





CITY PAWS

Boredom can be dangerous

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We’re sure you’ve heard the old saw that a tired dog is a good dog. There is a corollary that a bored dog can be a dangerous dog. Many of our canine companions were bred to do a job, a specific task that humans needed help in doing.

That job could be herding sheep, pulling carts, tracking prey, retrieving birds, killing vermin, or guarding animals or a home. Even lap dogs are refined along the way to be excellent companions to people. Since some of these traits are innate and strong, your dog may need a way to compensate and use that drive.

Animal behaviorist Patricia B. McConnell, Ph.D., CAAB Emeritus, in a recent “Other End of the Leash” column, answered the question “Do Dogs Need A Job?” She replied, “... dogs don’t necessarily need to accomplish a task. I think the standard advice

is trying to say that dogs need mental exercise as much as physical exertion. That dogs can get bored, and boredom often creates behavioral problems like chewing on TV remotes, incessant barking, or somewhere, someday, a late-night order on QVC by a standard poodle.”

**Is Your Dog Bored?**

You should be alert for commonly recognized signs of boredom in dogs. Destructive chewing, licking, or scratching can indicate a bored dog. However, there may be other reasons for this behavior, like separation anxiety, allergies, or other medical issues that call for a visit to the veterinarian.

Barking out windows, at a television, or computer screen can be related to boredom. Since it is troublesome to you and your neighbors, you need to use training, alternative activities, or taking away temptations to address the behavior.

When we leave Poppy alone, we confine her to a comfortable room with the window blinds down and music masking any sounds she might hear. When we are at home with her, we’ve tried another McConnell tip of addressing her in a calm, quiet voice and asking her to do something like, “Hush!” “Come to me!” or “Go to your quiet spot!” She receives random treats for quieting herself successfully. We’ve learned that yelling makes the barking worse.

Stealing things and escaping are two of the most dangerous things bored dogs can do. Grabbing your sock can be a way for the dog to engage you in a game of chase. However, playing with or chewing on the wrong object can lead to surgery if some of the item is destroyed and swallowed. There is no need to explain the dangers of a dog that escapes your home or yard.



You may not think of the Great Pyrenees as a sheepdog, but they have protected herds like this for centuries. (Photo by Federica Giusti)

**Ways to Avoid Boredom**

McConnell suggests that you “Take Your Dog on a Sniff” instead of just a walk. “I’ve gone on record, as have many others, that a primary need of dogs is to use the sense of smell, often more than we let them.”

With a noise-averse dog, we always rejoice when our Poppy pauses to sniff on a walk. It means

that she is relaxed a bit and enjoying the outside world for a few moments. She will sniff more often when we walk in unfamiliar places like a beach or a quiet park.

Exercise, training, and mental stimulation are ways to burn off the excess canine energy that causes unwanted behavior. More walks, interactive toys, and sometimes

leaving a television on for the dog to watch can help.

It may take some work to keep your dog from being bored out of his mind, but the reward for you will be less destruction and unwanted behavior.

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Hennessy as guest soloist in Chaminade’s “Concertino for Flute.”

Burnstine, who played clarinet with the NSPO for nearly 30 years, died in June at the age of 94. “Murray was self-deprecating and easy going, with a dry sense of humor, yet fiercely dedicated to his music,” said Music Director Lehmann. “He was an experienced, veteran player in many genres, always up for something challenging and new and he loved making music

with his colleagues.”

Lehmann touted the concert program. “French and German music have aesthetically been at opposite ends of the musical spectrum in terms of concept French compositional style,” he said. “Faure’s Masques et Bergamasques epitomizes this sensibility in that it pays homage to France’s rich musical and literary heritage. Brahms, on the other hand, was expected to represent the traditional Teutonic world of rich, heavy and

‘learned’ compositional elements.” Lehmann noted, though, that Brahms “...slyly pays homage to the same ‘Classical’ elements while pushing the limits of what could be accomplished in developing a whole 45 minute symphony from one strand of musical DNA.”

Soloist Lisa Hennessy Lisa Hennessy has been principal flutist of the Portland Symphony Orchestra since 2000. She is also principal flutist with the Boston Ballet Orchestra, Boston Philharmonic Orchestra and the Boston Landmarks Orchestra, and performs regularly with Boston Lyric Opera, Boston Pops, Rhode Island Philharmonic, among others. She will play the demanding flute concertino by Cecile Chaminade, one of the composer’s most famous works. According to an article in Musicby-

woman.org, legend has it that Chaminade wrote the piece for an ex-lover that played the flute, intending to make it so difficult that he would mess up in performance and embarrass himself.

This year marks the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra’s 75th concert season. Staffed largely by volunteer players, the NSPO is committed to providing access to quality music at an affordable price to communities north of Boston. The Orchestra strives to develop, train and provide opportunities for young and amateur musicians, while providing a large range of programs covering the full range of symphonic and pops repertoire for a diverse public. For full concert information, visit [www.nspo.org](http://www.nspo.org) or contact [info@nspe.org](mailto:info@nspe.org).

NFPA urges extra caution when preparing your feast this Thanksgiving

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) urges added caution when cooking on Thanksgiving Day, by far the leading day of the year for home cooking fires. In 2021, an estimated 1,160 home cooking fires were reported to U.S fire departments on Thanksgiving Day, reflecting a 297 percent increase over the daily average.

“Thanksgiving is a hectic holiday with multiple dishes cooking and baking at the same time, along with lots of guests, entertaining, and other distractions that can make it easy to lose sight of what’s on the stove or in the oven,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “With all these factors at play, it’s not surprising that the number of cooking fires spikes so dramatically.”

Overall, cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries, and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.

“Keeping a close eye on what’s cooking and minimizing the likelihood of getting distracted are key steps people can take to ensure a festive, fire-free holiday,” said Carli.

Following are additional tips and recommendations from NFPA to help cook safely on Thanksgiving:

- Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that can come in contact with a heat source.
- Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If a small grease fire starts, smother the flames by sliding the lid over the pan, then turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again. Let the pan cool for a long time.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you’re confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the fire department for assistance.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Hot foods and liquids should be placed away from table and counter edges.
- In addition, NFPA strongly discourages the use of turkey fryers that use cooking oil, which can cause devastating burns. For a safe alternative, NFPA recommends purchasing a fried turkey from a grocery store or restaurant or buying a fryer that does not use oil.
- For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.
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**- LEGAL NOTICE -**  
**CITY OF EVERETT**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**EVERETT CITY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**FY 2024 ADOPTION OF THE LOWEST**  
**MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR (MRF)**

The Everett City Council shall conduct a public hearing at a special meeting of the council on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at Everett City Hall, Third Floor, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149. At said meeting, the Everett City Council shall consider the adoption of the lowest minimum residential factor (MRF) as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Commissioner of Revenue in setting the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2024 that began on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 20243. The agenda packet for this special meeting of the City Council shall be posted a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting at the following link: <https://cityofeverett.com/city-hall/departments/city-clerk/agenda>. Questions and comments may be directed in advance of the public hearing to the Legislative Aide for the City Council, Michael Mangan at [Michael.Mangan@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:Michael.Mangan@ci.everett.ma.us) or 617-394-2237.

**Michael K. Marchese, President**  
**Michael Mangan, Legislative Aide**  
**November 15, 2023**

**- LEGAL NOTICE -**  
**CITY OF EVERETT**

**ENROLLED ORDINANCE**

PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1 SECTION 4.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EVERETT AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS Chapter 43, Section 23.

ENROLLED: 11/13/2023

DATE OF PROPOSED ORDAINMENT: 11/27/2023

CITY COUNCIL.....No. C0284-23

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE

**AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING THE USAGE OF THE LOUD AND UNNECESSARY NOISS ORDINANCE IN THE DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE**

Councilor /s/ Michael K. Marchese, as President

**Whereas:** Portions of a previous version the Loud and Unusual Construction Noise Ordinance are repeated in the Driveway Construction Ordinance; and

**Whereas:** Some of those repeated portions have been since modified in such Noise Ordinance; and

**Whereas:** The Driveway Construction Ordinance needs to be modified to take out any incorrect information. The Driveway Construction Ordinance can still reference such Noise Ordinance, but it should not repeat any information contained in it.

**Now,** therefore, by the authority granted to the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts to make and amend ordinances:

**Be it Ordained** by the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts that Section 17-115 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Everett is hereby amended as follows:

Section 17-115(a) shall be amended by deleting the current text of the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following text:

All driveway construction activity shall be performed in conformance with the Public Peace and Safety Ordinance – Loud and Unnecessary Noises: Construction Work in Residential Districts (Section 13A-62(g)(14)b.6.) and Construction Work in Non-Residential Districts (Section 13A-62(g)(14)b.7.)

A full copy of the proposed Ordinance shall be located at the City Clerk’s Office for public inspection. A full copy of the proposed ordinance and all supporting documentation may also be found on pages 77 thru 81 of the agenda packet for the November 13, 2023 regular meeting of the City Council which can be found at the following link:

<https://cityofeverett.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/11-13-2023-City-Council-Meeting.pdf>

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by the City Council and subsequent approval by His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy attest

**Sergio Cornelio, City Clerk**  
**November 15, 2023**

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# How to winterize your landscaping tools

Winter is just around the corner, and while most of us are busy preparing our homes and vehicles for the cold months ahead, it’s important not to forget about our trusty landscaping tools. These essential tools help us maintain our lawns throughout the year, and neglecting them during the winter can lead to costly repairs or replacements come spring.

In this blog, we will discuss the importance of winterizing your yard work tools, provide a checklist of supplies you’ll need and offer step-by-step instructions on how to protect your lawn care tools from the harsh winter elements.

## Assessing Your Landscape Tools

Before you begin the winterization process, it’s essential to assess the state of your landscape tools. Check each tool for signs of wear and tear, damage or rust. Make a list of the types of lawn tools you have, such as lawnmowers, trimmers, leaf blowers and edgers, and identify their vulnerability to winter damage. For example, metal parts are more prone to rust, while fuel systems can suffer from cold-related issues like fuel freezing, gasket seals cracking or overcooling which can result in piston scuffing and other issues.

## Winterizing Supplies Checklist

To winterize your yard work tools effectively,



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you’ll need a few essential supplies:

- **Cleaning materials:** Brushes, rags and cleaning solutions to remove dirt, debris and oil.
- **Fuel stabilizer:** To prevent fuel from deteriorating during storage.
- **Oil:** For changing the oil in your engines.
- **Lubricants:** For maintaining moving parts and preventing rust.
- **Sharpening tools** like a blade sharpener or drill attachment: To keep blades and cutting surfaces sharp.
- **Storage solutions:** Covers or shelters to protect your tools from the elements.

## Safety Precautions

Safety should always be a top priority when handling lawn tools. Wear appropriate safety gear, such as gloves and safety goggles, when performing maintenance. Before cleaning any gas-powered tools with a blade for example, make sure you remove the spark plug first to keep the tool from accidentally kick-starting. Read the manufacturer’s

guidelines for each tool to ensure you follow the recommended safety procedures.

## Cleaning and Maintenance

Cleaning your lawn tools thoroughly is the first step in winterizing them. Remove dirt, grass clippings and other debris using a brush or compressed air. Wipe down the surfaces with a rag and a suitable cleaning solution. For lawnmowers, trimmers and other garden equipment, refer to the manufacturer’s instructions for detailed cleaning and maintenance procedures.

## Fuel and Oil Management

Properly managing fuel and oil is essential to prevent engine damage during winter. Drain the fuel tanks or add a fuel stabilizer to prevent deterioration. Change the oil according to the manufacturer’s recommendations and check and replace air filters as needed. These steps will help ensure your engines start smoothly

when spring arrives:

- Drain the gas tank and then run the engine until the fuel system is empty for long-term storage or stabilize the fuel for short-term storage.
- Generally, you will need to remove the oil drain plug, drain the oil into a container, replace the drain plug and refill the engine with the recommended oil.
- Replace the oil filter at least once a season, more often under heavy use.
- Check the air filter once a season or every 25 years of usage.

## Sharpening Blades and Cutting Surfaces

Maintaining sharp blades and cutting surfaces is vital for effective lawn care. Dull blades can damage your grass and plants, making them more susceptible to disease. Safely sharpen your tools’ blades using the appropriate sharpening tools, following the manufacturer’s guidelines or seeking professional help if needed.

1. If you have a gas-powered lawn tool, be sure to remove the spark plug first before sharpening blades so that the system doesn’t accidentally kick-start.
2. Loosen the single nut or bolt holding the blade on so you can remove the blade
3. Take a wire brush to it and clean off all of the debris that has accumulated over time.
4. Use a 10-inch long mill bastard hand file, or

a sharpener attachment to the end of a drill-bit.

5. Use a handy nail that has been nailed into the wall or a balancing tool to balance the weight of the blade so that you don’t take off more weight from one side of the blade and not the other.

6. Reinstall the blade and hand-tighten the bolt.

## Lubrication and Rust Prevention

Lubrication plays a crucial role in preventing rust and corrosion. Apply lubricants to moving parts, such as hinges, springs, gears or any other moving parts/surfaces that might be susceptible to rust as recommended by the manufacturer. Additionally, protect surfaces susceptible to rust by applying a rust-inhibiting product.

## Storing Your Landscape Tools

Proper storage is the final step in winterizing your yard work tools. Find an ideal storage space, such as a shed or garage, to protect your tools from extreme cold, moisture and snow. Use covers or shelters for added protection. If you have rechargeable batteries for your tools, store them in a cool, dry place and follow the manufacturer’s guidelines for proper battery maintenance during the winter months. Some safe places to store landscape tools over winter include:

- Garages
- Hanging inside on a wall

- Plastic bins with a lid or cabinets

## How do I get my landscape tools ready for winter? - Answered

In preparation for winter, it’s essential to winterize your landscaping tools by cleaning and maintaining them, managing fuel and oil, sharpening blades, applying lubrication and storing them properly to prevent damage from the cold weather and ensure they’re ready for use in the spring.

So, don’t wait—start winterizing your yard work tools today and enjoy a worry-free winter knowing that your tools are well cared for.

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

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*This article was written by Sod Solutions Content Strategist, Valerie Smith.*

# Harboring Creativity: Launching East Boston Artists at the ICA Watershed

Special to the Times-Free Press

The East Boston Artists Group presents Harboring Creativity: Launching East Boston Artists at the ICA Watershed. Featuring the work of 40 local emerging and established artists who live, work, or create in East Boston, this presentation is a wonderful reflection of the creativity and innovation of East Boston and the surrounding neighborhoods. Harboring Creativity will be on view at the ICA Watershed on November 18 and 19 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. The ICA Watershed is located in the Boston Shipyard and Marina, 256 Marginal Street in East Boston. Entry is free and the artists will be selling their works (cash; credit; Venmo/Zelle).

“For the past 23 years, the East Boston Artists Group has promoted and supported the many artists in East Boston through making their works of art available to the public” according to June Krinsky-Rudder, one of three co-founders of the group. “Founded in 2000, our very first exhibits – hosted by ZUMIX (the award-winning organization for youth leadership through music) – focused on the fact that East Boston is more than an airport; it’s a community. Our humble beginnings in artists’ living rooms led to eleven artists carving out studios at 80 Border Street and hosting our first Open Studios just 14 months after our founding, adding more artists to the building just a few weeks before that. Early support from the East Boston Foundation, Tony’s Realty, ZUMiX, and a number of local restaurants and businesses helped to put EBAG and Eastie on the cultural map. The East Boston

Community Development Corporation purchased 80 Border Street in 2006, bringing the structure to code, and attracting the attention of other developers. Since then, the burgeoning arts scene (Atlantic Works Gallery, Boston East Gallery, Clip Art Gallery at Clippership Wharf, HarborArts, the ICA Watershed, and Veronica Robles Cultural Center), and a vibrant blend of cultures have helped to make the neighborhood a destination for visitors and a more interesting place to live. It’s exciting to have the ICA Watershed partnering with EBAG to share our art in their beautiful space which connects us with East Boston’s history as well as its future.”

“Growing up on the East Boston waterfront has been an exciting journey,” stated Artist, Diane Modica. She added, “Its current transformation follows a storied past of ship building and repair, dock workers, fishing boats, cargo ships, ferries, rail cargo, and transit. All of these were mainstays of the local economy before the port’s decline.

Modica added, “ I am very excited that today we see a renaissance of the East Boston waterfront, with a rich and diverse mix of activities throughout our many neighborhoods. , This transformation includes stunning new parks and harbor walks, busy marinas, modern housing, reborn water transit, restaurants, entertainment, a sailing center, community gardens and farms, a reemerging shipyard, enduring ship pilots, and exciting new art venues like the ICA Watershed along with existing and new art galleries on the water.

In addition, Modica states, “The Massachusetts

Public Waterways Act provides that that non waterfront dependent development must allow the public meaningful access to the site where development occurs. The ICA has been exemplary in meeting their obligation and making good on their commitment to East Boston. Not only has it offered its own compelling seasonal exhibits at the Watershed, but also it has collaborated with the East Boston Artists Group for this exhibit as well as with other community organizations including East Boston Social Centers, the East Boston Health Center, and the Veronica Robles Cultural Center for their events.”

The exciting group of artists featured are just a small number of the rich and diverse group of working artists in and around Boston. Please see here the full list of artists participating in this year’s presentation.

Also on view is The Beautiful Worlds of David Riley. This 15-minute short film is a collaboration between East Boston artist David Riley and Waltham documentary filmmaker Cathleen O’Connell. Riley is a self-taught artist who was exposed to high levels of lead as a child. He began painting in his 40s, drawing inspiration for his colorful canvases from the streets of Boston as well as pop culture, movies, and

television. O’Connell is an independent documentary producer whose work has been broadcast on PBS, Discovery, and the History Channel. The film also features an interview with David’s mother and longtime East Boston resident, Fran Riley, who traces her son’s journey as an artist. Fran hopes the film will lead to greater awareness about the long-term impact of lead poisoning on both individuals and families.

The East Boston Artists Group is grateful to our sponsors - including our partnership with the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston - for their support of this important presentation. (Please contact Diane Modica for additional sponsorship opportunities.)

The East Boston Artists Group (EBAG) was founded in 2000 and held its first Open Studios in 2001. The mission of the organization is to introduce residents of our

neighborhood, and visitors from elsewhere to the vibrant arts community and artwork of East Boston. Over the course of 23 years, we have accomplished this through annual Open Studios events, Holiday Open Houses, and exhibits within and outside of the neighborhood.

In 2018, the Institute of Contemporary Art opened the ICA Watershed to the public, expanding artistic and educational programming on both sides of Boston Harbor—the Seaport and East Boston. Located in the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, the ICA Watershed transformed a 15,000-square-foot, formerly condemned space into a cultural asset to experience large-scale-art. It has since presented one immersive exhibition each summer, until it was closed to the public in 2020 to support the city and state in their efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. During the pandemic, it was used as a food dis-

tribution site to address a direct need within the East Boston community, which experienced one of the highest rates of COVID-19 in Boston. The cross-harbor connection to the Watershed was designed to deepen the vibrant intersection of contemporary art and civic life in Boston and is central to the ICA’s vision of art, civic life, and urban vitality.

While East Boston’s storied history as a shipbuilding mecca, working port and immigration gateway is woven into the community consciousness, the East Boston waterfront has only recently been reactivated. This has enabled the public access to enjoy magnificent views, parks, sailing, boating, housing, restaurants, and entertainment contributing to Eastie’s growth and prosperity. It also proves that East Boston’s attraction, value and vitality continue to offer numerous opportunities to live, work and play.



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### REMEMBERING PRESIDENT JOHN K. KENNEDY

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy 60 years ago this week seared an indelible imprint into the memory of every American who was alive at that time. Just as the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 5, 1941, had been to an older generation and the terrorist attacks on the twin towers on 9/11 of 2001 has been for today’s younger generations, every American can recall where they were and the shock they felt when they first heard the news that President Kennedy had been shot while on his motorcade in Dallas, Texas in the early afternoon of November 22, 1963.

We were in our fourth grade classroom at Our Lady of Grace School in Chelsea-Everett when the principal interrupted class to make the mind-numbing announcement and release everybody from school immediately. Though we were only nine years old at the time, we knew instantly that something had changed, both in our own lives and for the country, and that the world never would be the same again.

When people think of the cultural changes that took place in the 1960s, they think of President Kennedy as emblematic of those changes. But the reality is that the ’60s of our popular culture really did not take place until after his assassination. America on November 22, 1963, still was very much as it had been for the previous decade during the Eisenhower years and through the three years of Kennedy’s presidency: We were at peace (though engaged in a Cold War) and we were prosperous, but the evolving rights of minorities, women, and gays still were very much under the national radar screen in a culture dominated by white males. It still would be a few years before the multitude of societal changes that would shape our personal lives and America -- and the world -- into what we know it today.

The assassination of President Kennedy was the first of four major political assassinations over the course of the next four and one-half years -- Malcolm X in 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, and culminating with that of Robert F. Kennedy, President Kennedy’s brother, in early June, 1968.

But in November, 1963, that wave of assassinations, as well as the violent and incendiary protests and riots that were to engulf our inner cities and college campuses from the mid-’60s through the mid-’70s, were not even remotely imaginable. In particular, the war in Vietnam, the catalyst for much of the nation’s decade of turmoil, still was a clandestine operation with only a few hundred American advisers in the field on behalf of the government of South Vietnam.

Was it just a coincidence that America, and indeed the world, underwent a transformation in the immediate aftermath of the Kennedy assassination? Or would all of these things have happened regardless of whether President Kennedy had been shot? Would Kennedy have escalated the war in Vietnam? And if not, might the violence that accompanied so many of the changes that occurred in the decade after his death have been averted if President Kennedy had been re-elected to a second term?

These and many other “what ifs” are questions that historians have been pondering in the decades since his death and will continue to do so.

But for those of us who lived through the Kennedy assassination, such issues were far from our minds in its immediate aftermath. Instead, we recall the shock, and then the deep sadness and despair, that was felt universally by all of us as we watched our black and white TV sets and grieved for his young widow and their two small children. John F. Kennedy’s assassination made us all realize the fragility of life and how everything we hold dear can change in an instant, both for ourselves and our loved ones, regardless of our station in life.

So as we think about the events of 60 years ago this week and contemplate how the assassination of John F. Kennedy profoundly affected the future direction not only of America and the world, but also each one of us — let us remember too, the effect that his loss had on his own family, who sacrificed so much on that terrible day in Dallas.

President Kennedy was only 46 years old when he was assassinated. His death brings to mind two phrases from literature, applicable both to Kennedy and the promise of America in that era.

The first is from the ancient Greeks, attributed to the historian Herodotus:

“Those whom the gods love, die young.”

The second is the final paragraph from Gray’s Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard:

Yet ah! Why should they know their fate?  
Since sorrow never comes too late,  
And happiness too swiftly flies.  
Thought would destroy their paradise.  
No more; where ignorance is bliss,  
’Tis folly to be wise.

# Independent Forum



Then-U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline hosted the leaders of the Massachusetts Democratic party at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis in 1956. Seated (left to right) are: State Representative James O’Dea from Lowell, who was the House Majority Whip; State Senator John E. Powers from South Boston, who was the Democratic floor leader and the future Senate President in 1959; and Jacqueline Kennedy. Standing (l-r) are Senator Albert Previte from Lawrence; Senator Maurice Donahue from Holyoke (who himself was elected Senate President in 1964 after Powers left the Senate); Senator John Gibney of Worcester. Mass. House Speaker Michael Skerry from Medford; John F. Kennedy; Senator Andrew P. Quigley, who represented Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, and part of Everett; to Quigley’s left is Senator Elizabeth Stanton from Fitchburg; and behind Stanton is Senator Jim Hennigan from Jamaica Plain.

### EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Parlin Adult and Teens**  
Parlin Book Group, Parlin Meeting Room, and Zoom. Monday, November 20th at 6:00 pm. We will read Curtis Sittenfeld’s Romantic Comedy about a comedy writer who’s sworn off love, until a dreamy pop star flips the script on all her assumptions—a “smart, sophisticated, and fun” (Oprah Daily) novel from the author of Eligible, Rodham, and Prep... 18+. Call Kathleen at (617) 394 2300, or send an email to slipp@noblenet.org, for the Zoom link, or join us in person!

**Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room.** Tuesday, November 21st 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!

**Parlin Childrens Lego Club.** Parlin Children’s Room. Monday, November 20th 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, November 21st at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

**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.

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CITY OF EVERETT HONORS VETERANS AT THE CONNOLLY CENTER

The City of Everett hosted the Veterans Day Ceremony and Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Connolly Center to honor all who have served in the United States military.

It was a full house at the Connolly Center as veterans, elected officials and community members gathered to show appreciation for all the local veterans who have served in the United States military.

The City of Everett’s Veterans Services Director Antoine Coleman was this year’s keynote speaker. Coleman, an Everett High School (EHS) graduate, served in the United States Marine Corps for 11 years. During his service, he was deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Honduras before being honorably discharged from the

Marine Corps. He now leads Everett’s Veterans Services Department and serves the City’s veterans.

In addition to Coleman, speakers at the ceremony included Sgt. Major

Thomas Ardita, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Rep. Joe McGonagle and Bishop Robert Brown.

The EHS Band and Color Guard performed

throughout the ceremony. The band performed many patriotic medleys and also played TAPS following the traditional moment of silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the

11th month in honor of Armistice Day. This was the moment the armistice was signed in 1918 that marked the end of World War I, which took the lives of many soldiers and civil-

ians.

“I am truly grateful for the opportunity to show our appreciation for the men and women who

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Rep. Joseph McGonagle and Veterans Officer Antoine Coleman.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria greets Joe Keefe and veteran Antony Ferrante at the ceremony.



Everett High School Band Director Gene O'Brien, with two of the band's biggest supporters, Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his wife, Tricia DiDomenico.



Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi, Ward 3 Councilor-Elect Anthony DiPierro, Peter Napolitano, and Bishop Robert G. Brown.



Jim Mason, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Ernie Lariviere, U.S. Army veteran Peter Chiarello, and U.S. Navy veteran Frank Kelley.



Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins joins seniors for a photo at the Veterans Day Program Nov. 11 at the Edward Connolly Senior Center.



School Committee Member Millie Cardello, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Interim Supt. of Schools Bill Hart, School Committee Member-Elect Samantha Hurley, and School Committee Member-Elect Joanna Garren.



The City of Everett honored all who served at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony & Luncheon at the Connolly Center.

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served our country,” said Mayor DeMaria. “I’d like to thank our Veterans Services Department for helping put together another wonderful ceremony and all those who contributed and joined us to make this event a great success.”

In his remarks, Mayor DeMaria announced that he is asking the Everett City Council to pass a resolution that will recognize Everett as a Purple Heart City. This allows the City of Everett to place signs around the City informing residents of this designation and help honor the recipients of the oldest military award dating back to the Revolutionary War in recognition of being wounded or killed in service.

“We have tremendous respect for our veterans in the City of Everett, and I am asking my colleagues in the City Council to pass a resolution that will recognize Everett as a Purple Heart City as a special show of thanks to our veterans,” said Mayor DeMaria. “This will hopefully serve as a continual reminder for all of us to show our thanks and appreciation to the members



Ward 2 School Committee Member-Elect Joanna Garren and Councilor-at-Large-Elect Guerline Alcy.



Director of Elder Services Dale Palma and Sen. Sal DiDomenico.



Councilor-at-Large-Elect Guerline Alcy and veteran Roy Kirnon.



Carmella Marchant and Ward 4 Councilor-Elect Holly Garcia.



Frederick Cafasso Jr. and Ward 5 Councilor-Elect Robert Van Campen.

of our armed forces for all they have done for us.”

If you would like to know about all of the upcoming events the City of Everett has planned, please visit [cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list](http://cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list). You can also follow the official social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and X (the platform formerly known as Twitter). Facebook: /cityofeverettma and /mayor-carlodemaria. Instagram: @cityofeverettma and @mayorcarlodemaria. X: @City\_EverettMA and @Mayor\_DeMaria. All are welcome to attend the many exciting events that are planned.



Deputy Fire Chief William Hurley, with his wife, School Committee-Elect Samantha Hurley, and their son, EHS Band member William Hurley, and their daughter, Ava Hurley.



Sgt. Major Thomas Ardita and Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Everett Veterans Service Office Antoine Coleman welcomes Marlene Westerman to the Veterans Day Program.

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Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa and Luca Costa thank U.S. Army veteran Charles Radosta for his service to the United States of America during the Korean War.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Rights of Affected Third Parties

The following Person has filed an application pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21E, s. 3A(j)(3) and 940 CMR 23.00, to enter into a Brownfields Covenant Not to Sue Agreement for the Site listed below. Third parties who may have claims with regard to this Site are hereby notified that:

1) the execution of the requested Agreement may affect such claims, and

2) third parties whose rights will be affected may seek to join the Agreement.

Parties who wish to do so must make such request to the Attorney General in writing and must either deliver such request to: Brownfields Unit Office of the Attorney General One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108

The request must be delivered by Monday, December 11, 2023, or mail such request to the same address by first-class mail postmarked by that date.

Name of Applicant: Everett Landco, LLC and certain affiliates listed on Exhibit A to this notice.

Description of the Site:

The property is the former ExxonMobil facility located in Everett, Massachusetts. The property is approximately 100.296 acres encompassing four main parcels consisting of:

- \* 52 Beacham Street, known as the North Tank Farm. It is bounded by Broadway to the West, the tracks servicing the Newburyport/Rockport MBTA line to the North, and Beacham Street to the South.
- \* 51 Robin Street and 0 South Farm Road, together known as the South Tank Farm. These parcels are bisected by an existing unrelated business known as Sprague Energy.
- \* 211 Wharf Area, known as the Marine Dock Terminal, is located on the northern shore of the Mystic River at the junction of the Island End River.

Description of the Release(s) at issue:

The Property has a long history of use as a refinery and petroleum bulk storage facility. These past operations have resulted in the contamination of soil and groundwater with petroleum hydrocarbons, lead and other hazardous materials. Ongoing remedial actions and investigations have occurred at the Site since the 1980's, however, significant contamination remains to be remediated.

Summary of the terms of the application:

The Applicant seeks liability relief pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21E §3A(j)(3) and 940 CMR 23.00. The Applicant will be a new owner who did not cause the contamination and is not responsible for the contamination and is an Eligible Person, as defined in M.G.L. c. 21 §2. After acquiring the property, the Applicant will complete the environmental cleanup and intends to achieve a remediated site with a Permanent Solution, as defined in 310 CMR 40.0006. This work will be completed in multiple phases and will likely take several years.

After the cleanup is completed, the property will be redeveloped into multi-family residential and commercial uses which may include light assembly, high-tech manufacturing, clean energy technology, warehousing/distribution, life sciences, retail, office, or hotel. The Applicant is seeking liability protection from the Commonwealth and from third parties for contribution, response action costs and property damage under M.G.L. c. 21E and common law and is seeking natural resource damages liability protection. These liability protections will be effective upon executing the Covenant Not to Sue and prior to completion of the cleanup, provided that the Applicant diligently continues to complete the cleanup.

Copies of the Applicant's application may be obtained by contacting Applicant's representative, Colin MacDonald, by email at [cmacdonald@thedaviscompanies.com](mailto:cmacdonald@thedaviscompanies.com) or by telephone at (617) 451-1300.

EXHIBIT A

Affiliates of Everett Landco, LLC

1. Everett Landco Investor, L.P.
2. Everett Landco GP, LLC
3. Everett Investor, LLC
4. DIV VAF V, LLC
5. DIV Fund V Manager Corp
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8. Davis Investment Ventures Fund V-A, L.P.
9. Davis Investment Ventures Fund V-B, L.P.
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11. DIV Fund V GP, LLC
12. Global Everett Landco, LLC
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# Sports

## EVERETT HIGH FOOTBALL FALLS TO CENTRAL CATHOLIC, 38-21

The Everett High School football team dropped a 38-21 decision to Central Catholic last Friday in Lawrence.

Christian Zamor (28 yards), Manny Santiago (48 yards), and Jao Lucas Barrios (50 yards)

rushed for touchdowns in the game.

Everett (8-2) will host St. Mary's High School of Lynn on the Wednesday (6 p.m.) before Thanksgiving at Everett Memorial Stadium.

"We just got to finish

out the season strong and help the seniors in the recruiting process," said first-year head coach Justin Flores. "Then my staff and I will have a full year to prepare the team for next season. I'm really looking forward to that."



TEAM EFFORT: Kevin Diaz (9) and Shane MacKenzie (1) stuff Central Catholic's Jeremy Barton in a short-yardage situation.



OFF AND RUNNING: Joao Lucas Barrios leaves the defense behind as he breaks free for Everett's first score of the night.



THERE GOES SHIFTY: Damien Lackland (10) cuts away from Central Catholic's Connor Cowan during first quarter action.



TAKE-DOWN MOVE: Donald Michel (13) wrestles Central Catholic's Scott Anderson to the ground.



GREAT GOLDEN FLIPPER: Everett's Domenic Papa goes vertical as he is flipped on a tackle by Central Catholic's Jeremy Barton.



LOOK OUT: Jayden Prophete looks for a way to escape Central Catholic's Jeremy Barton.



EVERY INCH COUNTS: Carlos Rodrigues (7) fights off a Central Catholic tackler.



HIGH STEPPIN': Christian Zamor high-steps it into the end zone for an Everett score.

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

## STAFFING SHORTAGE AT CPS

CHELSEA - A staffing shortage in the Chelsea Public Schools has had a negative impact on educators and students, according to teachers and staff who took part in the public speaking portion of last week’s School Committee meeting.

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to a statement from Chelsea Teachers’ Union President Kathryn Anderson, as well as about a dozen emails and letters from Chelsea school staff that were read into the record.

“Tonight, you are going to hear testimony regarding bargaining for central office about unfilled positions across the district,” said Anderson. “Hiring is in flux across the district, but our most recent report from the central office indicates that there are 50 unfilled positions across our bargaining units.”

Anderson said the numbers are in flux because the district is hard at work recruiting in the midst of a nationwide educator shortage.

“As a union, we recognize and appreciate the incredibly difficult work of finding and retaining a qualified and diverse workforce,” said Anderson. “Chelsea has rightly been celebrated for hiring members who reflect our student body; we all know the important impact this has on students’ educational, social, and emotional wellbeing.”

However, Anderson said even with all the hard work from the administration, there are still dozens of vacancies across the district. She said the most recent report as of last week showed the district was still looking to hire three instructional coaches, 12 paraprofessionals, and 32 teaching professionals. The majority of those teaching positions were in the special education and English Language Learner departments, she said.

In a statement on Tuesday morning, district officials said “At present the District has approximately 25 vacancies in educator positions with primary

responsibility for staffing classrooms and/or providing necessary services for students. The District has an additional 10 vacancies in educator positions that, while important, do not have these primary responsibilities.”

Anderson said there have been a myriad of issues associated with the hiring shortage, including existing staff taking on the responsibilities of the unfilled positions, leading to potential burnout and services falling through the cracks because of the heavy workloads.

“We have been meeting with the district since September in attempts to address these impacts,” said Anderson. “Unfortunately, the district’s response so far has been far from what our kids need.”

The administration has agreed to make some minor changes, such as allowing paraprofessionals with bachelors’ degrees to serve as long-term substitutes and allowing school psychologists to miss some meetings.

As of last week, Anderson said over 375 staff members had signed onto a petition highlighting four requests from the union in regard to the vacancies.

Those requests include informing families when a student is missing a teacher and updating them on efforts to fill the position; cease and desist counting one educator as two positions in areas where the district is missing a special education liaison, multilingual educator, or general education teacher; compensating the understaffed school psychologists, multilingual educators, and general education teachers who are working solo when there should co-teacher or when there are increased class sizes; and adding lead positions when coaches are missing.

“We are seeking clear, simple remedies to this situation that will go a long way to recognizing the gargantuan efforts our existing staff are putting in to get what kids need,” said Anderson.

A number of educators and school staff submitted

testimony about the hardships they are undergoing in making sure the duties of the unfilled positions are handled.

Browne Middle School math coach Jessica Flick said she has had to take over teaching duties and other responsibilities as the school is down one eighth grade math teacher.

“What this means to me is absolute exhaustion,” said Flick. “I work 12 hour days and then at least one weekend day every week. This workload affects my family, and I am only being compensated for the time I teach a math class, however I am planning seven sessions per week.”

Chelsea High School special education teacher Marjory Rome since she has not seen such unprecedented workloads in her 20 years at the school, and that each additional task educators are asked to take on with vacancies mushrooms the time it takes to complete them.

“It is painful for me to see my colleagues and friends doing two jobs without being compensated appropriately,” said Clark Middle School teacher Alison Gorman. “I believe that you know that teachers will pick up the slack left by the vacancies because we care about our students and we want the best for them. However, we have already seen many of our colleagues resign from Chelsea public schools and I am fearful that the level of burnout that we are experiencing will result in even more vacancies.”

School Committee member Katherine Cabral thanked the educators for their comments and said the committee did not take their concerns lightly.

In the statement from Tuesday, school district officials stated that “as bargaining with the Chelsea Teachers’ Union over the impact of vacancies on current staff is ongoing, the District must decline to comment further at this time. It’s crucial to emphasize that the problem of teacher shortages is not exclusive to Chelsea Public Schools; it is a widespread issue across the entire state.”

## HVNA HEARS ABOUT PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - At its monthly meeting on Monday, the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) learned more about a project that would include the demolition of an existing building at 531 Bennington Street that Attorney Rich-



Revere Mayor Elect Patrick Keefe with his family and supporters celebrating his victory at the Marina at the Wharf Restaurant. Keefe was quoted “We Believe” and it happened.

ard Lynds described as the street’s Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The existing building at the site is a three-story, three-unit dwelling and was described as being in unsound structural condition by Lynds, who presented the project to the HVNA.

During the presentation, Lynds read from an engineer report concerning the building’s structural integrity that pointed out several issues, such as walls being out of plumb and leaning toward 529 Bennington Street, deterioration of the brick masonry foundation walls, and more.

Further, the report Lynds read from concluded that it would be safer to demolish the building and rebuild on its current footprint.

Moreover, Lynds explained that this has been presented to the Boston Landmarks Commission regarding a demolition delay application.

“The Boston Landmarks Commission has essentially waived any review of this and concur with our engineer and that they recommend certainly that we proceed with demolition,” said Lynds. He also added that a demolition permit is anticipated shortly.

With concerns about the structural integrity of the building in mind, the proposal for the project is to demolish it and build a four-story, five-unit residential building.

Regarding plans for the newly proposed four-story building, it was designed to align with the proposed zoning changes that stem from the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative PLAN: East Boston.

## IT’S MAYOR KEEFE

For example, Lynds went through some specific design features such as the height, lot coverage, rear yard depth, and how they are consistent with what is being proposed through the plan.

However, it was acknowledged by Lynds that since these proposed zoning changes are not currently in effect and a permit has been applied for under current zoning, the project would require relief under the current zoning code.

Also, an important aspect of the project to note is that the proposed building’s footprint would be consistent with the footprint of the current building.

“We’re not looking to expand the footprint of our building. We are increasing it vertically one level; however, we’re not changing it with respect to the footprint that you see,” said Lynds.

Following the presentation, a discussion about the project was held, and there were several comments and questions from those in attendance.

There were concerns from one attendee concerning the demolition of the existing building and whether it could affect the integrity of neighboring buildings.

However, Lynds explained, “When any building is taken down in the City of Boston or Commonwealth of Massachusetts, there’s very specific requirements for demolition of the building, including site surveys for any adjoining properties.”

“Any contractor who’s going to tear a building down will make sure that anything they’re doing in that area — they’ll ensure that both buildings, left and right, will be documented, and conditions will have to be observed,” he added.

There was also a question in regard to the current zoning and proposed zoning from PLAN: East Boston and Lynds explained that they presently have to operate under the current zoning.

However, he explained that with this application pending, if the zoning were to change, anything that complies with the new zoning would no longer need a variance. However, the project would still need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeal for aspects of the plans that do not comply with updated zoning.

As the discussion progressed, other topics were discussed, such as some of the design aspects of the building’s fourth story and more.

Since this was the first

presentation for the project, a vote was not held. The HVNA is slated to meet again on Dec. 4.

## OCEANVIEW KENNEL CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY IN REVERE

REVERE - Lisa Cutting is carrying on her late mother’s superlative legacy of kindness and excellent animal care as the owner of the Oceanview Kennel on North Shore Road in Revere.

“My mother [Marion Viveiros] started the business — this was her dream,” said Cutting. “And to be honest, I thought she was crazy when she said she was going to open a kennel. I didn’t even own a dog.”

Two decades after Mrs. Viveiros realized her dream of kennel ownership, Oceanview is celebrating its 20th anniversary, “and because of my mother, we have saved thousands of dogs.”

Like her mother, Cutting has earned the respect and gratitude from not only pet owners, but city leaders in Revere and beyond its borders.

“We [Oceanview] have been the city pound for 13 cities,” said Cutting. “So, we’ve been able to save not only dogs, but cats, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, iguanas, ducks, chickens, hens, and doves. I’ve worked with our city [Revere] for 17 years.”

The dream continues Oceanview Kennel founder Marion Viveiros died unexpectedly in September, 2022. She especially enjoyed rescuing dogs and placing them in safe, happy homes.

“I’m carrying her legacy on,” said Cutting. “So many Revere residents depended on my mother for their pet care. I’m so proud of what she did for people and their pets.”

Following her mother’s example, Cutting brings the same high level of attentiveness, energy, and care to each dog under her supervision.

“A dog owner brings their pet overnight if they travel, or for daycare so the dogs can play,” said Cutting. “Dogs need to be socialized. They’re packed. So, when you leave a dog home by itself, they withdraw. I wish humans had friendship bonds and trust like dogs do with their dog friends. Life would be a lot better.”

A courageous comeback

Lisa Cutting has faced health issues during the

# Everett Arts & Culture Events

## JOIN the Everett Cultural Council!

The Everett Cultural Council is a volunteer group that works to foster creativity, diversity and an arts and culture renaissance in the city of Everett. There are openings for new members. For more info, please email ECC Chairperson Martha Chason-Sokol [martha@mchason-sokol.com](mailto:martha@mchason-sokol.com).

# BE THE CHANGE!

Don't miss "Be The Change", the Sculpture exhibit is at Glendale Park until Dec. 15.

**Aeronaut Family Day - FREE Family Fun!**  
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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

**Mystic Side  
Congregational Church  
422 Main Street  
Everett, MA**

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities, and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tues. evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

NA Meetings – Mon.

Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

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

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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator, Rev. Gustavo Buccilli S.M.A Parochial Vicar, Barbara Canon Secretary, Parish Secretary.

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.

5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel on Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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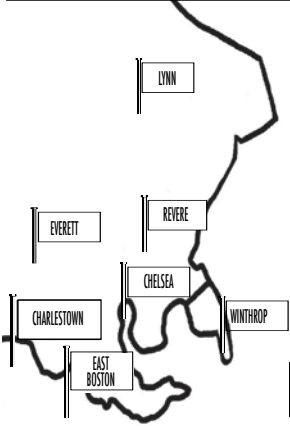
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# The Greater Boston Food Bank’s Chain of Giving confronts sustained food insecurity

Special to the Independent

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, held its 18th annual Chain of Giving event last week, a yearly tradition convening civic leaders and community members to spotlight and alleviate holiday food insecurity and kick off GBFB’s Hunger Free Holidays campaign.

“Food insecurity is a challenge that we all must come together to solve. Together, we can end the root causes of food insecurity and end hunger once and for all in Massachusetts,” said Governor Maura Healey. “I am grateful for the outstanding work The Greater Boston Food Bank does to assist our communities and for their partnership and commitment with our state.”

As GBFB aims to provide nutritious and cul-

turally responsive food to families in need this holiday season, Governor Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and GBFB President and CEO Catherine D’Amato shared remarks on the urgency of addressing food insecurity in the Bay State. Over 150 participants then passed nearly 1,000 turkeys from a delivery truck to GBFB’s freezer to donate to families in need. This represents only a portion of the 27,000 turkeys and other poultry options the nonprofit expects to distribute to pantries across Eastern Massachusetts throughout the holidays.

“Hunger is not an issue that anyone or any organization can tackle alone. We are working together with The Greater Boston Food Bank to help fund and provide resources to nearly 70 food pantries across the City, feeding nearly 50,000 people ev-

ery month,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Boston is blessed to have so many incredible organizations fighting food insecurity and expanding food access across our neighborhoods.”

The event’s presenting sponsor was Affiliated Managers Group (AMG), and its lead sponsor was National Grid. State Representatives Brandy Fluker Oakley, Christopher Worrell, James Arena-DeRosa, John Moran, Kevin Honan, Rob Consalvo and Samantha Montaño; Commissioner for the Department of Transitional Assistance Jeff McCue, MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randalles, Deputy Commissioner Winton Pickoff, as well as other state and local officials joined the tradition, alongside the beloved mascots for the Red Sox, Patriots and Bruins.

The state of food insecurity in Massachusetts

remains a stark reality for the 1.8 million individuals facing hunger this holiday season. GBFB’s average food pantry partners report a 12 percent increase in individuals served from 2022. The USDA found national food insecurity rates increased between 30-40 percent in 2022, echoing the trends revealed in GBFB’s annual study on the state of food insecurity.

The report found that:

- 1 in 3 MA residents continue to face food insecurity
- Alarming child-level food insecurity
- Deep-rooted disparities in food access based on race, ethnicity, geography and sexual orientation

“We know Hunger is not an emergency – it’s a daily experience for too many of our neighbors across the Commonwealth,” said Catherine D’Amato, GBFB President and CEO. “The pandemic may

be over, but unfortunately hunger remains, and hunger should not be business as usual. With your help we have the power to end it and this holiday season we are urging the public to help us, help others.”

**Boston Public School Students Win Nally Award**

Each year, GBFB honors outstanding young people who have championed hunger-relief in their communities with the Nally Award. Established in 2006, the award is named after Danny and Betsy Nally, who at ages 8 and 6, started their very first turkey drive for GBFB. This year’s Nally Award winners are Ita Berg, Niamh Govender, and Laura Nguyen, three exceptional Boston Latin High School students that are making a difference here in our community. Last year as sophomores, they took their love of baking cookies and turned

it into a fundraiser for GBFB called “Cookies for a Cause” which raised over \$1,000.

Boston Mayor Wu presented the Nally award to the Boston Latin students alongside their teacher, Mr. Andrew Zou. In her remarks she noted these students realized that they didn’t need the money that they were making as much as other people might, and so with the help of their teacher, they decided to donate it to The Greater Boston Food Bank. The students have set up their own peer-to-peer fundraising webpage to support their upcoming holiday bake sale.

To learn more about The Greater Boston Food Bank or to play a role in their annual Hunger Free Holidays campaign visit GBFB.org/holidays,

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past three years, having been diagnosed with cancer in 2020.

“I battled it for three years,” said Cutting. “This place wouldn’t have stayed running without my daughter [Morgan Burdulis] and son-in-law [Jay Burdulis]. They held down the fort 100 percent.”

Cutting feels much better today. “I have some little side effects from chemotherapy, but I swear my best medicine was Morgan and Jay. They handled a lot and did a great job.”

Helping her community Lisa Cutting has been lauded universally by her clients for going above and beyond for senior pet

owners who don’t have access to transportation and other resources.

“If a senior citizen has to bring their dog or cat to the veterinarian, I’ll go and pick their pets up and we’ll provide transportation [free of charge],” said Cutting. “You need to help people and give back to your community, because I wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for the community believing in my mom. Now that we’ve been here and we’re celebrating 20 years, I feel a part of this community. You need to give back.”

Rizzo said the respect is mutual and considers Cutting an impactful leader in the community.

“I just can’t tell how important Lisa Cutting and Oceanview Kennel is to our community,” said Rizzo. “The work she does with these vulnerable animals is incredible work, it’s God’s work. This city is a much better place because of her and the way she takes care of these precious animals. She will always have my full support and everything she needs to make sure that all animals, to the extent possible, will be taken care of be cared for.”

The Viveiros/Cutting legacy will continue for many years to come as Morgan Burdulis stands ready to carry on her mother Lisa’s beloved stature in the community and among pet owners on the North Shore.

For Oceanview Kennel is the Cutting Edge.

### HONAN TO STEP BACK FROM LAUDED MILITARY CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

WINTHROP - For more than two decades, US Army Veteran Richard Honan has been a lifeline for active service members across the globe.

Honan, the lifelong Winthrop resident, artist, Vietnam veteran and much more, has sent Christmas care packages to military personnel from Iraq and Afghanistan to Europe and Asia and beyond for 21 years.

But Honan said it’s time for him to hang up his hat when it comes to the military care package and

Christmas tree programs.

“After 21 years and over 43,000 pounds of peanut butter crackers, trail mix, Mac n’ Cheese, magazines, granola bars, movie videos, Marshmallow Fluff, cans of clam chowder and letters and cards from the school children of Winthrop, I have decided to retire my military care package and Christmas Tree care package program,” Honan said. “In 21 years, I have sent these boxes of support to men and women in all five branches of the military and to all seven continents.”

Honan said he felt it was time for him to step back from the program, which has earned him letters and friendship from hundreds to thousands of US personnel who span the breadth of the United States.

“I feel comfortable knowing that I have given a 100% effort in support of our troops here and abroad,” Honan said. “I know that I brought thousands of smiles and thousands of pounds of support to our deployed servicemen and service women serving all over the world. I want to thank all of you who assisted me, donating goods, baking cookies, donating money for postage or helping me fill the hundreds of holiday care packages with Christmas trees and decorations. God Bless our men and women of the United States Military.”

Honan said he started sending out individual packages to the military 21 years ago after talking to a young woman who grew up with his daughters.

“I was in the army, I was in Vietnam 54 years ago,” said Honan. “I tell people, when you’re 20 years old, it’s like driving a hot rod at 100 mph. You don’t think you’re going to die, you’re more afraid of being forgotten. So I started sending her stuff.”

Honan’s operation soon expanded well beyond Winthrop, as he soon cultivated a list of service personnel from across the country to whom he would send care packages and Christmas trees each year.

While there has been plenty of help from organizations such as the pub-

lic schools, the American Legion, the Girl Scouts, and other residents and groups over the years, it has always been Honan’s keen organizational and people skills that have kept the motor running.

“Every year is like planning a wedding,” said Honan. “When I was at the high point, which was anywhere from five to 10 years ago when we were still in Iraq and Afghanistan, I was doing a care package a day.”

Honan said he would often have people asking him about who he was sending the care packages to.

“I would have as many as 20 or 30 that I would send out to, and they would be your brother, your aunt, your niece, your father,” said Honan.

He said he has been doing the care packages for so long, people know of him, and Honan said he would gather information about what each of the individual service members would like for snacks and other items they would like in the typical 12-inch by 12-inch priority mail boxes.

Over the years, Honan has received hundreds of letters of thanks from the servicemen and women to whom he has sent care packages, and has become friendly with many of them. In fact, there was one serviceman Honan said he did not meet in person until he was invited to and attended his wedding.

“Thank you so much for the Christmas care packages that you sent to Andy,” read a letter from the family of one serviceman. “I know that he sent you his own thank you note, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for both this package and for the support that you have given to our family over the years. With us being apart for most of this holiday season, your package really uplifted his Christmas spirit, and he was very honored to receive it.”

For those asking if Honan is stepping back from the program because of health reasons, he said there is no need to be concerned.

“I just decided that after 21 years, I was going to call it a day,” said Honan.

## OBITUARIES

### Carol Meninger

Very active at her beloved parish, Immaculate Conception Church in Everett



Carol A. (Ayoob) Meninger of Melrose, a former longtime resident of Everett, entered into eternal rest, peacefully at home on November 7. She was 85 years old.

Born in Boston, Carol lived in Everett for many years before settling in Melrose. She retired from LaRovere Insurance Company customer services department.

Carol was also very active at her beloved parish, Immaculate Conception Church in Everett. She volunteered at many levels of Church ministry, especially helping out and assisting with Funeral Masses.

The devoted daughter of the late Mitchell and Margaret (Costello) Ayoob, she was the beloved wife of the late James Christopher Meninger; the dear and devoted mother of Susanne T. Meninger and her partner, Natasha Medwedeff of Nahant and Maryellen Meninger Barrett and her husband, James of Weymouth and the loving grandmother of Allana T. Barrett and Maeve S. Barrett. Carol

is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends attended Carol’s visitation Friday, November 10 in the Immaculate Conception Church, Everett which was followed by a Concelebrated Funeral Mass. Services concluded with Carol being laid to rest with her beloved husband, James Christopher at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Carol’s memory to Clergy Trust, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, Ma 02184 (Clergytrust.org) would be sincerely appreciated.

Arrangements were by Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett.

“They were afraid to have me come here because I was so paranoid about leaving my dog,” recalled Guarino-Sawaya. “Lisa put my dog in a room to see how she was going to interact with other dogs. There was a big dog there, and their instant connection was the sweetest thing ever.”

Guarino-Sawaya said Lisa is in a class by herself when it comes to the professional care of animals. “Lisa does a lot for all the dogs in the community. She’s amazing. She goes above and beyond. She has parties for their birthdays, celebrations for every holiday. I can’t say enough about what she does for the community. She’s definitely the voice of Revere for our pets.”

Cutting credits Councilor-at-Large Dan Rizzo “for giving the kennel the resources it needed to be successful and fighting for the proper tools to become the city’s official pound.”

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ished first in the School Committee At-Large race to earn re-election to the board. Newcomer Samantha Hurley took the second spot, while Joseph LaMonica was re-elected in the third position.

**School Committee Ward Election**  
Re-elected to the

School Committee in the ward races were Jeanne M. Cristiano (Ward 3) and Marcony Almeida Barros (Ward 5). The newly elected members of the School Committee are Margaret Cornelio (Ward 1), Joanna Garren (Ward 2), Robin Babcock (Ward 4), and Joseph D’Onofrio (Ward 6).




Ward 3 Councilor-Elect Anthony DiPierro, Ward 4 Councilor-Elect Holly Garcia, and Councillor-At-Large Stephanie Smith, who was re-elected on Nov. 7, are pictured at an Election Night celebration at Stewart’s Pub.




Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, pictured with her colleague on the City Council, Ward 5 Councilor Vivian Nguyen.



Ward 2 School Committee-Elect Joanna Garren (right) is pictured with a guest at the Ward 2 City Councilor Stephanie Martin’s Election Night Party.



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Newly re-elected Everett Ward 2 City Councilor Stephanie Martins (front row, center) is pictured with supporters at her Election Night party at the Village Bar and Grill.



Anthony DiPierro, who was elected to the Ward 3 seat on the Everett City Council in the Nov. 7 municipal election, is pictured with his many supporters at his Election Night party at Stewart’s Pub.

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