez, who is on the rise. Shyann Ambersley finally got her first high school career goal today off a clearance for the Tide defense; she ran onto the ball and, without hesitation, rocketed the ball past the keeper.

entering the contest. “We lost 3-1, but the team showed up to play,” said Persuitte. “The aggressive play was fantastic across the board. Emilia Maria-Babcock played fantastic in the goal. Our lone goal came from Aldrona Flores heading the ball down to Layla Cardona, who in turn ripped the ball over the keeper’s head. Some noticeable contributions came from Layla Leles, Sofia Arana-Quintanilla, Luna Sepulveda Maselli, Shyann Ambersley, Maria Silvestri, and Casey Martinez.”

“Shyann also had three shots on the net, all hitting the post,” Persuitte continued. “Some highlights from the underclassmen were Layla Leles stepping out big on the wing, never giving up, and constantly pressing the ball. Khadijia Moutaouakkii played outstandingly in the midfield, continually pursuing the ball and winning most 50-50 balls. Alondra Flores played well in the CDM position, controlling the game’s flow.”

This past Monday the Tide dropped a 4-0 decision to non-league opponent Reading. “Emilia Maria-Babcock played fantastic in her new role as goalkeeper,” noted Persuitte.

The Lady Crimson Tide are scheduled to host Lynn Classical tomorrow (Thursday) and Lowell next Wednesday.

EHS FIELD HOCKEY ENGAGES IN FIERCE BATTLE WITH MALDEN

Although the Everett High field hockey team came up short in its battle with Greater Boston League archrival Malden



Senior Captain Yasmine Laabadla with her mother Helena Rocha and sister Saniyah Laabadla.

this past week, first-year EHS head coach Sabrina Wright was proud of her team’s fierce effort.

“Our game against Malden was their senior night and they were fired up,” said Wright, who chose Cephas Orleans as her team’s honorary captain for the contest. “It was a great match-up between two evenly-skilled teams. Their coaches were great and we really get along well with them and are hoping to build a relationship with them.”

Malden scored a goal late in the first quarter, a 1-0 lead that stood for much of the game as the teams traded volleys from end-to-end of the field. However, Malden notched

two goals in the fourth quarter to pull away for a 3-0 victory.

“The score was not reflective of how we played, because we played a great game against Malden,” said Wright. “Similar to us, Malden has a team consisting of mostly boys, so watching this game was fun because the boys on our team and their team don’t get tired, so it was a race to the ball, a race to the goal with the boys, and it was really fun. I can’t wait to play them again in two weeks and hopefully we will end up on top.”

Wright and her crew have a busy week. They were scheduled to trek to Greater Lowell this past Monday and will return home today (Wednesday) to host Northeast Regional for Senior Night festivities. They will trek to Waltham on Friday. “We played Waltham in our first game of the season, so it’ll be a good game to watch because we are not



Senior Darrynn Desrameaux with her mother Moise Bernard.

the same team we were when we opened the season,” noted Wright. The Crimson Tide will play at Melrose next Monday and at Revere next Wednesday before hosting Malden next Friday in the season finale.

EHS GOLFERS WRAP UP SEASON THIS WEEK

The young Everett High golf team took on Lynn Classical on the latter’s home course at the Gannon Golf Club this past week and came up on the short end of a 49-23 decision.

“Gannon is a tough course to navigate for beginning golfers,” noted EHS head coach Steve Gallagher.

The Crimson Tide will finish up their season this week, hosting English and Medford. The league is finalizing details for the GBL Open, which is tentatively set for October 25

at Kelley Greens in Nahant.

EHS BOYS SOCCER AT .500, NEEDS FOUR POINTS FOR TOURNEY

The Everett High boys soccer team turned in a level week, going 1-1-1 in three matches, defeating Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Chelsea (5-2), tying GBL foe Revere (1-1), and falling to non-league opponent Belmont (3-2).

Coach Pedro Blas and his crew now stand at 6-6-2 on the season and are in third place in the GBL with a 5-4-2 mark. They need four points in their final four games in order to achieve the .500 record that is necessary to punch a ticket for a Journey to the Tourney. They were scheduled to take on Lynn English yesterday (Tuesday) and will trek to Lynn Classical tomorrow (Thursday) and then to B.C. High next Tuesday. Their season finale is set for next Thursday, October 26, at home against Medford.

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Massachusetts awarded over \$118 million in federal grants to support community safety

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy has announced that \$118,366,566 in federal grants has been allocated to the District of Massachusetts to support public safety and community justice initiatives. The grants are part of \$4.4 billion in funding awarded by the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), which help to build community capacity to curb violence, serve victims and youth, and achieve fair outcomes through evidence-based criminal and juvenile justice strategies.

The more than 3,700 OJP grants being awarded this fiscal year will support state, local and community-based efforts and evidence-based interventions that reduce violence, crime and recidivism while delivering treatment and services to those at-risk of justice system involvement. Funding will expand partnerships between criminal justice professionals and behavioral health experts, help people safely and successfully transition from confinement back to their communities, reach crime victims in underserved areas, steer young people away from justice system contact, improve the management of sex offenders and support a wide range of research and statistical activities that will help justice system professionals meet community safety challenges.

"Everyone in this country deserves to be safe in their communities," said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. "That is why, in addition to continuing our efforts to identify and prosecute the most violent criminals, the Justice Department is putting every available resource to work to support the efforts of

our law enforcement and community partners nationwide. This significant investment will go directly to state and local programs that support the victims of crime, support officer safety and wellness, build the public trust in law enforcement essential to public safety, and help make all of our communities safer."

"Protecting the people of Massachusetts is my highest priority, and the best way to accomplish that goal is to forge close working relationships with our state and local partners. Federal resources like this are invaluable in the support they provide for comprehensive public safety solutions and resources specific to the unique needs of Massachusetts communities," said Acting U.S. Attorney Levy. "By investing in state and local programs, we aim to empower victims, enhance officer safety, strengthen public trust in law enforcement, and ultimately create safer communities across Massachusetts."

In Massachusetts, nearly \$60 million has been awarded under OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), which provides leadership and assistance to local criminal justice programs that improve and reinforce the nation's criminal justice system. BJA's goals are to reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse and to improve the way in which the criminal justice system functions. BJA funding announcements are posted at: <https://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx>.

Additionally, over \$34 million has been awarded to support crime victim compensation and assistance in Massachusetts under OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This

funding will support local victim assistance and compensation programs across Massachusetts to help build capacity to reach those disproportionately affected by crime and victimization. To learn more about OVC funding, visit: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding>.

"Across the country, the Justice Department is working side-by-side with our partners in state and local law enforcement to combat violent crime by using our federal resources to amplify their work on the front lines," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. "The billions of dollars in grants announced today will augment those efforts and the tools law enforcement is using to curb violence, counter deadly drug abuse, and promote safety and public trust. Together with our state and local partners, the Department will continue to do everything we can to protect the communities we all serve."

"The Department of Justice is investing in community-based approaches to violence prevention, law enforcement health and wellness, Tribal courts, improved services for victims, research and data collection efforts, reentry programs, and much more," said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta. "The grants announced today further our commitment to working with our state, Tribal, and local partners to increase public safety, build police-community trust, and ensure safe, healthy, and just communities for all."

"Every sector of our society — not only the justice system, but nonprofit and faith-based groups, local leaders, and advocates, and people with lived experience who serve as credible

messengers — plays a critical role in ensuring public safety and public health," said OJP Assistant Attorney General Amy L. Solomon. "The Office of Justice Programs is proud to make these substantial investments in building community infrastructure and supporting communities as co-producers of safety and justice."

Grants will support five major community safety and justice priorities nationwide:

- Awards totaling more than \$1 billion will promote safety and strengthen trust, helping communities tackle the proliferation of gun violence in America and restore bonds of trust between community residents and the justice system. Grants will support innovative and evidence-based strategies designed to prevent and reduce violent crime, support the health and safety of law enforcement and public safety professionals, promote rehabilitation and reentry success and address the rise in hate crimes across the country.

- More than \$437 million in grant awards will ac-

celerate justice system reforms designed to achieve equal justice and fair treatment for all. Grants will expand access to services among historically underserved and marginalized communities, reduce counterproductive involvement in the justice system, increase opportunities for diversion and build pathways to treatment for people with substance use and mental health disorders.

- Over \$192 million will improve the fairness and effectiveness of the juvenile justice system by supporting developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive interventions for youth. Funding will ensure that young people are served at home in their communities whenever possible, are equipped to transition to a healthy adulthood free of crime, and are protected from violence and abuse.

- More than \$1.7 billion will expand access to victim services by investing in programs that provide trauma-informed and culturally responsive services to victims. Funding will support thousands of local victim assistance programs across

the country and victim compensation programs in every state and U.S. territory, while helping these programs build their capacity to reach those disproportionately affected by crime and victimization.

- Over \$418 million in awards will advance science and innovation to strengthen the base of knowledge that policymakers and practitioners can use to design and deploy effective community safety strategies. Awards will support research and data collection on a wide range of public safety issues, help maintain timely and accurate criminal history records, and improve the capacity of crime labs and forensic analysts to solve crimes, absolve the innocent, and deliver justice to victims.

In addition, OJP will award more than \$611 million to continue its support of other previously funded programs and congressionally directed spending. More information about the awards announced today can be found by visiting: www.ojp.gov/funding/fy23awards.

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

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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

1: Monday-Saturday at 7:00a.m. in the Chapel.

2: Saturday at 4:00p.m. (Sunday Vigil) and at 7:30p.m. Vietnamese Mass Upper Church.

3: Sunday at 7:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. English Masses. At 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass and 4:00p.m. Haitian Creole Mass.

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45

at the Confession Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15 a.m. 12:00p.m. in Spanish.

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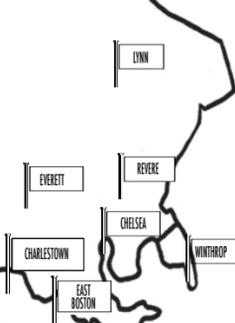
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North Shore Music Theatre presents

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It's time to get those blue suede shoes ready... Bill Hanney's award-winning North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) is bringing the New England premiere of *Elvis: A Musical Revolution* to the North Shore. *Elvis: A Musical Revolution* will play from Tuesday, October 31 thru Sunday, November 12, 2023.

"To this day, Elvis' name still evokes excitement and immediate recognition from people all over the world as reflected by the recent smash success of Baz Luhrmann's 2022 film and the strong early ticket sales for this new musical authorized by Elvis Presley Enterprises," said NSMT owner and producer Bill Hanney. "Director and choreographer, Kevin P. Hill will helm this production featuring a talented cast led by the dynamic newcomer, Dan Berry as Elvis Presley. We are working hard to live up to the expectations of our devoted audiences as well as the legions of Elvis' beloved fans who will be visiting us for the very first time!"

Authorized by Elvis Presley Enterprises, this bio-musical takes a closer look at the rock star and cultural icon whose impact shaped the history of music and culture. This new musical explores the pivotal moments in Elvis' life through the perspectives of those who knew him best. Using different



lenses to dig deeper into fact vs. fiction, *Elvis: A Musical Revolution* spans from his impoverished childhood in Tupelo, Mississippi to his triumphant 1968 "Comeback Special," and his ascent to be "The King." It features more than 40 Elvis hits and iconic songs including: "That's All Right," "Blue Moon of Kentucky," "All Shook Up," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Burning Love," "Good Rockin' Tonight," "Earth Angel," "Hound Dog," "Don't Be Cruel," "Jailhouse Rock," "Are You Lonesome," and "Blue Suede Shoes".

This brand-new production, written by David Abbinanti (Book, Orchestrations, Arrangements) and Sean Cercone (Book) based on a concept by Floyd Mutrux, will star newcomer Dan Berry as Elvis Presley. Dan is a 2023 graduate of The University of Oklahoma with a BFA Musical Theatre Performance. He has performed in productions of *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812*, *Rent*, and *Spring Awakening*, as well as appear-

ing in the film *The Line*. The show will also feature Mary Callanan as Gladys Presley, David Coffee as Colonel Tom Parker, and Bronson Norris Murphy as Sam Phillips and Frank Sinatra. Mary Callanan has appeared on Broadway in *Mamma Mia!*, *Bandstand*, and the most recent revival of *Annie*, as well as in the NSMT productions of *The Sound of Music*, *Kinky Boots*, and *Damn Yankees*. Audiences will recognize David Coffee from his 28 seasons of playing Ebenezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* as well as his other 34 credits at NSMT, including recent productions of *Disney's Freaky Friday*, *Singin' in the Rain* and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. Bronson Norris Murphy has appeared at NSMT in *West Side Story*, *Cats*, *Saturday Night Fever* and six seasons of *A Christmas Carol*. Bronson spent the last 9 years in the Broadway company of *The Phantom of the Opera* and starred as *The Phantom* in the American premiere of *Love Never Dies: The Phantom Returns*.

The 30-person cast of *Elvis: A Musical Revolution* will also include Alex Benitez Evans, Joe Bentley (Bill Black), Stephen Blauch (DJ Fontana), Kristen Grace Brown, Cole Campbell, Hallie Cercone, Altamiece Carolyn Cooper, Jordan Cyphert, Nichole Forde, Harry Francis, Camia Green, Hunter Henrickson (Scotty Moore), Dakota Hoar, Hailey Hyde, Gabriel Kearns (Dewey Phillips), Sylvester McCracken, Kevin B. McGlynn (Vernon Presley), Alaina Mills (Ann Margaret/Dixie Locke), Michael Olaribigbe (Roy Brown), Alfie Parker, Jr. (Jackie Brenston/Rev Brewster), Kiana Rodriguez, Sage Spiker, and Emma Wilcox (Priscilla Presley). Two local young performers, Patrick Naughton and Asher Stern, will share the role of Young Elvis.

Elvis: A Musical Revolution will be directed and choreographed by Kevin P. Hill. The creative team will also include Milton Granger (Co-Music Director), Robert L. Rucinski (Co-Music Director/

Rehearsal Pianist), Kyle Dixon (Scenic Design), Jack Mehler (Lighting Design), Alex Berg (Sound Design), Travis M. Grant (Costume Designer), Rachel Padula-Shufelt (Wig and Hair Design), Kelly Baker (Costume Coordinator), Stephen MacDonald (Production Stage Manager), Dakotah Wiley Horan (Assistant Stage Manager), and Andrés Acosta (Assistant to the Choreographer/Dance Captain).

Elvis: A Musical Revolution is produced by North Shore Music Theatre by Bill Hanney (Owner/Producer), Kevin P. Hill (Producing Artistic Director), and Matthew Chappell (Associate Producer / Casting Director). *ELVIS: A MUSICAL REVOLUTION* is produced by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing. www.broadwaylicensing.com

Tickets for *Elvis: A Musical Revolution* are priced starting from \$68 - \$93. Performances are October 31 - November 12, 2023, Tue - Thurs at 7:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 8 pm, mat-

inees Wed, Sat and Sun at 2 pm. Kids 4 - 18 save 50% at all performances. \$25 Student Rush tickets are available. For tickets and information call (978) 232-7200, visit www.nsmt.org, or visit the box office in person at 54 Dunham Rd., Beverly, MA.

North Shore Music Theatre will conclude the 2023 season with the annual production of *A Christmas Carol* once again starring David Coffee (December 7 - 23).

Since opening in 1955, NSMT has become one of the most attended theatres in New England, with approximately 250,000 patrons annually. With a national and regional reputation for artistic achievement, NSMT has received numerous industry awards including Elliot Norton Awards, IRNE Awards, the Rosetta LeNoire Award from Actors' Equity, and the Moss Hart Award. NSMT produced the World Premiere of 'Memphis' in 2003, the show went on to win four 2010 Tony Awards including Best Musical. Under the new ownership of Bill Hanney since 2010, NSMT continues to annually produce a musical subscription series and an annual production of 'A Christmas Carol' along with celebrity concerts, children's programming and year-round education classes for children and adults.

Healey announces state's emergency family shelter system approaching capacity

Gov. Maura Healey announced that, by the end of October, the state will no longer be able to add additional units to its emergency shelter system for families experiencing homelessness. For months, the state's emergency family shelter system has been expanding at an unsustainable rate to meet rising demand driven by increasing numbers of newly arriving migrant families and slower exits of families in long-term emergency shelter stays. The state will not be able to accommodate more than 7,500 families, or approximately 24,000 individuals, and will likely hit this number by the end of the month.

As of October 16, there are nearly 7,000 families with children and pregnant women in emergency shelter, including newly arrived migrant families and longtime Massachusetts residents. About half of the individuals in emergency shelter are children.

Governor Healey also announced several actions that her administration is taking ahead of this next phase of the emergency shelter system, including appointing Lieutenant General L. Scott Rice as Emergency Assistance Director and prioritizing helping families who have been in shelter long-term to exit into more permanent housing options.

"For months now, we have been expanding shelter capacity at an unsustainable rate to meet rising demand. Despite the heroic work of public officials, shelter providers and the National Guard, we have reached a point where we can no longer safely or responsibly expand," said Governor Maura Healey. "Lt. General Rice has extensive experience leading large scale emergency management operations, and we are con-

fidant he is the right person to lead us through this new phase of the emergency shelter system. We will continue to help families exit shelter and move into more permanent housing options, connect those who are eligible with work opportunities to support their families, and advocate for the federal government to step up and address this federal problem."

"The Governor and I understand the strain that has been placed on Massachusetts communities over the past year as we have all come together to ensure that families have access to the shelter and resources they need. Lt. General Rice will be a valuable resource for local officials as we enter this new phase of the emergency shelter program," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "Together, we will move forward on our efforts to connect families with work and permanent housing, while continuing to call on the federal government to help us meet this moment."

Emergency Assistance Director

Governor Healey has appointed Lieutenant General Leon Scott Rice as Emergency Assistance Director. In this role, Lt. General Rice will oversee management and coordination of the emergency shelter system, including leading the administration's Incident Command Team, which was launched in May and includes representatives from multiple state agencies. He will be responsible for implementing this new phase of the emergency shelter system, coordinating directly with local, state and federal officials and other key stakeholders, and updating the Governor and Lieutenant Governor on daily developments.

Lt. General Rice has more than 40 years of experience with the United States Air Force and Air

National Guard, retiring as a Lt. General and disabled veteran in 2020. He was the Director of the Air National Guard from 2016-2020, managing a \$11.5 billion budget and more than 100,000 personnel located in every U.S. state and territory. He also served as the Adjutant General (TAG) of the Massachusetts National Guard from 2012-2016, across two gubernatorial administrations. In this role, he led emergency response and post-disaster recovery efforts for Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene, the Boston Marathon Bombing and ice storms.

"I'm honored that Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll have placed their faith in me to lead this critical mission to ensure the safety and wellbeing of families in Massachusetts," said Lieutenant General Rice. "I've spent my career leading large scale organizations and emergency response operations, and I've learned that communication and partnership are key to meeting any challenge. This is the approach that I will bring to this new role, and I look forward to working closely with our local, state and federal partners each step of the way."

Prioritizing Exits from Shelter

Beginning November 1, 2023, the state will no longer be able to add new shelter units. At this time, families seeking shelter will be assessed and those with high needs, such as health and safety risks, will be prioritized for placement. Families who are not immediately connected with shelter will be placed on a waiting list.

The state will be bolstering efforts to assist families with transitioning to stable housing, including assessing families who have been in shelter long-term

— over 15 months— and prioritizing helping them exit the shelter system, which is intended to be a short-term, emergency option. The administration will be expanding support for rapid rehousing and rental assistance initiatives, such as HomeBASE, to support these transitions. The HomeBASE program helps eligible homeless families pay their first/last month's rent and security deposits, moving expenses, stipends to help with ongoing housing costs, and other costs that can help families stabilize an existing housing situation or stably rehouse. The state is also calling on the federal government, faith-based organizations and other non-government organizations to help support homeless families.

Other services will still be provided for families seeking emergency shelter, including at the Family Welcome Centers. Families will be assessed for basic needs and offered the opportunity to apply for public benefits through the Department of Transitional Assistance, receive necessities including diapers, hygiene products, and formula, and be referred to community-based resources.

Connecting Shelter Residents with Work Opportunities

A key piece of helping families move out of shelter is connecting them with jobs. With the business community asking for assistance filling open jobs across the state, the administration has launched two new programs to get shelter residents working.

The first is a partnership with Commonwealth Corporation Foundation to develop a new job skills training program to connect businesses to individuals in shelter who are still waiting for their work authorization but looking

to gain on-the-job training and skills development. This new program is beginning as a pilot, starting with Salem but with interest in building business partnerships in other shelters and communities over time.

The second program connects MassHire Regional Workforce Boards and careers centers to shelters statewide with the goal of assessing skills and work readiness of residents who have their work authorization. The initial phase of this new program is focused on 14 shelter sites across the state, representing approximately 1,500 families.

The program is a ready showing results. MassHire South Shore is working with Dunkin' Donuts to fill 30 employment openings and coordinating with Plymouth Area Coalition shelter provider to connect shelter residents to jobs. MassHire North Central started working with a local shelter that connect one individual with employment at a retail store in Leominster.

Both programs are looking for employers and businesses who want to be partners in these efforts that will help them meet their workforce needs. Interested employers and businesses should contact LWDBusinessinfo@mass.gov.

These new program builds on the four prongs of legal services work the administration has been conducting for months in shelters:

1. Immigrant Assistance Services: In July, the administration launched the Immigrant Assistance Services (IAS) Program led by the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA). The IAS program currently operates largely in staffed shelters, assisting with case management and work au-

thorization, asylum, and Temporary Protected Status applications.

2. Resettlement Agencies Services: In September, the administration launched additional legal aid services led by resettlement agencies. This program focuses on new arrivals who, because of recent changes in federal policy and because these families entered at the border using the CBP1 app, can immediately apply for work authorization.

3. Pro Bono Program: Beginning on October 17, the administration will also launch a Pro Bono Program with immigration organizations to provide services for more than 100 families at large shelters and

4. Legal Services Contract: In late October, the administration will also begin contracting with five legal services agencies to provide services in 25 shelter sites across the state.

The United Way Migrant Relief Fund also supports the essential needs of migrant families, including temporary accommodations, food, clothing, diapers, hygiene items, transportation, health screenings, translation services, ESOL classes and legal assistance. The fund has raised \$1.2 million since it was launched in August. More information can be found at unitedway-massbay.org/migrantrelief.

Federal Engagement

Governor Healey will continue to use every tool at her disposal to advocate for federal assistance to this federal problem. She has made multiple requests to Department of Homeland Security Secretary (DHS) Alejandro Mayorkas for federal funding and improvements to the work authorization process. She was joined by others from the Attorney

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

OFFICIALS HEAR ABOUT MCAS SCORES

CHELSEA - The latest round of MCAS results show Chelsea public schools falling in line with recent state trends.

At last week's School Committee meeting, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Adam Deleidi gave an update on the MCAS scores locally as well as the big picture across the state as schools pull out of the days of the Covid pandemic.

"The 2023 ELA (English Language Arts) and math data indicate that the achievement slide from 2019 seems to have halted and recovery is underway," said Deleidi. "That doesn't mean that we are back to pre-pandemic levels by any means, but the drop has sort of dropped (across the state), and you can see that it is similar with us in Chelsea."

There are concerns across the state with the grade 3 scores, with Deleidi noting that last year's third grade students missed kindergarten and pre-kindergarten due to school closings during the pandemic.

"Grade 3 is not reading at grade level across the state and it is a pretty big concern," said Deleidi. "We are on top of it here in Chelsea."

The deputy superintendent also pointed out a number of changes that have taken place with the district's demographics from 2021 to 2023.

The biggest change is the number of English Language Learner (ELL) students in the district, which increased by 52 percent over the two years.

Currently, 2,844 out of roughly 6,200 students in the district are ELL students, increasing from 30 percent to 46 percent of the total school population over that time.

There was a 50 percent increase in foundational ELL students, or students who are very new to the language, and often the country, DeLeidi said.

"Those students are just as capable as anyone else, but you need to provide different kinds of support," said Deleidi.

All but two schools in the district had substantial increases in the number of foundational ELL students, he said.

"We know that MCAS is a language-based as-

essment, which makes it challenging for English Language Learners to access the test and truly show what they know."

But Deleidi said those students are performing well on the ACCESS test, which measures language growth and development.

Deleidi noted that three schools in the district – the Berkowitz, the Wright Science and Technology Academy, and the Sokolowski – all saw their percentile rankings improve over the past year. Those rankings show how the schools rank against every other school in the state on MCAS scores.

Overall, Deleidi said the district held fairly steady in its ELA scores for the past year, dropping less than a point, while math scores were up by 1 percent and science scores were up by 2 percent.

While the testing data is important, Deleidi said the ultimate goal of the district is to meet the needs of its students.

"The needs of our students have changed and we need to build relationships with our students," he said. "Students need to be tethered to the adults in our building. We are being called upon to have more inclusive and more belonging practices and we are being called upon to teach to standards."

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With the BPDA releasing its full draft of the plan at the beginning of September and the public comment period slated to end October 27, residents attending last week's meeting used the opportunity to sound off on the plan.

One major point of contention from those in attendance concerned proposed changes to Bennington Street, which Nick Schmidt, a Transportation Planner with the BPDA, provided clarity on.

"One of the things that we, I think, keep hearing about pretty frequently is how can Bennington Street possibly go from four lanes to two, and I will admit that we need to update our visuals in the report to make it very clear that the real secret sauce to this is having left turn lanes at intersections," said Schmidt.

"It's in the plan; you can see in all these intersections, especially the main ones at Saratoga Street and on the other end at Day Square, Neptune Road. Bennington Street – even in our vision where we are showing it narrower, it does widen back out to three to four to five lanes depending on the intersection, and that's specifically to allow vehicles to get through the intersection," he added.

Even with Schmidt's clarification on the recommendations for Bennington Street, many believed it would not work.

"Most of the people that show up for these meetings have no idea about what this community is all about," said one resident, describing how traffic backs up in the morning Monday through Friday from Neptune Road to Orient Heights.

"You put those lanes down to one lane, you are jeopardizing the safety of the people who live there and getting fire equipment and ambulances down that street," he added.

Another resident flat-out said, "The third thing I want to talk to is this Bennington Street nonsense, where one lane going in towards Day Square and one lane of traffic coming

out that will never, never, never work."

This same resident shared data from last April when he stood out in front of Rockland Trust and counted vehicles from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in response to potential bike lanes on Bennington Street.

The resident said he counted 996 cars, eight being school buses and three being MBTA buses, with one bike and two motorcycles. "So you would take away one lane of traffic and squeeze 99.9% of the traffic in one lane and allow one lane for one bike," he added.

Other residents commented about the BPDA's zoning recommendations, which in part would consolidate residential zoning subdistricts down to three: East Boston Residential (EBR) one, two, and three.

EBR-1 allows for a maximum of two units and two and a half stories, and EBR-2 allows for a maximum of three units and three stories. Finally, EBR-3 allows for four-plus units and four stories.

It should be noted that EBR-2 also allows buildings up to six units if lots have a width greater than or equal to 50 feet.

Kristina Ricco, a Senior Planner with the BPDA, explained why there are plans to change zoning, saying, "There's a lot of frustration with what's going on at the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA). You have zoning that is 30 years old, but more important than the fact that it's 30 years old, it is not reflective of what exists in your community today."

Some in attendance yelled out after Ricco's explanation, saying they like how it is and it's been like this.

One resident questioned who zoning simplification benefits, asking, "Whose life is that making easier?" Later, he added, "We're the ones that have to go through a lot of the struggle, the hassle, the frustration for it."

The same resident who had safety concerns with the Bennington Street recommendations even urged those in attendance to put restrictions in their deeds to prevent potential unit increases.

As the meeting progressed, it seemed like the frustration from those in attendance grew, with resident after resident voicing their displeasure.

In addition to the comments from residents, several elected officials commented on the plan and indicated they were listening to their constituents.

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RESIDENTS EXPRESS FRUSTRATION OVER PLAN: EAST BOSTON

EAST BOSTON - Coming off the heels of a similar meeting in March, the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) and Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) hosted the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) at the Madonna Shrine Function Room last week, where around 250 residents gathered with many voicing their displeasure with PLAN: East Boston – loud and clear.

PLAN: East Boston, a planning initiative from the BPDA that could make changes to zoning, off-street parking requirements, roadway config-

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"It's in the plan; you can see in all these intersections, especially the main ones at Saratoga Street and on the other end at Day Square, Neptune Road. Bennington Street – even in our vision where we are showing it narrower, it does widen back out to three to four to five lanes depending on the intersection, and that's specifically to allow vehicles to get through the intersection," he added.

Even with Schmidt's clarification on the recommendations for Bennington Street, many believed it would not work.

"Most of the people that show up for these meetings have no idea about what this community is all about," said one resident, describing how traffic backs up in the morning Monday through Friday from Neptune Road to Orient Heights.

"You put those lanes down to one lane, you are jeopardizing the safety of the people who live there and getting fire equipment and ambulances down that street," he added.

Another resident flat-out said, "The third thing I want to talk to is this Bennington Street nonsense, where one lane going in towards Day Square and one lane of traffic coming

BARKTOBERFEST



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA
This past weekend Revere Parks and Recreation hosted their popular Barktoberfest at the Susan B. Anthony School. Shown above, Barktober Fest costume contest winners: Bo, as a boxer, in first place, with Jessica Woodman; Koko, as a Dunkin Donuts worker, in second place, with Evelyn Flores; and Maisie, as Rambo, in third place, with Julie Jones.

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15TH ANNUAL ALS AND MS WALK FOR LIVING HELD

More than 1,000 attendees participated in The 2023 Walk For Living Sunday, Oct. 15 at Admiral's Hill in Chelsea.

Former Governor Charlie Baker and Mrs. Lauren Baker served as Walk

Ambassadors.

All proceeds from The Walk For Living went to patient care and programs for ALS and MS residents of the Leonard Florence Center for Living, Chelsea.



Jerry Jennings and Marlene Jennings, and their canine companions, Zoe and Bubbles.



Chelsea Jewish Lifecare CEO Barry Berman and James Nowlan.



Chelsea City Councilor Calvin Brown, with ALS Walk volunteers, Aiden Ellis and Brandon Mo.



Former Governor Charlie Baker and Mrs. Lauren Baker toured the Leonard Florence Center for Living where they were welcomed by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare CEO Barry Berman, COO Betsy Mullen, and well-known resident Steve Saling.



Chelsea High student Yamil Rivera, Chelsea High National Honor Society Advisor Ilana Ascher, and Rep. Judith Garcia.



Communications Manager Debbie Weissberg, with her husband, Rick Weissberg, and their dog, Asher.



Chelsea City Councilor Calvin Brown and newly appointed Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.



ALS and MS Walk for Living Director Maura Graham (right) and her twin sister, Megan Worley (left).



Malden Catholic High School Vice Principal Gary Molea, former Governor and current NCAA President Charlie Baker, and former Mass. First Lady Lauren Baker.



Wanda Mercado takes a selfie with former Governor Charlie Baker, 2023 ALS Walk Ambassador.



ALS and MS Walk registration desk volunteers Susan Cooney, Cathie Mesima, and Lena Rodriguez.



The Katzman Center for Living had a team that participated in The Walk for Living Sunday on Admiral's Hill.



Former Everett High School teacher Bob Richman (front) and Chelsea Rotary Club members are pictured at the 2023 ALS Walk For Living.

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comfort for city residents, especially those in the nearby Point of Pines and Riverside neighborhoods.

BUILDING COMM. HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE STATION PROPOSAL

WINTHROP - About a dozen residents took part in a public hearing on the proposed new fire station at Town Hall last week.

A debt exclusion vote will be on the Nov. 7 town election ballot asking residents to approve funding for a new fire station at the location of the Wadsworth Building and Kirby Funeral Home. The total cost of the project is expected to fall between \$36-\$40 million.

Tuesday night's public hearing featured questions about the location of the new station, comments on a potential second phase of the project that would see an addition and renovation to the police station attached to the new fire station, and comments

about the need for a new fire station.

No timeline has been set for a potential vote on a second phase of the project that would include the police station, but consulting architect Kaestle Boos has provided some preliminary renderings of the project.

Town Council President Jim Letterie cautioned that the renderings are a very early stage of the project and are subject to change.

However, he said the architect did take resident feedback from an earlier meeting and changed the rendering so that the second floor of the police station would more closely match the look of the first floor of the existing building.

Some residents said they still had concerns about the amount of glass in the architectural rendering of the second floor. Letterie noted the renderings were designed to give the public an idea of how a combined public safety could look, and that there would still be plenty of time for more suggestions

from the public.

Fire House Building Committee member and former Fire Chief Larry Powers gave a summary of the history of the efforts to build a new fire station in town, which stretches back to the 1960s, as well as the need for a new, modern facility.

"The common sentiment I've been getting around town is that we need a new fire station, the fire stations are old," said Powers. "But then there is the segment that does the but statement, and that statement runs the gamut about everything we've talked about - about the site, about businesses, about cost, about you name it."

The former chief said residents need to realize that the town decided in the 1960s that it needed a new fire station because the two stations in town were already starting to deteriorate at that time.

There was an effort to get a new station built in the 1990s, but Powers said that didn't happen because of other priorities in town

with the schools.

"What people forget is that in those intervening 60 years, those stations continued to deteriorate year after year after year," said Powers. "It's like having an old car, first it's the tires, then it's the brakes, then it's the starter ... then you get to the point where you say to yourself, 'is it worth putting any more money into this car? It's not worth it.'"

Powers said the town is asking its firefighters to work in buildings with mold, asbestos, and other health issues.

"The only reason those buildings are anywhere near functional on the second floors is because of the work done by the firefighters, many times with their own money."

The next public hearing on the fire station project is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 23.

There are also tours of the existing Pauline Street and Shirley Avenue fire stations scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21.

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General, the State Legislature, the Mass. Business Association, the Boston Archdiocese, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts. The Governor also conveyed these requests in meetings with the White House Chief of Staff last week and with Secretary Mayorkas in August, as well as a request for the federal government to stand up a congregate care site. Last week, a DHS consultant team visited Massachusetts to evaluate the situation, holding extensive

meetings with administration officials over two days and visiting shelters and a Family Welcome Center.

Through its 1115 waiver, MassHealth is requesting federal funding for up to six months of temporary housing assistance and other supports for families and pregnant individuals, including newly arrived immigrants, who are enrolled as MassHealth members, in emergency shelter. These supports include case management and referrals to medical, social, and educational services.

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Inspection Services for Housing Choice Voucher Program and State Aided Housing

The Everett Housing Authority (EHA), the awarding authority, invites sealed bids for Inspection Services for Housing Choice Voucher Program and State Aided Housing,

in accordance with the documents prepared by the Everett Housing Authority. The contract shall be for a period of three (3) years estimated at \$100,000 commencing on or about January 2, 2024. Bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c 30B. Bids will be received until November 16, 2023 at 1PM and publicly opened, forthwith. Bids should be sent to the

EHA, 393 Ferry Street, Everett, MA 02149 and received no later than the date and time specified above. Specifications will be available for pick-up October 16, 2023 at the Everett Housing Authority. Stephen Ker-go, Executive Director. Everett Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Frank Costantino watercolor on view at the Museum of Modern Art, NYC

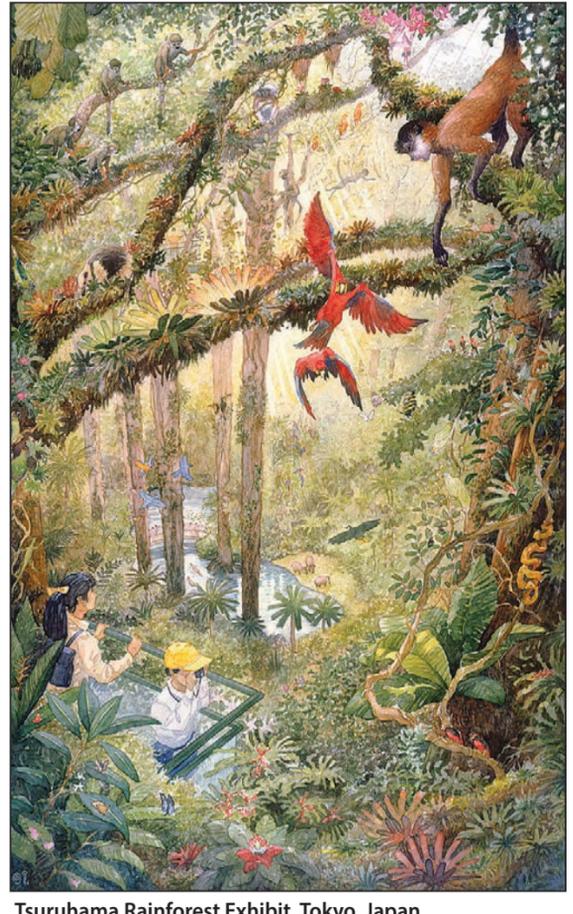
Special to the Independent

Illustrator and Artist, Frank M Costantino is extremely pleased to announce the selection of his watercolor painting, Tsuruhama Rainforest, for exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, in a themed exhibition, Emerging Ecologies: Architecture & The Rise Of Environmentalism.

Frank's work was selected in an unexpected manner, located by the show's curator about twelve months ago, and who sent his invitation to exhibit the original watercolor in this MOMA show.

Mr. Costantino's watercolor represents a naturalist rainforest reconstruction under a geodesic dome in Tokyo. His work will be exhibited with other "Emerging Ecology" drawings and sketches from such familiar luminaries as R. Buckminster Fuller, Frank Lloyd Wright, the Eames Office, Costanti Foundation, James Wines, Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo, and Emilio Ambasz, among many others.

Frank's large 1-6" x 2-0" watercolor was painted as a collaborative commission with his long-time clients, Cambridge Seven & Associates (C7A) principals Peter Chermayeff FAIA and Peter Sollogub FAIA, the



Tsuruhama Rainforest Exhibit, Tokyo, Japan

designers for this exhibit. The early concept was very much in its formative stages, when Frank was invited to assist these talented architects to sketch, draw, interpret and represent an expansive vision for the project.

The initial inspiration for the drawing began with a very small, 2" x 4" (business card-sized), freehand, three-point perspective of

a possible view. With this accepted approach for the drawing, Frank explored sketch designs of the space together with the architects, depicting an enormous number of animal, bird and vegetation specimens unique to this rainforest reconstruction - all to be displayed in a multi-tiered exhibit through tree-tops, and under a geodesic dome.

Over a number of months, as the sketching evolved toward its final drawing form, the exhibit design firm Lyons-Zarembo provided reference materials for the rainforest's indigenous wild-life creatures and plants to inhabit and enliven the illustration.

Multiple sketches and overlay drawings in various media were produced to develop ideas for so many elements. In process drawings with media of pentel on yellow trace, color pencil on white trace, ink line with color pencil, and large format marker sketches (more than twenty-five studies in all), the illustration progressed to a very defined form, and a descriptive line drawing was approved as the base line layout for the final

watercolor. The composition required a careful composing of so many colorful and actively detailed specimens at appropriate scale and size, while balancing these numerous creatures in the expansive space of the exhibit drawing.

It was emphasized by the C7A architects that this illustrative watercolor, which would be very closely scrutinized by many scientists, naturalists, botanists, and wildlife specialists in Japan, required very accurate representation of every element. In addition to the many wildlife forms, a "forested" quality of light and depth and atmosphere of a jungle environment needed to be conveyed in watercolor throughout this very spacious, vertical vista.

The completed Rainforest piece, submitted to the American Society of Architectural Illustrators (www.asai.org) annual competition "Architecture In Perspective Ten" in 1995, was chosen for an "Award of Excellence"; which piece was published in the Society's AIP 10 Catalogue.

On exhibit tour, Tsuru-

hama was shown in a number of venues during 1995 & '96 - to wit:

- 1) Premiere Venue at the Gallery, Newmark Center, Seattle WA; October 1995;
 - 2) American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Washington DC; November-December; 1995;
 - 3) American Institute of Architects (AIA) annual convention, Minneapolis, MN; April 1996;
 - 4) Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Conference Copenhagen, Denmark; May-June 1996;
 - 5) Japan Architectural Renderers Association (JARA) Annual Convention, Tokyo; July 1996;
 - 6) Korean Architectural Perspectivists Association (KAPA) Convention, at The Gallery of the Moonwhailbo, Seoul; July-August 1996;
 - 7) The Chicago Architecture Foundation Gallery; August-September 1996.
- The Tsuruhama Rainforest painting was also invited for display at local venues; including the 8) Boston Society of Architects (BSA) and the 9) Boston Architectural College (BAC).

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