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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We often quote a verse from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out Wild Bells” when we write our annual New Year’s editorial.

But after re-reading the poem in its entirety, we are printing the whole thing, because it sums up -- better than we ever could express -- our feelings about 2023 and our hopes for 2024.

Although it was published in 1850, its verses are timeless. Indeed, one could apply every stanza to something going on in the world today.

So we hope you take the time to read it and enjoy it, as we did the other day:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Independent Forum

Housing leaders celebrate 12 out of 12 MBTA Rapid Transit communities adopting new zoning ahead of year-end deadline

Special to the Journal

Leaders of housing advocacy groups celebrated the Chelsea City Council, who unanimously voted to pass new zoning to create more homes near transit in line with the MBTA Communities Law. With this vote, all 12 Rapid Transit Communities have met the year-end deadline to adopt new zoning – a historic feat.

The communities who have voted for new zoning (or had existing zoning they believe complies with the law) are Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Milton, Newton, Quincy, Revere, and Somerville. Their districts combined allow for a capacity of over 83,000 homes in the future.

While all of the rapid transit communities’ zoning plans still require certification by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communi-

ties, advocates nonetheless view this moment as a milestone in solving the Commonwealth’s housing crisis.

“This is a major first step taken by the urban core communities of Boston to allow zoning for more homes. Local advocacy was and will continue to be key. This is ultimately a pledge towards building more equitable, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable communities. AHMA was proud to support advocates in 7 of the 12 rapid transit communities (Brookline, Malden, Newton, Cambridge, Somerville, Milton & Medford). Grassroots organizing and advocacy was pivotal in the adoption of these new zoning bylaws. There is a continual need for education and organizing and we are proud to spearhead these efforts in collaboration with local pro-housing advocates,” said Jesse Kanson-Benanav, Execu-

tive Director of Abundant Housing Massachusetts.

“These communities are leading the way in saying yes to more housing. Zoning alone will not solve our housing shortage, but it is a critical tool for eliminating barriers to creating more housing in the places people want to live. By allowing for more housing to be built in transit-oriented neighborhoods, we are moving closer to meeting our goals for housing affordability and sustainability across the Commonwealth. CHAPA is proud to have played our part in these victories through our Municipal Engagement Initiative and our 3A Technical Assistance Program, which have supported planning and organizing efforts in Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Milton, Medford, Newton, and Revere,” said Lily Linke, MBTA Communities Engagement Manager at CHAPA.

In addition to the Rapid Transit Communities that faced a 2023 deadline, more than a dozen additional communities have passed new zoning or had existing zoning they believe complies with the law – a year or more in advance of their own deadlines.

The MBTA Communities Law was passed in 2021 with the intention of creating more housing options for people in 177 cities and towns served by the MBTA system. While new zoning won’t require homes to be built, it will streamline the process for approval of multifamily housing – such as duplexes, townhouses, and small apartment or condo buildings – near transit stations.

In 2024, 130 additional communities will be required to adopt new zoning, followed by 35 communities in 2025 to reach the full 177.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Childrens

Math Tutoring Sessions, Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, January 2nd from 4-5:30pm. The math tutoring program is designed for students in grades 6-10 and aims to assist children with various assignments and concepts in mathematics. With guidance and support, this program is conducted in order to help students overcome challenges and comprehend topics that can be difficult.

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

Drama Class. Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, January 3rd at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home?

Drama Class in the Parlin Children’s Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

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

Parlin Homework Center. Parlin Children’s Room. Mondays through Thursdays from 3-5pm

Shute Adult and Teens

Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Shute 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

Shute Children’s

Storytime with Vera. Shute Children’s Room. Thursday, January 4th at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Shute Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

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al months, the RMV has identified and created informational resources specifically to help guide new customers as they begin the process to secure a Standard License. To further support this effort, the RMV has also worked directly with immigration advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, and impacted communities to facilitate and coordinate public outreach and to solicit feedback on implementation efforts so that best practices can be adopted.

“As leaders of the Massachusetts organizations that co-chaired the Driving Families Forward coalition, we are proud that we were able to successfully fulfill our mission to pass the Work and Family

Mobility Act and see it through to full implementation this summer, thanks in no small part to the active collaboration we received from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the entire Healey-Driscoll Administration,” said Lenita Reason, Executive Director of The Brazilian Worker Center; Roxana Rivera, Assistant to the President of 32BJ SEIU. “Of course, the biggest obstacle that many Massachusetts residents once faced in getting a driver’s license was the longstanding linkage of driving privileges to immigration status. We were deeply pleased that our governmental partners went beyond our expectations in their openness, availability and willingness to quickly address is-

sues around the successful implementation of the new law that has removed that obstacle, so that our roads can be safer for everyone.”

“We are thrilled to see the real-life results of years of advocacy and perseverance. We thank the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Registry of Motor Vehicles for their partnership in the rollout of the law – listening to community feedback, expanding access, and establishing best practices so all people can drive safely,” said Laura Rótolo, field director, ACLU of Massachusetts. “There is nothing like the smile on the face of a person who has just passed their road test to remind us why this work is so important. We look forward to continuing to support the implementation of this law with robust regulations and processes.”

The RMV also offers a pre-registering system that establishes a proactive process for booking appointments. Rather than checking the RMV website for an appointment, customers will be able to request an appointment online, and will receive an email with a unique link when an appointment

is available for them to schedule.

The RMV remains committed to providing quality services to all communities and has been working diligently to develop informational resources, which include:

- An informational website with helpful information on the WFMA, details identification requirements and outlines steps which must be undertaken by eligible individuals to get a Standard Class D or Class M driver’s license, including successfully passing a vision screening, and scheduling separate appointments for a learner’s permit and road test. This site was launched in 2023 because the Registry is committed to supporting the needs of newly eligible applicants.

- A special informational phoneline, 857-368-WFMA (857-368-9362), to hear messaging in multiple languages.

- Frequently Asked Questions and a public flyer for customers as they prepare their applications.

For more information go to Mass.gov/WFMA or call (857) 368-WFMA (857-368-9326).

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Over 100 girls participated in the City of Everett’s second annual G.I.R.L.S. Day, held in March, to learn about public safety careers in police and fire while having plenty of fun.

Year in Review // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Rep. Judith Garcia of Chelsea took office in January, representing a few neighborhoods in Everett, while Rep. Dan Ryan of Charlestown also has a portion of Everett in his new legislative district.

Mayor DeMaria leads a bustling city forward
Mayor Carlo DeMaria was the city’s No. 1 newsmaker in Everett, as one would expect from being the elected leader of a city with more than 50,000 residents.

DeMaria continued to put his imprint on all aspects of city - the beautiful parks system, the new streets and sidewalks (including the city’s first roundabout), and the schools, where the mayor is working hard to address issues of over-crowdedness.

DeMaria and city officials received great news with the Massachusetts School Building Authority advancing Everett to the next step in the process of building a new Everett High School.

Events such as the Eas-

ter Spring Fling at the Everett Parks and Recreation Center, the Summer Barbecue, the Fourth of July Celebration, and Summer Movie Nights brought joy to residents city wide.

Everett’s seniors and veterans had high marks for DeMaria’s leadership. The Edward G. Connolly Center, led by Council on Aging Executive Director Dale Palma, enjoyed a very busy year of activities. Their celebrations of holidays – such as this weekend’s New Year’s Day party - are considered must-attend events. Palma and his staff make everyone feel welcomed at the Connolly Center.

DeMaria’s speaking appearance and remarks at the city’s Veteran’s Day Luncheon were well-received, with the mayor affirming his gratitude for all of Everett veterans’ service to the country. Director of Veterans Affairs Antoine Coleman, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, a former EHS star athlete and graduate of WPI with a degree in civil engineering, has teamed with May-

or DeMaria in ensuring that Everett’s veterans are granted the resources they need.

The Everett High School Band, under the masterful direction of Gene O’Brien, participated in the Veterans’ Day ceremony, drawing praise from Mayor DeMaria, Sen. DiDomenico, Rep. Monagle, and Director of Veterans Affairs Coleman for their musical performance and all the awards they have earned in competitions.

Election brought interesting results, new faces to office

Everett’s municipal election was an interesting one, with newcomers being elected and former officials returning to office.

In the City Council at-large race, Michael Marchese topped the ticket, while fellow incumbents Stephanie Smith (second) and John Hanlon (fifth) were also re-elected.

Well-known community leader Guerline Alcy returns to city government as a councilor-at-large. Katy Rogers, an award-winning, professional photographer, also showed popularity and support across the city while getting elected to one of the five councilor-at-large seats.

Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky and Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins were re-elected to the Council.

Former Councilor Anthony DiPierro will be returning to the Ward 3 seat on the Council. Holly Garcia (Ward 4), Robert Van Campen (Ward 5), and Peter Pietrantonio (Ward 6) were also elected.

A former elected official, Van Campen appears to have the votes to be-

come the president of the City Council when the new board convenes for its first meeting on Monday, Jan. 8.

In the School Committee election, Samanta Lambert and Joseph LaMonica were re-elected to at-large positions. Samantha Hurley was also elected to an at-large position, finishing a strong second overall in the field of six candidates.

Margaret Cornelio was elected to the Ward 1 seat on the School Committee. The other newcomers elected were Joanna Garren (Ward 2), Robin Bab-



Knock on Wood performing during the first of the City of Everett’s Concert in the Park Summer Series on July 13. The City hosted free concerts at Wehner Park through the months of July and August.

cock (Ward 4), and Joseph D’Onofrio (Ward 6).

Popular incumbents Jeanne Cristiano (Ward 3) and Marcony Almeida Barros (Ward 5) were re-elected without opposition in their races.

A successful year for Encore Boston Harbor

Encore Boston Harbor had a very successful year, drawing visitors from around the globe to the five-star resort/casino and its spectacular restaurants.

Legalized sports betting began in January in Massachusetts, with Encore hold-

ing an exciting event to celebrate the newest addition to the gaming experience.

Everett’s city treasury receives from Encore more than \$25 million annually through its host agreement. Encore Boston Harbor has also been a very generous contributor to local organizations.

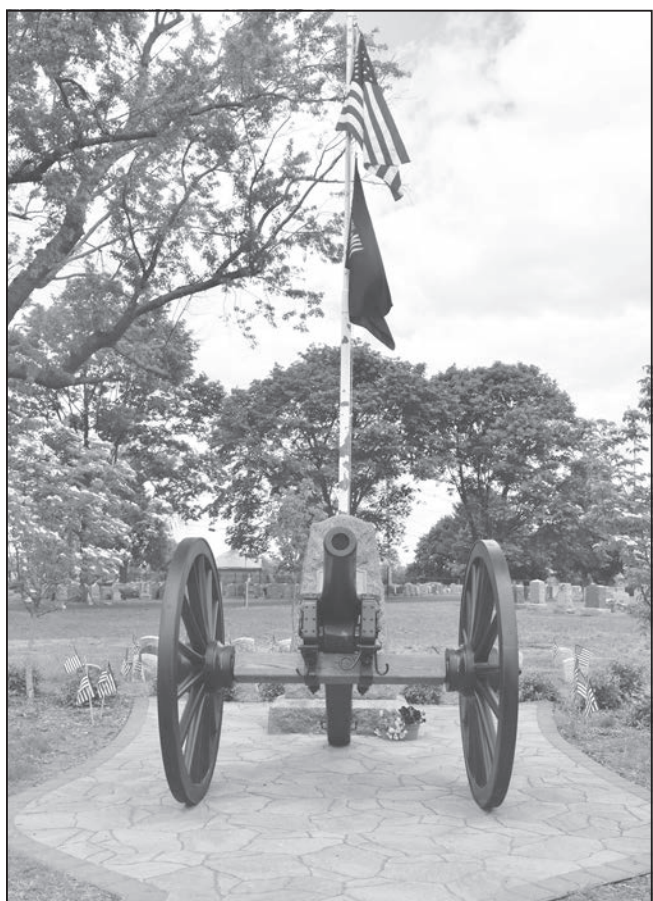
The ability to attract a major resort/casino to a long vacant property in Everett and have a \$3 billion project built on that land is one of the true success stories of the Mayor Carlo DeMaria Administration.



The North Shore Evangelical Church Youth Dancers performed in front of City Hall as part of the City’s Haitian Flag raising celebration in May. This event marked not only the seventh year of the City raising the flag, but also 50 years of the Haitian community in Everett.



Construction of Everett’s first roundabout got underway in September at the intersection of Chelsea and Ferry Streets.



The City of Everett restored and reinstalled a Civil War Cannon at Glenwood Cemetery this past year. The cannon serves as a memorial for members of James A. Perking Post 156 Union veterans of the Civil War who lie at rest in Glenwood Cemetery..



PHOTO COURTESY OF PARK-9 DOG BAR

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, alongside First Lady Stacy, and their dogs Hugo and Ruby, were pleased to welcome Park-9 Dog Bar to the City of Everett during a ribbon cutting ceremony in April. The Park-9 Dog Bar is the first of its kind in New England, a place where you can enjoy a brew while your canine companions enjoy a bone.

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Narvacz, Maria A	Mieses, Saviel A	16 Wilson St	\$600,000
Gavin, Katie	Jackson Green LLC	23 Frank Ave	\$595,000
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EVERETT KIWANIS HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY FOR STUDENTS



Courtesy Photos

Everett Kiwanis recently hosted a holiday party for students in the Life Skills Program at Everett High School. Also in attendance were a number of teachers, members of the Key Club, Superintendent Hart, and Santa Claus. After a delicious meal, followed by amazing desserts, all prepared by very talented members of the culinary program, Santa distributed gift bags loaded with “goodies” to the students. One and all had a wonderful time and the event was a great way to head into the holidays. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success.

Special thanks to Santa for taking time out of his very busy schedule to be with us.



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Merrimack College and holds a Master's degree from Suffolk University.

He was elected to the Everett Common Council at the age of 21, serving for four years and later serving on the Everett School Committee for four years. He has been appointed by several mayors to different positions, serving on the Parks Commission and Board of Assessors, in addition to his work for his church and charitable organizations. He is also past president of the Everett Chamber of Commerce, having also served in that capacity for the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, where he was a widely admired leader in the community.

Executive director of community college system

Hart brings an impressive record in the field of education to the superintendent's office. He started teaching in the community college system in the early 2000s, before taking a full-time administrative position. He was vice president of Bunker Hill Community College and became the deputy director and later the chief executive officer for the state's 15 community colleges – which is the largest segment (more than 140,000 students) of public higher education in Massachusetts.

"Everett was the largest feeder community to Bunker Hill because of the school's close proximity

and our students wanting to take classes and pursue their associate's degree there," Hart noted. "I had the opportunity to meet a lot of Everett students when I was working at Bunker Hill."

Building strong relationships with the Everett School Committee

Because of his presence in the Everett community for many years, Hart has had previous relationships with members of the Everett School Committee.

"The returning members have been great, I know several of the newer members, and I'm hoping to foster a strong relationship with those whom I don't know that well," said Hart. "I've reached out to each member to meet me and talk about the school system."

Hart is also looking forward to working with Mayor Carlo DeMaria and other city officials on advancing the Everett schools.

"I look forward to working with any member of city government who has the kids in mind. I will work with them to do good things for Everett. That's my No. 1 and only agenda," said Hart. "I'm doing this job for the right reasons. This is my town and our schools and our students. I'm doing it for them."

Hart said he will attend the Jan. 5 inauguration ceremony as an invited guest

and in the formal role of superintendent, leading the members of the new Everett School Committee into the hall.

Evaluating the state of the Everett school district

During his interim tenure as superintendent Hart visited each school in Everett. He has met with parents and students and will be hosting meet-the-teacher coffee hours. He doesn't plan any changes in the current makeup of the district.

"I just want to make sure we protect our students and provide our teachers with the resources they need to teach and support students," said Hart.

Hart will also be reviewing data to "see how Everett stacks up with other school systems."

Hart said he was pleased to see Everett become one of 19 school districts to advance to the next round in the Massachusetts School Building Authority's process for the construction of new schools.

"I think there were 300 school districts that applied for support from the MSBA, and we (Everett) were one of 19 invited to the next stage," said Hart. "The next stage is a project manager being assigned to us and beginning the process and reviewing options with the city about the location, size, and design of the new school [Everett High School]."

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EVERETT HIGH BASKETBALL TOPS LYNN ENGLISH 65-61



DOUBLE TEAM: Everett's Jevaun Berberena (left, 21) and Cristian Vasquez (15) team up to surround Lynn English's Pierre Veras.



HERE COMES THE 'BOOM': The Everett bench erupts behind Lian Dorosario Santos (13) after Santos nailed a three-point shot with 39 seconds remaining to seal Everett's 65-61 win.

Photos by Bob Marra

In a battle worthy of any buildup, the Greater Boston League's two basketball powerhouses put on quite the show Thursday night at the gym at Lynn English High. Everett,

trailing most of the game, took the lead in the final minutes, and Lian Dorosario Santos nailed a three-point shot with 39 second on the clock to give Everett a six-point lead on the way to a 65-61 win over the Bulldogs.



DIVE BALL: Everett's Jevaun Berberma and Lynn English's Carmelo Buese dive for a loose ball.



LOOSE BALL: Everett's Jaysaun Coggins (left) and Allsin Desruisseaux and Lynn English Joshua Anderson Jr. watch a ball elude their rebound attempts.



LUCKY NUMBERS: A pair of Number 13s—Lynn English Pierre Veras and Everett's Lian Dorosario Santos—meet up as Veras drives to the basket



FINDING THE WAY: Allsin Desruisseaux fights his way past a pair of Lynn English defenders. Desruisseaux finished the night with eight points, including six in the final quarter as Everett came from behind to beat Lynn English 65-61.

EHS Roundup

EHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TOPS ENGLISH, 43-32

The Everett High girls basketball team prevailed in what head coach Riley Dunn termed "an absolute battle" with a 43-32 triumph over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn English last Thursday at the EHS gym.

Malaica Guillaume turned in a superlative,

all-around performance, achieving a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds while also making five steals. Emilia Maria Babcock also came through with a strong two-way effort, leading the Lady Crimson Tide offense, dishing out six assists, and terrorizing the English offense with five steals, Sonia Costanza Flores applied consistent defen-

sive pressure, adding two assists and steals to the winning performance. "We had an excellent defensive effort and showed poise in times of pressure," said Dunn. "'It was a great win!" Earlier in the week, the Lady Tide came up short in a 36-26 loss to GBL foe Lynn Classical. "This was a tough loss," noted Dunn. "It was an extremely tough defensive

battle on both sides. There was a lot of hustle and effort from both teams. Malaica Guillaume led the Lady Crimson Tide with nine points and 10 boards and snared three steals. Emilia Maria Babcock pulled down six caroms and made five steals. Dunn and her crew, who stand at 2-2 on the season, will host non-league opponent Acton-Boxboro this Friday at 2:30. They will

entertain GBL foe Revere next Thursday at 7:00. UNDEFEATED EHS BOYS HOOP PLAYS IN TOURNEY First-year coach Gerry Boyce's 4-0 Everett High boys basketball team will take on non-league rival Millbury High School today (Wednesday) at 3:00 in a holiday tournament being hosted by Malden

Catholic. The Crimson Tide, who are coming off a scintillating 65-61 triumph last Thursday at Lynn English in a battle of Greater Boston League (GBL) titans, will travel to non-league opponent Cambridge Rindge and Latin next Wednesday. Record is 2-2. Next game home vs. Acton Boxboro Friday 12/29 2:30 pm.

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OBITUARIES

Isaac Harrington

Of Revere

Isaac Harrington of Revere passed away surrounded by his loving family and friends after a courageous battle with Leukemia on December 21, 2023 at the age of 19 years old. Born in Boston on June 3, 2004 to his loving parents Timothy and Mamta (Verma) Harrington of Revere. Cherished brother of Samantha Harrington and James Hanton, Karan Verma and Fiona Chow, Kunal “Sunny” Verma, and Kelly Harrington. Precious boyfriend of Razan Belguendouz. Beloved grandson of Renee Wing and the late Skip Wing, William Harrington, and the late Buta Ram Verma and late Manjit Verma. Adored Uncle of Kелcie Harrington. Caring nephew of Anu and Kerry Hancock, Arun “Bobby” and Amita Verma, the late Gagan Verma, Seema and Rajesh Dhir, Rehka and Hardeep Verma, Neeru and Bhupinder Singh, Neelam and Nishi Khanna, Christopher DiRusso, Jennifer and Michael McAllister, and Macintosh Harrington. Adored by Max Harrington and the late Sushi Harrington.

Isaac was an accomplished student at Revere Public Schools and was enrolled in numerous AP classes. He was the lead programmer of the elite robotics team, “NUTRONS, team 125,” which placed #2 within their competitive division at the World Championship during his senior year. Isaac continued his education at the honors college of Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, where he majored in Computer Science and finished his first year with a 4.0 GPA. Throughout college, Isaac continued to pursue his deep involvement in the NUTRONS, team 125. Isaac transitioned to a new role as a programming mentor and guided the stu-



dents through an even more successful year, placing #1 within their division and #2 in the World out of over 3,000 teams. Throughout his time, Isaac greatly contributed to the team winning several impressive awards, including the Innovation in Control award (2022), the FIRST impact award (2023), as well as multiple autonomous awards. Isaac was a leader who helped students find their roles and a sense of belonging on the team. Isaac was also an avid fitness enthusiast. He was employed at Planet Fitness, where he spent much of his time working out (2 hours per day on average). In the last weeks of his life, he earned his personal trainers’ certificate to work at the new Haas Health and Wellness Center.

He will be missed dearly by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. May he rest in the sweetest everlasting peace. His wake will be held on Wednesday December 27, 2023 from 4:00-8:00pm at the Buonfiglio Funeral Home (128 Revere Street, Revere). Funeral Services will be held at Saint Anthony’s Parish (250 Revere Street, Revere) on Thursday, December 28 at 12:00pm. After the mass, family and friends are invited to join us at Casa Lucia (61 Lucia Ave, Revere) for coffee and snacks to celebrate Isaac’s light. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Isaac’s GoFundMe (<https://gofund.me/4d7fdbd5>). Proceeds will go towards a scholarship in Isaac’s honor for students pursuing robotics and/or exercise. For the guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Please also feel free to share any pictures and videos of Isaac to his sister, Samantha, at 781-558-0117.

Please send donations to the Isaac Harrington Scholarship to RHS attn: Rose Gordinas, 101 School St., Revere MA, 02151. You may email dfinn@reverek12.org with any questions.

COUNCIL HONORS OUTGOING MEMBERS

CHELSEA - It was a bittersweet meeting for the City Council last week, as four departing members were honored for their time in office.

Damali Vidot, Judith Garcia, and Enio Lopez all first came to office in a historic 2015 election that saw a wave of Latino and female candidates. Councilor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg, who had served as a councilor in the past, was appointed to an empty seat earlier this year when former Council President Roy Avellaneda resigned.

All four councilors did not run for reelection, although Garcia will continue to serve on Beacon Hill as the state representative for Chelsea.

“I think that being a leader is knowing when to hang up the gloves and pass the torch,” said Vidot.

Vidot’s initial run in 2015 was a product of her community activism and desire to see greater representation and diversity on the city council. When she first decided to run, she said she did not realize at first that other candidates such as Lopez, Garcia, and former councilors Luis Tejada and Yamir Rodriguez would also be on the ballot.

“We made history when we came in in 2016; finally, we had representation,” said Vidot. “When I say representation, I don’t just mean ethnicity or culture, but diversity in thought and diversity in ability.”

Vidot said she can look back at her eight years on the council, including back-to-back terms as Council President, and know that she built relationships with every person with whom she served.

“People like me don’t typically make it to spaces like this,” said Vidot, adding that she wanted to make sure she could help create a world where her daughter and all young people can thrive.

Lopez said he began his journey eight years ago when he became the first Guatemalan-born city councilor.

“It has been an honor to serve Chelsea, and it has brought me great joy,” said Lopez, who thanked his wife, family, and friends for all of their support. “I especially want to thank the voters who elected me and gave me the opportunity and the trust they gave me over these years. To my colleagues, it has been a pleasure working with you.”

“We haven’t always agreed, but our main focus has been always to make Chelsea a better place.”

Hatleberg thanked the people of the city and the council for supporting him during his time in office.

“I appreciate you trusting me with the role, and I hope I served as you would like,” he said.

Garcia noted that every councilor has taught her

WINTHROP JOY AND PEACE ON EARTH MARKET



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Shoppers attending the Winthrop Cultural Council’s Joy and Peace on Earth Art Market on December 10 at the EB Newton Cultural Center.



Shoppers attending the Winthrop Cultural Council’s Joy and Peace on Earth Art Market.



Dawn Mahoney with her acrylic-painted wreath and poinsettia on a clam and scallop shell.



Amy Rodriguez and Mary Ellen Honan holding Rodriguez’s calendar that features photographs of Winthrop.

something and helped to make her a better leader.

“It’s been eight years and it’s very difficult to reflect and highlight the accomplishments throughout these eight years, but I can say if there is anything that this city has taught me, it is that we are more powerful when we work together in partnership,” said Garcia.

Each outgoing councilor was presented with a plaque in acknowledgment of their service to the city.

PIERS PARK II IS COMPLETED

EAST BOSTON - The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), members of the Piers Park Advisory Committee (PierPAC), local elected officials and community members last week celebrated the opening of Piers Park II on the East Boston Waterfront. This new park is adjacent to the award-winning Piers Park, which was completed over twenty years ago. With the addition of Piers Park II, Massport now owns and operates approximately 38 acres of green space throughout East Boston.

“We are thrilled to celebrate the opening of Piers Park II, creating more green space for the residents of East Boston,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. “The State and Massport are happy to participate in this joyous collaboration of community members that brought this project to life.”

In collaboration with the PierPAC, Massport worked with East Boston residents to design the project. While the original Piers Park was designed for unstructured activity, Piers Park II is an active

park including a 1.07-acre active play area as the centerpiece, allowing multiple groups of people to participate in activities at the same time.

The design for the 4.5-acre park includes key resiliency features to help protect the area from flooding and sea level rise. Several sustainable elements have been incorporated into the park’s design to protect against flooding at a critical flood water pathway and reduce heat island effect in the dense East Boston community, including:

- Elevating the park site and creating landscape berms to provide flood protection;
- Replacing the gravel lot with 4.5 acres of green-space;
- Planting 72 new trees;
- Installing drinking fountains with bottle filling stations;
- Placing energy efficient lighting throughout the park and at the new Sailing Center building, and;
- Building a highly efficient heating and cooling system in the new Sailing Center building.

“We are excited to announce the official opening of Piers Park II after years of collaborative efforts between

Massport, the PierPAC and the East Boston community to make this possible,” said Massport Board Member John Nucci. “This park provides more green space for the area and has a number of resiliency features providing a diverse and rich environment for all of those who call East Boston home.”

“Piers Park II further enhances the waterfront of East Boston and provides more open space and views for community members and visitors to enjoy,” said State Senator Lydia Edwards. “I’m thrilled that this project has become a reality after years of collaborative efforts.”

“Piers Park is one of our community’s most cherished, beautiful open spaces, and I am so excited to be celebrating the official opening of Piers Park II today!,” said State Representative Adrian Madaro. “This moment is one that has been a long time coming, and I want to thank

Massport for their partnership in making Piers Park II a reality, as well as all of the community activists who have played a role in bringing this much-anticipated project to completion. East Boston will now have even more waterfront open space to enjoy.”

“We are excited to celebrate the completion of Piers Park II, a green space that adds to the vibrant East Boston community,” said Massport Interim CEO Ed Freni. “This new park is a great addition to the East Boston Waterfront and we look forward to seeing the community and visitors enjoy this new space.”

The park contains several water features, a picnic grove, multi-generational exercise equipment, and a children’s area with a playground and wandering path with musical instruments. A new 1,600-square-foot building for the Piers Park Sailing Center and an open air pavilion structure was built on the park site, providing views of the waterfront activity for the staff and participants.

“Open space along our waterfront is a priority for East Boston and we are thrilled to celebrate the addition of the now completed Piers Park II,” said Boston City Councilor Gabriella Coletta. “Our parks provide some of the most beautiful views of the Boston skyline and will be cherished by the community for generations.”

“The East Boston neighborhood has long awaited the official opening of Piers Park II and I’m grateful to the active members of our community that have continued to support bringing this project to life,” said former Boston City Councilor and PierPAC member Sal LaMattina. “Residents and visitors of all ages will greatly benefit from the thoughtful design of this project.”

“Piers Park II is an excellent addition to the waterfront for all residents and visitors of the community to enjoy,” said Executive Director of the Piers Park Sailing Center Alex DeFronzo. “We are thrilled about the new building for the Sailing

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UMass announces scholarships for top 10 percent of community college graduates

Special to the Journal

The University of Massachusetts announced that the top 10 percent of the Commonwealth's future community college graduates will receive a minimum of \$5,000 per year above federal and private financial aid if they enroll at one of the four nationally ranked campuses in Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell.

The Community College Advantage Scholarship (CCAS) is designed to incentivize highly talented community college students to finish their associate degree at one of the Commonwealth's 15 community colleges, and then complete their bachelor's degree at one of the four nationally ranked University of Massachusetts campuses.

The CCAS also seeks to address two challenges facing public higher education in Massachusetts:

- Providing equitable access to historically underrepresented groups of students in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on race-based admissions, and

- Strengthening the Commonwealth's talent pipeline as the number of high school graduates in Massachusetts is projected to decline in the coming years, the existing population is aging out of the workforce, and more young people are leaving the state.

"We want to send a clear message that UMass welcomes highly talented community college graduates to continue their pursuit of a college degree on our nationally ranked Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Lowell campuses," UMass President Marty Meehan said. "We believe this initiative will lead to more community college graduates choosing to finish their four-year degree at UMass, which will accelerate their upward economic trajectory and strengthen the Commonwealth's workforce."

"As New England's first Hispanic Serving Institution, Northern Essex Community College serves thousands of students each year, mostly from the Gateway Cities of Haverhill and Lawrence and towns across

the Merrimack Valley, seeking a path to a college degree and greater career and economic opportunities," NECC President Lane Glenn said. "The Community College Advantage Scholarship will help more of them continue on that path from an associate degree to a bachelor's degree at one of the state's outstanding UMass campuses."

Starting in Fall 2024, the CCAS will help develop and retain diverse talent in Massachusetts by:

- Guaranteeing students in the top 10 percent of their community college graduating class automatic admission to a University of Massachusetts campus and a minimum of \$2,500 per semester (\$5,000 annually) for a total of at least \$10,000 for the students' final two years of college.
 - Students remain eligible for additional aid based on individual circumstances.
 - The CCAS will supplement federal and private grants awarded to the student.
- To be eligible for the Fall 2024 CCAS, students

must:

- Complete their degree in the top 10 percent of their graduating class at their college. This will be calculated as of the end of the semester prior to the UMass financial aid priority deadline (Students applying for fall admission must have been in the top 10 percent of their class as of the end of the Fall 2023 semester).
- Complete the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or equivalent state financial aid application.
- Be eligible for in-state tuition.
- Have earned 45+ credits that are transferable to UMass.
- Be on track to complete their associate degree prior to the Fall 2024 semester.
- The CCAS is the latest in a series of state and

UMass initiatives aimed at expanding access to a four-year college degree, which data shows significantly enhances a person's lifetime income.

The University has increased annual institutional financial aid by 67 percent to \$395 million since 2015 and has launched an early college program that allows high school students in urban centers to earn UMass course credit while still in high school, thereby saving them tuition costs once they get to college.

The state has recently made community college tuition free for students 25 years or age and older and has expanded the Mass-Grant+ program by \$62 million to close make public higher education more affordable for lower- and middle-income students.

Northern Essex Com-

munity College, the first Federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution in New England, is an education leader for the Merrimack Valley. Through a supportive learning environment and cultural inclusion, NECC embraces all identities and inspires initiative and excellence through top-notch affordable certificate and associate degree programs online and at campuses in Haverhill and Lawrence. NECC offers many bachelor's degree transfer options, workforce development and community education classes, and is host to the NECC Police Academy, MassHire Merrimack Valley, and Gallaudet University's Regional Center for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit Northern Essex online at www.necc.mass.edu.

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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by David J. Miniscalco to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association, dated July 11, 2016, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 67596, Page 485, as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on August 5, 2021, in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 78410, Page 290, subsequently assigned to PNC Bank National Association by PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 74116, Page 380, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on January 17, 2024 at 228 Hancock Street, Unit C, Everett, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: Unit C of the Hancock Condominium created by master Deed dated August 30, 1989 recorded with the

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Center as we continuously work to improve and elevate our program, and create opportunities in the East Boston community to enjoy the waterfront and the harbor."

Working in concert with government, community and civic leaders throughout Massachusetts and New England, Massport is an active participant in efforts that improve the quality of life for residents living near its facilities and who make sacrifices every day so that the Authority can deliver important transportation services to families and businesses throughout New England.

COUNCIL CLOSES OUT 2023

REVERE - The City Council held its final meeting of the year last week.

When the council reconvenes in January for its new session, it will have a markedly different look, as there will be six new councillors, more than half the body.

During Monday night's meeting, the six outgoing councillors – Patrick Keefe, Steven Morabito, John Powers, Dan Rizzo, Richard Serino, and Gerry Visconti were acknowledged and honored with the 2023 Legislative Bench Acknowledgments.

Keefe was also acknowledged as the 12th City Councillor elected to the office as mayor. Keefe, who has been serving at the Acting Mayor since earlier this year, will be official sworn in during an inaugural ceremony at the Susan B. Anthony School on New Year's Day.

Also acknowledged was outgoing Council President Pro Tem Joanne McKenna. McKenna took over the president's position from Keefe when Keefe became the acting mayor.

"I would like to say thank you to my fellow councillors for voting me as Vice President back in January," said McKenna. "The experience of being later appointed Pro Tempore has also been a

growth period in my career. I would also like to take this opportunity to Thank my Ward One residents for the vote of confidence in re-electing me to another term. It is truly an honor to be re-elected for my fifth term.

I promise to continue to work hard, be fair, and give it my all to the Ward One residents and the city of Revere."

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti thanked his family and his supporters, as well as City Clerk Ashley Melnik for helping keep the council on track during the past several years as the council has navigated some major issues, including the high school building project, the budgets, and the proposed life sciences building at Suffolk Downs.

As this was the last council meeting of the term, the council voted to place a number of items that have been in council committees on file, meaning they will have to be brought forth with a new motion at a future council meeting if they are to be reconsidered.

Two dozen motions were placed on file, including ones related to water meter rates, the salaries for city councilors, a home child-care ordinance, and several requested appointments.

In other business, the council received correspondence from city finance director Richard Viscay updating it on the Community Improvement Trust (CIT) Fund amounts for each ward.

The CIT balance as of June 30 was \$891,497.95. Broken down by wards, the balance was \$362,358.70 for Ward 1, \$247,867.85 for Ward 2, \$307.50 for Ward 3, \$46,620 for Ward 4, \$180,862.30 for Ward 5, and \$53,481.60 for Ward 6.

WINTHROP CHARITIES CONTINUES ITS GENEROSITY

WINTHROP - It was exactly this time of the year in 1980 when

Sports Illustrated named Mike Eruzione and the gold-medal-winning USA Olympic hockey team Sportspersons of the Year.

Eruzione had scored the winning goal in a monumental 4-3 upset of the Soviet Union team who was seeking its sixth consecutive Olympic gold medal. Two days later, Team USA beat Finland, 4-2, in the gold medal game. SI later named Mike Eruzione's achievement "The Top Sports Moment of the 20th Century." Al Michaels became a sports broadcasting superstar, a career launched by his dramatic calls of Team USA's games.

Following a visit with President Jimmy Carter at the White House, Eruzione had the opportunity to play in the National Hockey League, but he declined those offers, opting not to turn professional.

Today Mike Eruzione and his wife, Donna Eruzione, continue to reside in Winthrop, and the family's Winthrop Charities has emerged as one of the town's most generous donors. This year, Winthrop Charities donated \$25,000 to various organizations and causes. One of its substantial donations was a gift to the Winthrop schools for the purchase of defibrillators. All told, the Eruzione family's Winthrop Charities has donated more than \$250,000 during its two-decade history.

In August, Mike made a special appearance at the Winthrop Cultural Center inside the former E.B. Newton School building to talk about his book, "The Making of A Miracle." WCAT videotaped the talk, and it has been viewed on YouTube by people around the world. The Mike Eruzione Pro Shop in downtown Lake Placid has opened as a tribute to the 1980 Miracle on Ice Team.

Olympic gold will always shine brightly in the town – as will Mike and Donna Eruzione's Winthrop Charities' incredible generosity for the past 20 years - and into the future.

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Greater Boston bikeshare system plans to add 750 ebikes to growing fleet

Special to the Independent

The cities of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville and Everett, the town of Brookline, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (“Blue Cross”) and Lyft today announced plans to integrate 750 next-generation ebikes into Greater Boston’s popular Bluebikes program and the renewal of Blue Cross’ title sponsorship through May 2031. The rollout will begin with 50 ebikes hitting the street this week; an additional 700 will join the fleet in subsequent months.

The new seven-year agreement between Blue Cross and the municipal owners further cements a dynamic public-private partnership for sustainable urban transportation. Blue Cross will continue its commitment to promoting the overall health and well-being of Massachusetts residents by supporting the municipal owners of Bluebikes in driving system growth and accessibility through initiatives including station expansions, system enhancements and the integration of ebikes.

“Today marks an exciting milestone as we

usher in the next wave of transportation in Greater Boston with the introduction of state-of-the-art e-bikes,” Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said. “Partnerships such as our Bluebikes alliance with Blue Cross are crucial in ensuring our residents have access to healthier, more sustainable, and affordable transportation options. We look forward to continued collaboration with Blue Cross and all our municipal partners as we elevate our bike share system.”

“Bluebikes have become an integral part of so many communities in and around Boston, and we are thrilled to continue supporting the system,” said Blue Cross President and CEO Sarah Iselin. “We’re looking forward to the next chapter of partnership with the cities and towns through the renewal of our Bluebikes sponsorship. Biking is truly one of the best ways to get around, benefiting the environment as well as our mental and physical health. And adding ebikes to the Bluebikes system is an important step toward making biking more accessible to more people.”

The new collection of ebikes is expected to

grow the overall Bluebikes fleet to 5,000 bikes across 500 stations by next summer. Funding for the initial purchase of the ebikes came from a combination of municipal investment from Boston and Cambridge, state funding, federal funding by the Boston Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and support from Blue Cross’s sponsorship of the bikeshare system. Together, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and Blue Cross will provide support for affordable user costs of ebikes for Bluebikes members.

The state’s largest health plan became Bluebikes’ title sponsor in 2018. Since the inception of the Bluebikes partnership, the municipal owners – in conjunction with Blue Cross – have made investments, received grants and fostered station sponsorships to accomplish system milestones, including:

- Expanding the system from four to 13 municipalities, representing a 225% increase
- Supporting a 333% growth in the number of available Bluebikes and a 150% expansion in the number of Bluebikes sta-

tions

- Bolstering the income-eligible program
- Surpassing 22 million rides taken

“The City of Cambridge is proud to support more affordable, sustainable, and healthier forms of transportation and extend what has been a win-win public-private partnership,” said Cambridge City Manager Yi-An Huang. “Bluebikes have become a critical part of Cambridge’s public transportation system and I am excited that the system is becoming even more accessible through the addition of ebikes to the Bluebikes fleet, which will open up the system to more older adults, people with disabilities, and others who may find traditional bikes hard to pedal. It will also create more opportunities for individuals seeking to maximize their time and access to our busy communities, while reducing traffic congestion.”

Lyft’s ebike was named one of TIME’s 100 Best Inventions of 2022. It features a long-lasting battery with a 60-mile range, a user-friendly interface LCD screen, a smoother ride and numerous safety

upgrades. Massachusetts legalized Class 1 ebikes, which have no throttle and a maximum speed of 20 MPH, as part of the Transportation Bond Bill last year. Unlike traditional pedal bikes, ebikes aren’t permitted on sidewalks; they can be used on shared paths and bike lanes. Riders must follow all traffic laws and regulations and must bike in the same direction of traffic except on specially marked streets. Riders must always yield to pedestrians, maintain a safe speed and remain aware of all street users of all abilities.

“Somerville takes great pride in our regional, public-owned Bluebikes system, which is already one of the most successful bikeshare systems in North America,” said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “Bikeshare is public transit, and I believe that affordable, pedal-assist ebikes can improve travel choices for people across the metro region.”

“Bluebikes is getting our newest ebike, which has cutting-edge features that riders love,” said Caroline Samponaro, VP of Public Policy, Lyft. “These ebikes make it easier than ever for people

to reach jobs, family, and friends with sustainable, climate-friendly transportation that gets cars off our roads. I want to thank Mayor Wu, all the Bluebikes municipal owners, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for their continued investment and partnership in Bluebikes. Without them, Bluebikes wouldn’t be the tremendous success it is today.”

The municipal owner have prioritized access and affordability for the new Bluebikes ebikes, which will be available at \$0.10 per minute for Bluebikes members, \$0.25 per minute for Adventure Pass holders, and \$0.07 per minute for low-income residents enrolled in Bluebikes’ Income-Eligible Program. Income-eligible riders are provided a reduced annual fee for Bluebikes. Earlier this year, Boston also announced the Boston Bikes Pass, which is a Bluebikes membership offered only to City of Boston residents at a reduced annual rate of \$60. Learn more discounted Bluebikes rates at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-bikes/discounted-bluebikes>.

Healey proposes regulations to strengthen resilience from coastal and inland flooding

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) today issued draft regulations to strengthen wetlands and stormwater resilience by providing flood control and preventing storm damage to shorelines and infrastructure from the impacts of climate change. The proposed regulations will help protect areas vulnerable to sea-level rise and storm surge, promote nature-based solutions to flooding, streamline certain permitting processes, and use updated precipitation data to inform decision-making.

The regulations are proposed under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act. MassDEP will accept comments on the draft regulations until March 1, 2024.

“Data tells us that inland and coastal flooding are two of the biggest threats to Massachusetts. The storms we saw this summer showed us that there is no time to waste,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “These updates strike a balance to preserve and protect development along our waterways. These changes also present Massachusetts with another opportunity to lead – we’re promoting the most cutting-edge nature-based solutions along our coastlines.”

“We cannot continue a ‘business-as-usual’ approach if we want to build more resilient communi-

ties,” said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. “With these regulations, we’ve integrated the latest science and green infrastructure techniques to mitigate climate change impacts and protect residents, municipalities, and businesses from costly rebuilding efforts. MassDEP is grateful for the engagement of stakeholders and agencies in developing this proposal and looks forward to continued feedback on these regulations.”

Community Resilience
The proposed Wetlands regulations would protect the coastal floodplain, which hosts nearly \$55 billion in structures, of which about \$40 billion is residential, \$12 billion is industrial, and \$2.5 billion is commercial. Of the nearly 2.5 million people living within the 78 coastal communities in Massachusetts, approximately 55 percent live within Massachusetts-designated Environmental Justice Block Groups, representing communities of color, low-income populations, and/or communities facing language barriers.

Coastal and Inland Flooding Resilience
The proposed Wetlands regulations will promote resilience by creating performance standards to protect the natural buffering function of wetlands and floodplains and help prevent damage to both the natural and built environment. The standards

will require elevation of new development in areas of the coastal floodplain where most storm damage occurs and minimize new development in the most vulnerable area of the coastal floodplain where waves are higher than three feet. The regulations encourage nature-based approaches to improve resilience, such as restoration of salt marshes, coastal dunes, and barrier beaches on the coast, as well as inland wetlands. Updated stormwater management standards will reduce stormwater pollution to water bodies throughout the state, helping to improve the water quality of our rivers and streams.

The regulations are designed to be flexible for homeowners and families. Single-family homes and housing development with four or fewer units are exempted from the stormwater requirements of the Wetlands regulations and new housing developments with five to nine units per lot must meet new standards only to the extent possible.

Updates to Waterways regulations – which protect and promote public use of tidelands and other waterways in Massachusetts and are commonly known as “Chapter 91” – require license applications to consider projected sea-level rise for certain projects and encourage relocation of building mechanical systems away from the ground floor.

Incentives for Nature-

Based Solutions
The Wetlands regulations promote Green Site Design, which uses natural solutions – like trees and buffer zones – to manage stormwater, instead of more expensive detention basins and other traditional infrastructure. By using nature to address stormwater runoff and pollution, developers will receive Green Site Design credits and will substantially reduce the need to build and maintain more costly stormwater management systems.

Updated Precipitation Data
The proposed Wetlands amendments use up-to-date data sources to evaluate precipitation – replacing the 1961 data that is currently used with 2019 data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Storms have been increasing in intensity with climate change so that today’s storms deliver more precipitation than they did 60 years ago. Using outdated data to design stormwater systems means pipes that are too small to carry increased volumes of water – resulting in overflows and flooding. The switch to data that are more reflective of current conditions will prevent resulting damage to buildings and bridges, scouring of riverbanks, and other problems.

Streamlined Permitting
The proposed regulations streamline certain permitting processes. The Wetlands regulations are updated to align with the EPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit and the Transportation Separate Storm Sewer System Permit to improve consistency and protect surface waters, including wetlands, from stormwater runoff pollution. The Waterways regulations allow modifications to licenses for identified

smaller structures (primarily small docks and piers) to account for sea-level rise and maintaining public water access.

Regulatory Process
These regulatory updates are among the 142 priority actions for state agencies to direct under the ResilientMass Strategy released in November 2023. The Strategy was developed to address the impacts of climate change, such as flooding from precipitation, high heat, and coastal flooding and erosion. ResilientMass identified inland flooding as the most significant climate hazard in Massachusetts. The proposed amendments were developed over several years in close consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, including more than 10 sessions with stakeholder groups, more than 25 presentations, and meetings with various groups and interested parties.

MassDEP is accepting public comment on the draft regulations until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024. Virtual information sessions and public hearings on both sets of regulations will be held throughout January and February; more details are available here. For more information on the Wetlands Regulations, turn here.

Validators:
“The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) is pleased that MassDEP is publishing important updates to the Wetlands Protection Act,” said MACC Executive Director Dorothy A. McGlinicy. “These proposed regulations, along with the climate related goals established by the Healey-Driscoll Administration, will help minimize impacts from severe storms in a changing climate. Additional

urgency and coordination will be needed in our continued fight to preserve wetlands, open space, and biological diversity. MACC supports the Conservation Commissioners who are on the front lines of protecting our precious resource areas.”
“The urgency of these regulations is underscored by this week’s major rainstorm causing extreme flooding, power outages, damage to homes and businesses and most tragically, a death. How we manage water has profound implications on not only our environment, but also public health and safety,” said Charles River Watershed Association Executive Director Emily Norton. “We are pleased that these proposed regulations offer so many improvements in terms of updated precipitation models, stricter rules around building in floodplains, more consistency for developers and municipalities between state and federal rules, and more. We do not have the luxury of moving slowly when it comes to climate resilience, so kudos to MassDEP and the Healey-Driscoll Administration for acting now to protect our communities and natural spaces from the impacts of our changing climate.”

MassDEP’s mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth’s natural resources – air, water and land – to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and to ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth; to provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives; and to ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve.




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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.

**We are on the Internet
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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are two services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese Dinka

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**Grace Anglican
Episcopal Church
67 Norwood Street,
Everett, MA
Church Phone
617-387-7526 or
617-389-5765**

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Bishop Robert G. Brown and Zion Church Ministries invites you to join us every Sunday at our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service for a time of worship, praise and preaching, at 757 Broadway, Everett, MA. You can also join

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and You Tube.

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.

Bring a Book buy a Book a new Fundraiser Program at the back of the Church. All books are a dollar. Any money collected goes to our Stain Glass Fund. You are most invited to make a donation for this course. Most welcome to worship with us on Sunday and weekdays. Thank You.

**Immaculate Conception
Parish
489, Broadway,
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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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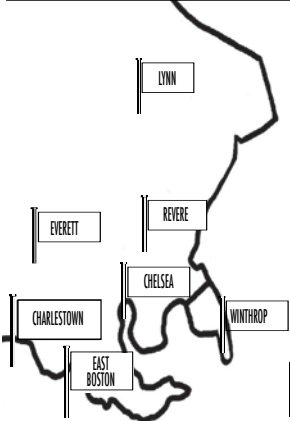
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