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WHAT A SPREAD: TEDDIE PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE!



The 12 talented senior culinary arts students who competed in the 3rd Annual Everett High School/Teddie Peanut Butter Challenge.

Culinary Arts students showcase their immense talents

Special to the Independent

Everett High School (EHS) Culinary Arts students showcased their technical skills and creativity during the 3rd Annual Teddie Peanut Butter Challenge, a fun and high-energy competition in which the young chefs were tasked with making a sweet or savory dish featuring the beloved product that is made here in Everett.

The Challenge, held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, featured 12 senior culinary arts students. They created a full-size presentation plate, as well as small portions for the four judges: Gretchen Manning from the Everett Public Schools (EPS)



From left: EHS Culinary Arts instructor Corey Bourassa, Teddie Peanut Butter Director of Marketing and Sales Mark Nazarian, Gretchen Manning of the EPS, Teddie Peanut Butter Challenge winners Ritchelma Auguste and Pietra Bertolazzi, Teddie Peanut Butter executives Brianna Soule and Brittany L'Italien, and EHS Culinary Arts Department Head Carolynn Parmenter.

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Multifamily development 'Maxwell' celebrates topping off

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Greystar recently celebrated the topping off of Maxwell, a 384-unit multifamily development located in Everett's Commercial Triangle District. Maxwell is the second phase of the 85 Boston St. development; the first phase, a 330-unit building

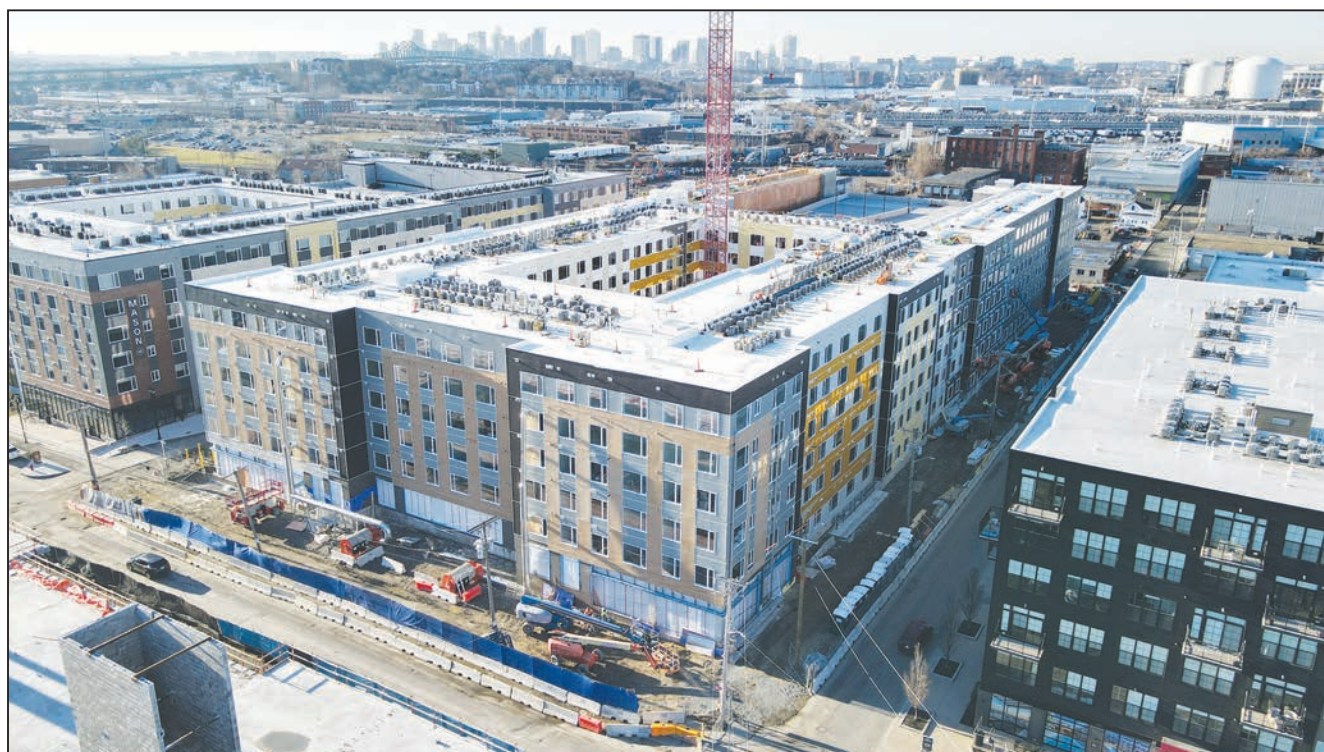
named Mason, opened in summer 2023.

Maxwell is the third of five buildings to top off as part of Greystar's \$730 million investment in Everett, which also includes 1690 Revere Beach Parkway (741 units in two buildings), Anthem Everett (450 units), and Mason.

"I applaud the Greystar

team for achieving this latest milestone as part of their redevelopment efforts focused in Everett," said Mayor DeMaria. "The creation of additional housing has been identified as the most significant priority facing the Commonwealth. The residential complexes being created by Greystar are part of the housing

solution being sought in Massachusetts and also have helped make Everett more attractive for additional development in the Commercial Triangle that will serve as important new revenue sources to support the services our residents need." retail space. The building is scheduled to deliver in late 2024/2025.



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Located at 85 Boston St in Everett's Commercial Triangle District, Maxwell rises six stories and includes ground floor retail space. The building is scheduled to deliver in late 2024/2025.

For the latest news in Everett that you need to know, check everettindependent.com

What Moves Everett Schools project releases its findings

Special to the Independent

The City of Everett Department of Transportation and Mobility, along with Green Streets Initiative (GSI), announces the completion of its exciting What Moves Everett Schools project. GSI was hired by the City of Everett Department of Transportation and Mobility to lead this work, in conjunction with the Everett Public Schools, to understand how the school community currently commutes to school, how they would ideally like to do so, and what obstacles keep them from commuting the way they would like.

This project was conducted under the leadership of Eric Molinari, Everett Transportation Planner, and Katherine Jenkins-Sullivan, Everett Sustainability Planner.

"We felt that the student

population often doesn't get surveyed when it comes to these kinds of studies. Doing this project in our schools will be a good way to gather information that, frankly, other places just don't really have," said Molinari.

Jenkins-Sullivan was particularly interested in the project's ability to explore the details and nuances of "how individuals travel to and from school and some of the barriers they face with safety on our roads, while uplifting the voices of those who choose methods besides cars for travel."

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria said that "The data gathered in this study has reaffirmed what we already knew, Everett students overwhelmingly walk to school. We are committed to improving

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Super Sunday

Fans set to wager on the Big Game this Sunday at WynnBET Sportsbook in Encore

By Cary Shuman

Football fans will be making their way to Encore Boston Harbor in Everett Sunday to make a wager on the Super Bowl at the WynnBET Sportsbook located on the casino floor.

The NFL's title game, matching the defending

champion Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers, arrives just more than a year after wagering on sports became legalized in Massachusetts.

As befitting its status as a world-class, five-star resort/casino, Encore's

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Police Chief Mazzie will retire in June

Everett Police Chief Steve Mazzie has announced that he will be retiring from his position in June, 2024.

Mazzie has been the chief of police since January, 2003.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria commended Mazzie's service in the department, stating, "It's not easy being a leader of any public organization

for over 30 years. Chief Mazzie has served Everett with pride, integrity, compassion, and the same love for his hometown that I also share. I am grateful to Steve for his years of service to our community, and I hope that all of you will join me in wishing him the very best as he moves onto the next chapter of his life."

Everett Fire Deputy Chief Cardinale graduates from Management Training Program

Special to the Independent

Everett Deputy Fire Chief Lawrence Cardinale has graduated from the 29th class of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program.

Cardinale joined three dozen other fire leaders from across the state in being honored at the impressive ceremony held Jan. 24 at the Firefighting in Stow.

The four-month program for new chief officers and chief officer candidates is delivered jointly by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and the University of Massachusetts Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management. Through classroom instruction and out-of-class assignments, the course delivers inten-

sive training in the non-fire suppression aspects of managing a municipal fire department.

"The Chief Fire Officer program is a tremendous opportunity for new chiefs and rising officers," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine, who graduated from the program in 2016. "The rigorous instruction in such a wide variety of topics will help these graduates provide the leadership that their departments and communities deserve. Completing the program is a major accomplishment and I want to congratulate all of them on their initiative and dedication to professional development."

The Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program covers a spectrum of topics considered

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ZUCKERBERG, ET AL: THE WORST OF THE WORST

Last week’s dramatic hearing in the U.S. Senate, in which the heads of a number of social media companies testified in front of a gallery that was filled with parents who lost children because of the pernicious effects of social media companies, hopefully will result in meaningful regulation that will hold these social media companies accountable for their deliberate targeting of our nation’s youth with content that the companies know is harmful.

Arguably the worst offender among the group, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, apologized to the parents sitting behind him and weakly told them he would try to do better. However, as South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham bluntly put it directly to Zuckerberg, “You have blood on your hands.”

Two years ago the Wall Street Journal revealed that Facebook was fully aware of the addictive and harmful qualities of its social media platforms and the specific damage that they cause to vulnerable young people. Yet Facebook has done nothing to ameliorate its behavior because of the billions of dollars it earns by targeting children with content that they know is dangerous for our childrens’ mental -- and ultimately physical -- well-being.

One of the most telling pieces of testimony came from the head of Tik-Tok, who was asked whether he allows his own children on the Tik-Tok platform. He replied that he doesn’t -- because his family resides in Singapore, where Tik-Tok is not allowed to be used by children. However, as Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar pointed out, here in the United States there are no limits placed on social media companies because of the millions of dollars that they spend to lobby members of Congress.

The very next day after the Senate hearing, the stock of Facebook (which is now known as Meta) jumped by a whopping 20% after it announced record earnings, increasing the company’s value by hundreds of billions of dollars.

If we were to list the worst kind of people in the world, they would include murderers, rapists, child molesters, and drug dealers. But in this era of pervasive social media, we now can add a new type of sociopath -- the heads of social media companies that deliberately prey upon our children, whom they view as nothing more than a profit-center for their businesses.

A new book by Boston native Frank McCourt, a billionaire real estate mogul and former owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers, makes the case for regulating social media companies because of the threat they pose to our children and our democracy. His central thesis is that we need to do so now before it is too late.

We call upon our national legislators, especially Senators Warren and Markey, to support the bill in the Senate that will allow these social media companies to be sued by those whom they harm. As Senator Graham pointed out, the social media companies have refused to police themselves and the only way to do so is to “open the courtroom doors” to their victims.

....AND THOSE ON-LINE SPORTS BETTING COMPANIES ARE NOT FAR BEHIND....

A while back we wrote an editorial about the clear and obvious evils of the easy availability of sports gambling via smartphones. This past Sunday evening, the news program 60 Minutes had a segment on exactly that topic, highlighting how young men under the age of 25 have become addicted to on-line sports gambling, where they can place a bet not only on the outcome of a game, but also literally wager on every play, pitch, and moment across the international sporting world, simply with the push of a button on their smartphones at all hours of the day and night.

The report noted that many young men have gambled away their college loan money and their inheritances because of their addiction to these so-called sports books. The advertising for these gaming sites, such as Draft Kings and FanDuel, pitched by high-profile celebrities, makes it look like harmless fun. But as 60 Minutes noted, the reality is far darker.

We have no problem with sports betting when it is done at a casino or similar venue. However, allowing it to happen via a smartphone invites addictive behavior, especially by young people, that can lead them to financial ruin and a lifetime of gambling addiction.

In our view, it is clear that the companies such as Draft Kings, FanDuel, and others are nothing less than predatory monsters that seek to take advantage of vulnerable young people.

Just as our state legislature realized two generations ago that lowering the drinking age to 18 was a societal disaster, we call upon our state legislators to revise the laws that allow these sports betting houses to prey on vulnerable individuals 24/7/365.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

A little bit of kindness to protect Massachusetts parklands and foster community

By Brian Arrigo

Just under a year ago, I had the honor of being appointed to lead the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the state’s largest landowner and steward of roughly half a million acres across Massachusetts. It’s been an amazing first year – I’ve traveled across the state, getting to know our beautiful state park system, and the incredible and dedicated staff, who work every day to preserve these spaces for generations to come.

Growing up in and later serving as mayor of Revere, I loved being close to Revere Beach – America’s first public beach – and would often start my day by clearing my head with a run along the beach. As the fastest growing city in the Commonwealth, the Revere community and so many others depend on our beaches, parks, reservations, reservoirs, and other open spaces that

serve as urban oases and retreats.

The pandemic showed us how important these spaces are for our mental and physical wellbeing. They connect us with nature and our neighbors, building healthy and diverse communities of all ages and backgrounds. With more people than ever visiting and experiencing the beauty of our state parks, it’s important to be mindful of the impacts our actions have on each other and the environment.

With this in mind, I’m excited to invite everyone to join us in the Be Kind! public awareness campaign, that we launched last fall in partnership with the Friends of the Fells and the Friends of the Blue Hills. Be Kind! encourages all of us to act with kindness while visiting our state parks – to the people around us, park staff, and the plants

and animals that call these spaces home.

Be Kind! suggests actions that park visitors can take to ensure they are being respectful of one another and of our natural environment. Specifically, it encourages all, whether they are regulars in our DCR parks or first-time visitors, to:

Listen for other people on trails and make space for others to pass;

Keep dogs leashed outside of designated off-leash areas;

Leave no trace of litter or waste; and

Stay on the trails – on foot, paw, or bike.

Whether hiking, biking, or walking your dog, keep an eye out for Be Kind! signs along the trails at the Middlesex Fells and Blue Hills Reservations. While these parks are piloting the program, we are excited to expand this initiative to parks across the state in the future.

You can join us in sharing the Be Kind! message on social media using #Be-KindMA and we would love to see your photos and stories of kindness in our parks.

As part of DCR’s commitment to providing access to natural, recreational, and cultural resources, we look forward to collaborating with more groups, elected officials, civic leaders, and communities across the Commonwealth to grow this movement of kindness, protect our precious spaces, foster community, and create unforgettable memories for all. Let’s Be Kind!

For more information about the Be Kind! public awareness campaign, visit <https://www.mass.gov/guides/be-kind-massachusetts>.

Brian Arrigo is Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)

State, local leaders ask for reconsideration of lead water service line grant formula

By Adam Swift

A change in a federal grant funding formula for the replacement of lead line services would have a negative impact on local communities, according to state and local leaders.

Last week, Governor Maura Healey, Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell, and Treasurer Deborah Goldberg submitted a letter to EPA Administrator Michael Regan urging him to reconsider a new grant formula that has reduced lead service line replacement funding to Massachusetts by more than \$30 million.

The EPA’s new data and methodology has cut nearly half the Massachusetts share of funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Grant. Massachusetts received \$65,783,000 in fiscal year 2022, but was only allocated \$33,700,000 for 2023 and future years of the program.

“Massachusetts has made great progress in removing lead service lines so that all of our communities can rely on clean drinking water,” said Healey. “The historic federal investments made possible by President Biden and our congressional delegation have been instrumental in these efforts, and we ask the Environmental Protection Agency to provide us the resources so we can together continue advancing this important work.”

In Chelsea, City Manager Fidel Maltez said his city has invested a tremendous amount of money in removing lead lines in the main pipes in the streets.

“However, there remains a significant amount of lead lines from the streets into the houses,” said Maltez. “These are typically the responsibility of the property owner, but they are a significant cost, especially in a community like Chelsea, they have a significant barrier. Landlords don’t want to spend \$10,000 - \$15,000 to remove a lead line into a

property.”

Through grant and funding mechanisms, Maltez said Chelsea has been able to assist property owners with those costs.

Local communities have been able to use a variety of funding to help address the lead service line issues.

Last year in Winthrop, the Town Council approved a \$980,000 zero interest loan from the MWRA to pay for the removal and replacement of about 100 lead lines, according to public works director Steve Calla.

Calla said the Department of Environmental Protection has increased the number of lead water service lines the town is required to remove each year. In addition to full lead service lines, the DEP is now mandating the removal of partial lead service lines in their calculations, he said.

Calla said there 423 of the full lead service lines remaining in town, and about 400 partial lead service lines.

In Revere late last year, city officials warned of the potential of high levels of lead in the drinking water of homes with lead service lines and urged residents to remove the lines.

The City of Revere Water and Engineering Departments removed 68 lead services and confirmed 32 services to be non-lead, this fiscal year. All lead services included in the tests done in October were also removed, city officials stated late last year.

“Contamination from lead pipes disproportionately hurts our historically marginalized populations and environmental justice communities,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “We ask the EPA to reconsider these changes in their funding allocations to ensure that federal dollars are distributed most effectively to Massachusetts and states across the country.”

Campbell said lead pipes are known to contaminate the water people drink, including in homes and schools, and pose serious health risks for Massachusetts residents, especially children and those living in underserved communities.

“We are deeply committed to ensuring the safety of our drinking water, protecting the public’s health, and supporting our communities across the entire state,” said Goldberg, who is also Chair of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. “There are very serious concerns with the EPA’s data that will hinder this vital work, and we urge them to reevaluate their position. The well-being of Massachusetts residents, particularly our most vulnerable, depend on the continuity of these critical resources.”

The EPA’s lead remediation programs are a realization of President Biden’s goal to remove 100 percent of lead service lines nationwide and address the critical public health and environmental justice challenges that come from lead-contaminated drinking water, according to Healey. This includes the Drinking Water State Re-

volving Fund which has \$15 billion in funding nationally from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), signed by President Biden in 2021.

The letter from Governor Healey and state leaders identifies Massachusetts’s unique needs for lead remediation funding based on the high percentage of housing stock from before 1940, when the use of lead in service lines was prevalent and emphasizes how the effects of this today cause disproportionate lead exposure in communities of color.

“The reductions in EPA funding could dramatically limit Massachusetts’s incredible work addressing our unique challenges with lead service lines,” said Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure Quentin Palfrey. “Massachusetts has shown the ability to impactfully use federal funding to make progress on this public health crisis, and we will continue our efforts to secure each and every federal dollar that enables this work to continue.”

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EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL HOLDS SCIENCE FAIR

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

The East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) 7th and 8th grade presented a science fair in celebration of Catholic Schools Week on February 2. Students examined blood under a microscope, designed a working kaleidoscope, and investigated the buoyancy of a submarine. Partners, Keillen Munoz and Stephanie Mondono, shared what they observed about static elec-

tricity while working on their project, “Elektron.” “The purpose of this project is to see whether an object is carrying a charge or not,” said Munoz and Mondono, 7th grade. “When the Styrofoam and wool are rubbed together, they create friction. The electrons travel through the metal wire and make the foils move apart. The farther apart the foils are, the bigger the charge.”



Diego Garcia, 8th grade, explaining the buoyancy of a submarine that he created with partner, Dishawn Newton.



Luis Antonio Rivero and Carlos Hincapie, 8th grade, explaining their observations about which drinks have the most electrolytes.



Hanna Munoz, 8th grade, demonstrating the paper airplane launcher that she created with partner, Elena Gonzalez.



Gia Allen and Kayla Gomes, 8th grade, demonstrating their project, “Illusion,” with LED light reflections that appear to move towards infinity.



Mia Santillana and Alanna Newhook, 7th grade, with their project, “Crystal Garden.”



Luciana Malpica and Sophia Plagenzo, 7th grade, with their project, “Hot Colors.”



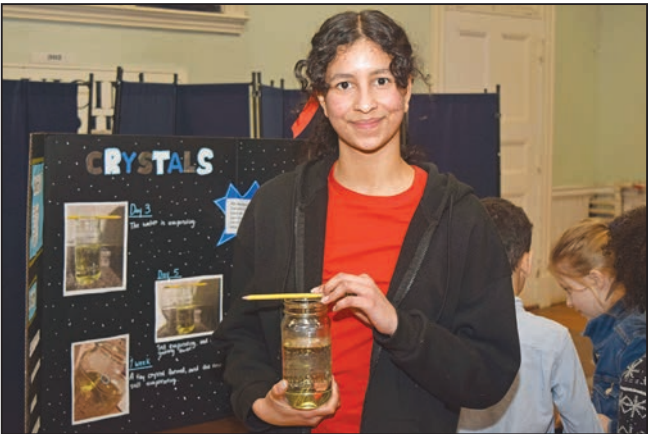
Isabella Santoro and Kelsey O'Connor, 8th grade, with their project, “KI Camera.”



Daniella Lopez and Anayah Augustave, 8th grade, with their project, “Oobleck vs. Slime.”



Luis Antonio Rivero and Carlos Hincapie, 8th grade, explaining their observations about which drinks have the most electrolytes.



Nathalia Lopez, 7th grade, demonstrating how sugar sticks to a string as water evaporates, creating crystals.



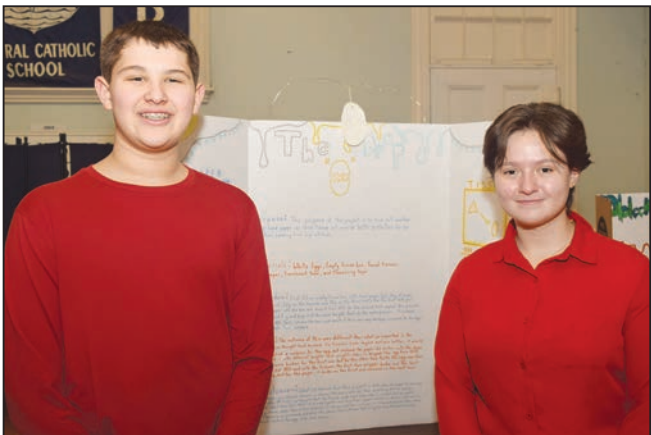
Samara Mejia, 8th grade, with her project, “Wind Energy,” and Lilly Ezaquiel-Blake, 8th grade, with her project, “What does blood really look like?”



Sebastian Salmoran explaining his “Hover Craft.”



Jesus Guizar and Mia Macaluso, with their project, “Spherification.”



Thomas Rozzi and Adriana Puerta, 8th grade, with their project, “The Egg Drop Test.”



Keillen Munoz and Stephanie Mondono, 7th grade, with their project, “Elektron.”

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Join us on Sunday, February 11, when Ms. Anita Lynn of Jasmine Grace Outreach will be sharing the work performed by the mission. Their outreach helps individuals break free from substance abuse, sexual exploitation & a hopeless way of life. Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church is blessed to support them as one of our missionaries. Service starts at 10:30. We are collecting essential items to donate to the ministry. Drop-off on Sunday Feb. 11, or call us to make a donation. Items listed below.

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Everett Arts & Culture Events

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EBNHC announces new Geriatric Complex Case Management Pilot Program

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) today announced the launch of a Geriatric Complex Case Management (GCCM) Pilot Program in partnership with TD Bank. In an effort to ensure that our oldest community members stay connected to vital medical and wellness resources and coordinated senior care, GCCM will improve EBNHC’s ability to provide wraparound healthcare and supportive services to seniors ages 55 and over.

“Older adults often face additional barriers to accessing vital care and resources. With the support of TD Bank, we aim to bridge those gaps by linking seniors with coordinated care programs and support services that solve for both medical and social needs,” said Greg Wilmot, EBNHC President and CEO. “This innovative program will give seniors the attention and care they deserve and help them live more healthful lives in our community.”

Of the 15,000 seniors who receive care at EBNHC annually, approximately 3,000 may need additional services beyond traditional care. To address this growing need, GCCM will help seniors understand their treatment programs and connect them to coordinated care

programs, while also supporting seniors who are ineligible for those programs due to current asset and income-eligibility requirements. GCCM program navigators will evaluate patients for program eligibility, make referrals, and if needed, assist with enrollment into specialty programs, including Neighborhood PACE and Senior Care Options (SCO).

“At TD, we are dedicated to the wellbeing of our communities, and this initiative aligns with our commitment to improve access to healthcare for all,” said Shelley Sylva, Head of U.S. Corporate Citizenship at TD Bank. “We’re proud to stand behind local organizations that are identifying these critical needs and prioritizing innovations that enhance the quality of life for residents. I’m thrilled that we’re able to support East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and look forward to seeing the positive outcomes of this pilot and the difference it will make in the lives of older adults.”

Capitalizing on TD’s educational resources, EBNHC will also partner with TD Bank to provide financial literacy and education opportunities for EBNHC patients, including education and training to prevent seniors from unintentionally engag-

ing in financial and other scams, whether online, by phone, or in person.

“Thanks to the TD Grant, we will be able to better connect seniors in the community to both medical care and support services like food and nutrition programs, housing assistance and transportation, ensuring that the growing needs of the older adult population in our community are being met,” said Calay Ip, Vice President, Senior Care Programs, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center.

EBNHC’s Neighborhood PACE and SCO programs serve approximately 1700 seniors living in East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Medford, Stoneham, and surrounding towns in the greater Boston area. Offering highly personalized, home-based coordinated care, Neighborhood PACE and SCO programs allow seniors to maintain independence and thrive in the community, ultimately giving patients and caregivers peace of mind and community connection. Neighborhood PACE and SCO are supported through agreements with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, MassHealth, and the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center.



EBNHC volunteer Rose DelloRusso (left) and East Boston resident and PACE participant Joseph Cinelli.



Wannetta Sarro, (left) Neighborhood PACE participant receiving physical therapy at Revere PACE on Garofalo Street and Annette Cogliani, EBNHC Rehabilitation Aide.

Talents // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Central Administration and Teddie Peanut Butter executives Mark Nazarian, Brianna Soule, and Brittany L’Italien. The judges had the pleasure of sampling 12 creations — six sweet and six savory — but the difficult choice of picking winners in each category.

The dishes were judged on overall flavor, presentation, originality, and how they represented the Teddie Peanut Butter brand. When the points were tabulated, Ritchelma Aguste and Pietra Bertolazzi were crowned the winners. Aguste served a Biscoff Peanut Butter Tiramisu, while Bertolazzi made sweet and spicy peanut butter wings with cucumber salad.

In addition to conceptualizing and making delicious dishes featuring

Teddie Peanut Butter, the students did an excellent job of presenting and describing their creations to the judges.

Teddie Peanut Butter is a family company that started producing peanut butter in 1930 and has been headquartered in Everett since 1969.

The complete list of talented competitors:

Ritchelma Aguste — Biscoff Peanut Butter Tiramisu

Cindy Emile — Peanut Butter and Jelly Macaron

Jeleinee Hernandez Cepeda — Peanut Butter Chocolate Lava Cake

Joshua Boa — Peanut Butter Chicken Curry

Gregory Barros — Peanut Butter Udon Noodles

Camila Ferreira — Peanut butter Mousse Trifle with Brownie

Thiago De Aguiar —

Peanut Butter Coxinhas with Maionese de Batata Mariela Chacon — Peanut Butter and Banana Semifreddo

Izabela Araujo — Peanut Butter Chocolate Pudding Pie with Peanut Butter Crisps

Pietra Bertolazzi — Sweet and Spicy Peanut Butter Wings with Cucumber Salad

Elizabeth Connell — Peanut Butter and Pork-Filled Dumplings

Tyana Williams — Spicy Chicken Kebabs with Spicy Peanut Sauce over Coconut Rice

Special thanks to Culinary Arts Department Head Carolyn Parmenter, Chef/Instructor Corey Bourassa, and the Teddie Peanut Butter team for offering this high-visibility opportunity to our students.

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EVERETT IN WRESTLING ACTION AT WATERTOWN MEET

The Everettt-Malden-Revere wrestling team wrapped up its season in a meet at Watertown Saturday, February 3.



Donny Wong is declared victor in his match.



Keith Argueta in the heavyweight classification.



Angel Chinchilla in the 157 lb weight class.



Donny Wong is flipped during competition.

DESRAMEAUX WINS GBL SHOTPUT TITLE; SETS NEW EHS MARK

Senior Darrynn Desrameaux capped a tremendous Greater Boston League (GBL) indoor track and field season with a victory in the shot-put at last Friday’s GBL Meet, which featured athletes from all eight of the GBL schools, at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.

Darrynn’s throw of 34’-11.25” easily outdistanced her closest competitor, Chelsea’s Kiara Ramirez, whose top toss was 31’-1.5”, a difference of almost four feet. In addition, her throw was a new school record (which Darrynn herself holds) and now ranks her eighth in Division 2 and 25th overall in the state.

Desrameaux paced the Lady Crimson Tide to a dominating performance in the shot-put event. Teammate and fellow senior Layla Betancur-Cardona (who has been battling Desrameaux for the school record throughout the season) finished in third place in the shot with a throw of 29’-8.5” and senior teammate Nicole Brandao finished fifth in the shot with a toss of 27’-5.75”.

For the versatile Brandao, the fifth-place medal in the shot-put gave her two medals on the day, the other coming thanks to her fourth-place finish in the 55 meter hurdles in a time of 10.39.

Other point-scorers for coach Jehu Cimea’s Lady Crimson Tide squad were:

-- Senior Suzanne Maharjan, who won a sixth-place medal in the 2-mile run with a time of 15:41.22;

-- Senior Nicole Brandao, who took home a fourth place medal in the 55 meter hurdles with a clocking of 10.39;

-- The 4 x 200 relay quartet of junior Angelina Papa, junior Zylle Cannon-Mathis, sophomore Isabella Pimenta, and junior Yelsa Garcia, who earned a fourth-place medal with their time of 1:57.71;

-- The 4 x 800 relay foursome of junior Milena Antiono, senior Nicole Fonseca, senior Suzanne Maharjan, and senior Tiffany Escobar, who took fifth place with a clocking of 12:52.84.

EVEILLARD SHINES FOR EHS BOYS AT GBL MEET

The Everett High boys indoor track and field team turned in a strong performance at last Friday’s Greater Boston League (GBL) Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Field Center in Boston.

Sophomore speedster Kayshaun Eveillard brought home three medals, two in individual events and a third in a relay. Kayshaun took second place in the 300 meter dash with a time of 36.82 and grabbed a third-place medal in the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 6.81 seconds. In addition, Eveillard anchored the Tide’s 4 x 200 relay team to a third-place finish, thus giving him his third medal of the day and personally tallying a team-high 15.5 points for the Crimson Tide column on the score-sheet.

Senior Khang Nguyen scored 9.5 points for Everett with his second-place performance in the long jump with a flight of 19’-3.25.” Khang also earned a second medal as a member of the Tide’s 4 x 200 relay team that finished in third place.

Senior Nischal Tamang scored four points for the Everett side of the score-sheet with his fourth-place performance in the 1000 meter run with a clocking of 2:59.27.

Seniors Dawens Germain and Donald Michel tied for third place in the high jump with a leap of

5’-6”. Michel earned another individual medal with his sixth-place finish in the 55 meter hurdles in 8.63.

Germain just missed out on another individual medal in the 600. His seventh-place clocking of 1:33.26 was just 0.46 of a second behind the sixth-place time. However, Dawens earned a second medal by anchoring the 4 x 400 relay team to a fifth-place finish.

Jalen Jones earned two medals, grabbing a sixth-place medallion in the long jump and running the opening leg for the Tide’s 4 x 200 relay team that finished in third place.

Senior Jeremiah Jean-Louis earned a medal in the 55 meter event with his sixth-place finish in a dash of 6.99.

Sophomore Anthony Whitlow turned in a strong effort in the 2-mile run, finishing in eighth place in a time of 11:58.75, which

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A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



QuestBridge Scholars Thalia Patino Molana, Gabriellie De Gouveia, and Aeshah Mohammed.

EHS Boasts Three QuestBridge Scholars

De Gouveia, Mohammed, and Patino Molana Earn Prestigious Honor

Three Everett High School (EHS) seniors have been named QuestBridge Scholars, a distinction as prestigious as it is valuable.

Gabriellie De Gouveia, Aeshah Mohammed, and Thalia Patino Molana are among a very select group chosen from a nationwide pool of qualified applicants to be included in QuestBridge’s 2024 Match Scholarship program. De Gouveia is headed to the College of the Holy Cross, while Mohammed and Patino Molana will attend Boston College and Boston University, respectively.

QuestBridge Scholars receive full tuition, including room and board and books and supplies — for four years. This year, 20,800 students from across the country applied, and 6,683 advanced to the final round. From there, QuestBridge’s 50 college partners “matched” with 2,242 students, marking the highest number of Match Scholarship Recipients since QuestBridge’s founding in 1994.

“To have three of our graduating seniors named QuestBridge scholars is an incredible source of pride for Everett High School, our district, and our city,” said Superintendent William Hart. “It is my pleasure to extend the congratulations of the EPS to these exceptional students and their families.”

QuestBridge describes itself as a “powerful platform that connects the nation’s brightest students from low-income backgrounds with leading institutions of higher education. By facilitating these exchanges, QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation’s best universities and the ranks of national leadership itself.”

De Gouveia is enrolled in EHS’s Marketing Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program. Mohammed, a member of the Medical Assisting CTE Program, plans on studying medicine at Boston

College. And Patino Molana, a student in the Law and Government Pathway, intends on studying political science and international relations at Boston University.

When asked to pinpoint a class and a teacher that helped her become a QuestBridge scholar, De Gouveia identified the AP Language and Composition course taught by EHS English teacher Michael Fineran.

“I firmly believe that my essays and supplements were my strongest allies within my application,” De Gouveia said. “Without the knowledge I gained in Mr. Fineran’s class, my application may not have been as strong.”

Mohammed agreed, saying “Mr. Fineran made sure my writing was college quality.”

“Gabi and Aeshah are very deserving students,” Mr. Fineran said. “No matter the topic or the assignment, they were curious, engaged, and thoughtful.”

De Gouveia also cited her involvement in the Marketing CTE Pathway as a key to her success. “The Pathway significantly influenced my readiness for college,” she said. “In the marketing program, I was able to put out a strong brand for myself in my application.”

“I’m going to miss Gabi,” said Marketing CTE teacher Siobhan Sullivan. “During class discussions, she asks high-level questions, and she makes me a better teacher because of her curiosity to learn.”

Mohammed is firm in her desire to pursue a career in medicine, an interest she says has been cultivated by Medical Assisting CTE Instructor Desirae Peary.

“Ms. Peary is an amazing teacher who always encourages me to do my best,” she said. “She helped us get into clinicals, which gave me a sneak peak of my future career. [This helped me realize that] this field is the right one for me.”

“Aeshah is always so enthusiastic about her ed-

ucation,” Ms. Peary said. “She is the type of student who is ready to learn with a smile on her face. She has inspired me through her enthusiasm, curiosity, and unique perspectives. Boston College is truly lucky to have her!”

Patino Molana credits the EHS History Department and law and government teacher Carolyn MacWilliam for fostering her passion for all things politics — locally, regionally, and globally.

“Mrs. MacWilliam has pushed me to be the best version of myself and guided me to be passionate and honest on the issues I care about in this city,” said Patino Molana.

“Thalia is an amazing young woman,” said Ms. MacWilliam. “I look forward to the day when I can vote for her when she runs for public office. While many people express a desire to change the world, Thalia has taken tangible steps to improve the community. Her level of civic engagement at such a young age is truly inspirational and makes me hopeful for the future!”

And where does Patino Molana see her future heading?

“I see myself working in Campaign Finance Law,” she said. “Stopping corruption all over the world.”

According to QuestBridge, the 2024 Match Recipients boast an average unweighted GPA of 3.94, while 93 percent are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. QuestBridge also notes that 82 percent of the scholarship winners are among the first in their families to attend a four-year college in the United States.

“I feel really excited and proud to have matched with a top school like Boston University,” said Patino Molana. “I feel safe and secure knowing I can achieve my dreams without worrying about the cost and obstacles I would have faced as a first-generation Latina student.

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Whittier Students Create Mosaic



In recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Whittier School seventh graders created a mosaic featuring quotes from Dr. King’s timeless “I Have a Dream” speech. The students analyzed and paraphrased the quotations to determine personal meaning and significance.

Zion Church Ministries Dr. MLK Day Breakfast



The Everett Public Schools (EPS) was well-represented at the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Scholarship Breakfast, held January 15, 2024, at the Connolly Center. From left: Everett High guidance counselor Kelley Buonopane, Keverian School Principal Alex Naumann, School Committee member Robin Babcock, Superintendent William Hart, School Committee member Samantha Hurley, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, EPS Music Coordinator Eugene O’Brien, and EPS Choir Director Corey Crofoot.

Thanks Again to the Kiwanis Club
Holiday Luncheon a Big Success as Always!



Students in Everett High School’s Life Skills Class are pictured at this year’s Kiwanis Holiday Luncheon inside the Crimson Café. Thanks to the Kiwanis for its continued support and the Culinary Arts Department for preparing and serving a delicious lunch.

Coffee with the Superintendent
Thank You to the Whittier School!



Superintendent William Hart enjoyed Coffee and a Chat with the teachers and staff at the Whittier School on Friday, January 26, 2024. Thanks to Principal Michael McLucas, Assistant Principal Cara Fidalgo, and the entire Whittier team for hosting the Superintendent. Pictured above, from left: Eighth grade science teacher Joe Lento, fourth grade teacher Brynden Gibbens, Superintendent Hart, Wilson Reading Interventionist Mary Ann Sottosanti, fourth grade teachers Kathryn Chadwick and Jennifer Valley, and math interventionist Daniela Faia.

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was the second-fastest clocking among the sophomores in the field.

The Everett 4 x 200 relay quartet of senior Jalen Jones, senior Matthew LaMonica, senior Khang Nguyen, and sophomore Kayshaun Eveillard took third place with a clocking of 1:36.85.

The Tide’s 4 x 400 squad of sophomore Adrien Reyes, junior JN Baptiste Orleus, senior Nischal Tamang, and senior Dawens Germain also medaled, coming across in fifth place.

Everett’s 4 x 800 all-sophomore foursome of Jeremy Whitlow, Dante Gell, Tyre Lule, and Lucas Nunez brought home a sixth-place medal and scored a point for the Everett cause.

The Tide finished the day with 46 points, which placed coach Jehu Cimea’s crew in fourth place

among the eight GBL schools that competed at the meet.

EHS GIRLS HOOP WINS ON SENIOR NIGHT

The Everett High girls basketball team celebrated Senior Night in appropriate fashion with an exciting 39-37 victory over Greater Boston League rival Somerville last Tuesday.

Emilia Maria Babcock led all scorers with 21 points in a solid two-way effort in which Emilia made six steals and snared four rebounds.

Malaica Guillaume also turned in a solid contribution at both ends of the floor with five boards, four assists, and four steals.

“All team members contributed in some way or form to get a tough and gritty win against Somerville,” said EHS head

coach Riley Dunn.

Two nights later, the Lady Crimson Tide came up on the short end of a 51-30 decision at Revere, which is tied for first place in the “Revere is a very tough team,” noted Dunn. “Our defensive effort was there, but we just couldn’t seem to connect on the offensive end. The girls hustled until the very end and never gave up. We will bounce back and learn from this game.”

Emilia Maria Babcock once again was the top scorer with 12 points and made three steals. Malaica Guillaume hit for double figures with 11 points and pulled down four rebounds and had two steals.

Sonia Constanza Flores, Manal Bouhou, Taisha Alexandre, and Casey Martinez all had two steals in the Tide’s tough defensive effort.

Dunn and her crew will

wrap up their GBL season at home with Medford tomorrow (Thursday). at 6:00. They will entertain non-league opponent Lawrence next Monday at 6:30 and then will trek to non-league foe Lowell next Thursday.

EHS BOYS HOOP CLINCHES TOURNNEY SPOT; HOSTS CHELSEA THIS SAT.

The Everett High boys basketball team will host

Greater Boston League rival Chelsea this Saturday evening in the EHS gym. The opening tip is set for 5:30. The contest is a make-up game of their encounter that was postponed in mid-January because of the weather.

The Crimson Tide presently stand in second place in the GBL with a 9-2 record (10-4 overall), trailing only Lynn English, which has only one loss in the league (that coming to Everett).

The Everett boys

clinched a berth in the post-season Division 1 state tournament this past week with wins over Somerville and Revere, assuring the Tide of the .500 record that is needed to punch a ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

Everett was scheduled to meet Somerville last night (Tuesday) and will travel to Medford tomorrow (Thursday) evening. They will entertain non-league opponent East Boston next Tuesday starting at 7:00.

Training // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

essential for effective public sector management. It includes human resource management, ethics, executive leadership, governmental and organization structures, information management, customer-focused strategic planning, legal issues, budgets and public finance, community awareness, and labor relations. The curriculum helps fire officers improve their ability to lead and manage person-

nel, understand employees’ needs and problems, communicate effectively to a variety of audiences, and leverage inter-agency cooperation. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, a division of the Department of Fire Services, offers this program tuition-free.

The 2023-2024 graduating class was drawn the fire departments of Amesbury, Ayer, Barnstable, Bedford, Bolton,

Canton, Cotuit, Dennis, East Longmeadow, Erving, Everett, Framingham, Freetown, Hopkinton, Lawrence, Lowell, Ludlow, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Medway, Natick, New Bedford, Northampton, Northbridge, Onset, Royalston, Sharon, Ware, Wellfleet, West Springfield, Westfield, and Winchester, where its members serve as chiefs, deputy chiefs, and captains.

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road safety for all our students, especially those students who walk, take transit, bike or roll to school and are the most vulnerable road users. This will be instrumental in continuing the work we have already started through the Safe Routes To School program in partnership with MassDOT.”

The project began with an unprecedented survey of the entire student body. Of roughly 7,000 students in the district, 4,500 students participated in answering questions about their commutes and what transportation modes they would like to try.

GSI then hosted and recorded on video one-on-one conversations with 19 Everett students, parents or guardians, and faculty or staff about their challenges, insights, and suggestions for improvements they have regarding their commutes to school.

Findings and Highlights

While the Planning Department and other city staff knew that many students walked to school, this study confirmed that Everett is truly a city of walkers! The percentage of students who walk is significantly higher than any other mode, and is far greater than what the Planning Department staff expected to find.

Other highlights: There is a potential positive correlation between higher income schools and kids who get driven to school.

Many students mentioned the need for more MBTA buses, and possibly a train, in Everett. Students highlighted the frequency and timing of buses. Some students also mentioned not being able to access a bus at all, due to where they live and to financial considerations.

While only 1-2% of students bike to school or

elsewhere in Everett, 16% would like to do so. That said, students didn’t seem to understand the BlueBikes bike share system or that it could be an option for some of them to use.

Next Steps

Thanks to this data, the city is exploring improving transit opportunities, including for the school community. The Planning Department is looking into options for increased bus travel and better connections to the nearby Orange Line stations. Everett is also considering advocating for bike safety and bike education, and, since the study concluded, began working with the Safe Routes to Schools program.

Another way the city is following up on the What Moves Everett Schools project will be through a What Moves Everett Transportation Fair scheduled for June 2024, spearheaded by Green Streets Initiative. The event will showcase a wide range of healthy and environmentally friendly ways to get around Everett and related gear and equipment, as well as local food and music. Partners will include various city agencies and local organizations.

Finally, Eric Molinari and the Everett Planning Department are also rolling out a new speaker series called “Street Level Everett”. Street Level Everett’s inaugural event was held Monday, December 11, 2023 at Night Shift Brewing in Everett. Everett Director of Transportation and Mobility Jay Monty led the discussion on the City’s Transportation Demand Management ordinance and “How to Encourage New Development to be Less Car-Centric in a Rapidly Growing City”. The next “Street Level Everett” event is scheduled for

Monday, March 25, 2024 from 6-8 PM at Night Shift Brewing in Everett.

Lessons for Other Communities

According to Shannon Sullivan, Project Manager of the Green Streets Initiative, “You won’t know how people get around or what they know about their transportation options until you ask them. And what you find may surprise you!”

The project found that crowd-sourced solutions were very useful and creative, and that transit users had great ideas about bus timing and connections. It also turned out that students, faculty and staff would love transportation benefits, including free or reduced MBTA passes.

Who is Green Streets Initiative (GSI)?

Green Streets Initiative is a Greater Boston-based organization which has been raising interest in active, green commuting since 2006 - in schools and with organizations and workplaces. Green Streets’ mission is to help employers, neighborhoods, and cities improve the overall health and vibrancy of their communities and the greater populace through the promotion of environmentally-friendly modes of travel such as walking, bicycling, and public transportation.

What Moves Everett Schools is part of GSI’s “What Moves Us” program. What Moves Us projects involve video conversations and surveys with community members that are then shared with others to inspire the public and to support the work of planners and decision-makers. The overall goal is to make “car-light” transportation more accessible and safe for all.



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Boston City Council accepts anti-terrorism grant that impacts region

By Adam Swift

Last week, the Boston City Council voted to accept a \$13.3 million anti-terrorism grant that the previous council had narrowly voted against accepting.

The grant will impact surrounding communities, including Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop, who are all part of the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region.

The grant from the Department of Homeland Security is designed to provide planning exercises, training, operational needs, and response to

terrorism threats, including biological, chemical, nuclear, and explosive incidents.

The funding was reintroduced by Mayor Michelle Wu several weeks ago and the council initially voted to send the request to committee.

But Councilor Ed Flynn put the request forward for a vote at last week’s council meeting. Flynn noted that other communities in the homeland security region, including Chelsea and Quincy, are dependent on the money and that the council should not delay the vote.

Following last Decem-

ber’s 6-6 vote that failed to accept the grant, a number of first responders, politicians, and other bodies urged the council to accept the \$13.3 million grant.

Congressman Jake Auchincloss sent a letter to the council and Council President Ruthzee Louijeune urging them to accept the grant. He stated that the Israel-Hamas war has heightened the region’s need for anti-terrorism funding as reports of anti-semitism are on the rise.

Earlier this year, Chelsea City Council President Norieliz DeJesus and several other councilors

introduced a late motion requesting that the Boston City Council accept the grant funding, however, that motion did not move to a vote.

In the resolution, the councilors noted that Chelse typically receives approximately \$400,000 per year in funding from the grant, which in the past has helped fund the purchase of ballistic shields, cameras, maritime equipment, radios, trainings and a firearm trailer.

The decision to block the funding drew widespread criticism, including from then-Boston City Council President Ed Flynn, the

Boston Police Patrolman’s Association, Boston Firefighters IAFF Local 718, the Professional Firefighters Association of Massachusetts, Representative Jake Auchincloss (who represents Brookline), the Boston Globe Editorial Board, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, the resolution further stated. It added that the decision also drew criticism from the Massachusetts Legislature, with State Senators Nick Collins (D-Boston) and Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) introducing bipartisan legislation to strip local elected

bodies of their authority to approve public safety grants.

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez said the annual funding is a tremendous support for the city, particularly in its emergency response, emergency management, and public safety infrastructure.

With this round of funding, Maltez said the focus of the police and emergency management departments would be to increase the amount of surveillance they have available around the city, particularly related to street cameras.

News Briefs

EVERETT RECREATION HOSTING YOUTH SKILLS, 3-POINT AND DUNK CONTEST

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett’s Recreation and Youth Development Department will host a Skills, 3-Point and Dunk Contest on Saturday, Feb. 17, beginning at 2 p.m., at the Everett Recreation Center (47 Elm Street).

In celebration of the National Basketball Association’s (NBA) All-Star weekend, Everett youth in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the Skills, 3-Point and Dunk Contest. The basketball court will be split in two to divide participants into grades 3-6 and grades 7-12 for the skills and 3-point contest. Afterwards, all participants will join back together for a dunk contest to have fun and show off their moves.

The event will culminate in an NBA watch party beginning at 7 p.m. to enjoy the fun and excitement that the All-Star festivities have to offer. Those who participate will also enjoy food from local restaurant Fuentes Kitchen and live entertainment by the junior dance team of the Phunk Phenomenon Dance School Lil Phunk during the event.

Those who are interested must sign up by visiting

cityofeverett.com/events/skills-three-point-dunk-contest where the registration link can be found. The deadline to register is Wednesday, February 14. For more information, please contact Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo at 781-628-9618 or email John.Russolillo@ci.everett.ma.us.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE EVERETT RECREATION CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett’s Recreation and Youth Development Department will host a series of events in celebration of Black History Month titled “Journey of Champions: Everett Athletics Black History Celebration” from Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, Feb. 23. All events will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Everett Recreation Center (47 Elm Street).

All are welcome to celebrate Black History Month through sport at the Recreation Center where there will be live speakers, cultural food, movies showcasing Black excellence in sport throughout history, music and more. Attendees will also be able to learn more about Everett’s Black athletes through interactive learn-

ing stations.

The following is a list of the featured themes for each night:

- Tuesday, Feb. 20: Basketball Night.
- Wednesday, Feb. 21: Track and Field Night.
- Thursday, Feb. 22: Women of Color in Sport Night.
- Friday, Feb. 23: Football Night.

All are welcome to attend the events. For more information, please visit cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list.

MIDDLESEX SHERIFF’S OFFICE URGES RESIDENTS TO BE ALERT FOR ARREST SCAMS

The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office (MSO) is urging residents to be aware of ongoing arrest scams in the area.

The new warning comes after multiple local residents – including four on January 29 alone – reported receiving calls from individuals falsely posing as Middlesex Sheriff’s Office deputies or staff members.

In two instances, the residents were told they had missed jury duty and owed \$5,000 in fines. One of the residents was told they needed to surrender themselves at the MSO office in Woburn, while the other was told they could pay the fine using PayPal or a virtual currency ki-

ask. A third resident was told they needed to surrender in Lowell.

In a second variation of the scam, one resident was falsely told she had missed court where she had been expected to serve as an expert witness.

Fortunately, none of those who reported the calls to the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office lost any money.

Members of law enforcement will never threaten arrest or demand fines be paid over the phone and no legit law enforcement professional will ever demand fines be paid using bitcoin, gift cards or other similar means. These are clear signs of a scam.

The MSO urges any resident who receives a similar call to disconnect and report the call to authorities immediately. Residents who receive scam calls in which individuals falsely identify themselves as MSO deputies or officers may contact the MSO at 978-667-1711 and ask to speak with the Inner Perimeter Security (IPS) Unit.

ART CLASSES BEING OFFERED AT THE CONNOLLY CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett has partnered with the Everett Arts Association to begin

offering art classes for the spring semester. The classes will begin Tuesday, March 5, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea St.).

The 12-week semester will be guided by an instructor and culminate with an art show in the late fall. Individuals of all skill levels are welcome to participate.

For more information, please call Ann at 617-387-7797.

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK’S DAY WITH THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett’s Council on Aging will host a St. Patrick’s Day party on Friday, March 5, at 12 p.m., at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea St.).

Attendees will enjoy a lunch consisting of a corned beef and Swiss sandwich on a bulky roll with a side of coleslaw and a bag of potato chips. Coffee and dessert will be served, along with a couple surprises. Everett’s own DJ Tommy Sheehan will play the tunes that will get you moving throughout the event.

Ticket sales begin Monday, Feb. 12, and will be ongoing at the Connolly Center until Friday, March 8. For more information, please call 617-394-2323

directly and ask for Cathi or Joanne.


CITY OF EVERETT HOSTING LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will host a Lunar New Year celebration on Friday, Feb. 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea St.).

The City of Everett will be joining in celebrations across the world with a Lunar New Year Celebration for all to partake in with food and entertainment to ring in 2024. This year marks the beginning of the Year of the Dragon, which is one of 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac. All are welcome to celebrate the Lunar New Year as a community.

Celebrated on the second new moon after the winter solstice, Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the new year in the traditional Chinese lunarsolar calendar. Although Lunar New Year is observed worldwide, it is commonly celebrated in China – along with many other countries in East Asia – with performances, dances, festivals, parades, music and acrobatics.

For more information, please visit cityofeverett.com/events/lunar-new-year.



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EVERETT CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR A

ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

REDUCE THE LEAD TIME REQUIRED TO ADVERTISE A CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FROM AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE HEARING TO AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE HEARING

To all interested parties,

In accordance with MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5 and Section 12 of the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance (Revised Ordinances, Appendix A), the Everett City Council shall conduct the required public hearing for a submitted zoning ordinance. Said public hearing shall be held during a regular meeting of the city council on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at Everett City Hall, Third Floor, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

At said meeting, the public shall be allowed to speak on the proposed amendment to the City of Everett’s Zoning Ordinance, Section 12. This amendment reduces the number of days required to advertise a City Council public hearing on zoning changes from at least thirty (30) days before the date of the hearing to at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the hearing. This change will align this notification requirement with most other public hearings held by the City Council.

A copy of all documents associated the proposed amendment shall be available in the City Clerk’s Office for public inspection. A copy of these documents may also be found in the agenda packet for the February 12, 2024 regular meeting of the City Council, which shall be posted to the city web site on February 8, 2024. Copies of these documents shall also be found in the agenda packets for all subsequent City Council meetings where this ordinance appears on the meeting 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 or 617-394-2237.

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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.

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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
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>
Glendale United Methodist Church
Pastor David Jackson
392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers)
Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street
617-387-2916
PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com
Pastor's Office Hours:
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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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

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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DiDomenico supports comprehensive gun safety reform

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his Senate colleagues as they introduced Senate bill S.2572, An act to sensibly address firearm violence through effective reform—the SAFER Act—comprehensive gun safety legislation to reform and modernize the state’s firearm laws, support the state’s public safety and public health infrastructure in mitigating gun violence, and strengthen accountability and oversight mechanisms for illegal gun activity.

The omnibus legislation would help make residents safer—and ultimately save lives—by building on the Commonwealth’s already strong record on gun safety and updating laws to prevent those who wish to do harm from being able to access and use deadly weapons.

This proposed legislation focuses on common sense policies that will reduce gun crime and gun injuries in the Commonwealth, without infringing on the legal rights of responsible gun owners. It updates the state’s laws to provide law enforcement agencies with the necessary support to tackle today’s concerns relating to gun violence prevention and keep Massachusetts at the forefront of gun safety.

“Gun violence has wreaked havoc in communities across our state and I am always proud to support reform measures like this one that promotes public safety and responsible gun ownership,” said Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “This commonsense proposal has secured support from gun safety advocates, law enforcement, the attorney general, and district attorneys across our state. This expansive coalition is a testament to the collaborative process we used while crafting this legislation and I look forward to voting for its passage so we can continue to lead the country in gun safety.”

“There is no appropriate measure of the pain and heartbreak that gun violence has caused in our Commonwealth and across

the nation,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Today the Senate has blazed a trail forward on gun safety. By bringing together stakeholders with a variety of viewpoints, the Senate has shown that it is possible to make changes to our gun laws that will save lives while respecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners in the state. Words cannot capture my gratitude to Majority Leader Creem for her steadfast leadership over the past several months, and to each and every stakeholder who took the time to engage with us on this important issue.”

The SAFER Act was shaped and informed by extensive testimony at a November hearing of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, where the public provided over four hours of testimony on more than 50 gun safety bills before the committee. It also follows months of discussions, led by Majority Leader Cynthia Stone Creem, with stakeholders and advocates with diverse perspectives on the issue.

The bill has garnered support from stakeholders around the state.

“I am thrilled to see the Senate introduce legislation that will combat the scourge of gun violence in our communities, including new tools to address ghost guns and selector switches. I appreciate the Legislature’s commitment to strengthening the Commonwealth’s gun laws to protect the public’s safety, and we look forward to working with both the House and Senate as the process moves forward,” said Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell.

“This comprehensive bill is a much needed step to ensure that we can appropriately hold accountable those who violate our gun laws and seek to escape responsibility by exploiting loopholes,” said Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan. “There is no question that the time to act is now. We must have gun laws that reflect the changes in technology, the personal tragedies caused by gun



Senator Sal DiDomenico (right) standing with Senate colleagues, law enforcement, District Attorney Marian Ryan, and gun safety advocates during Gun Safety press conference.

violence and its shattering impact on communities. I am committed to working with my legislative partners as this bill moves forward through the legislative process.”

“The filing of the Senate’s gun safety bill today is an important step toward addressing the gun violence epidemic with the long-overdue urgency that it deserves,” said Joe Platte, State Legislative Manager for Giffords. “We look forward to continuing to work with Senate President Spilka and Senator Creem to save lives, promote responsible gun ownership, hold the corporate gun lobby accountable, and keep the people of Massachusetts safe.”

“The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, which represents city, town and university police chiefs across the Commonwealth, supports the concise firearms reform bill put forth by the Senate,” said Chief Eric P. Gillis, President of Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association.

“Massachusetts has been a national leader in gun violence prevention and we’re grateful to Senate President Karen Spilka, Majority Leader Cynthia Creem and our gun sense legislators who continue to modernize our laws so that they remain some of

the strongest in the country,” said Bobbie Dressel, a volunteer with the Massachusetts chapter of Moms Demand Action. “We know that every death caused by gun violence is preventable, and it takes forward-thinking measures and the participation of all of us to keep our communities safe. Now is the time for our lawmakers to work together and ensure that lifesaving legislation gets to Governor Healey’s desk.”

“This gun safety legislation is a significant step forward in protecting the public without infringing on the rights of lawful gun owners,” said David Sullivan, Northwestern District Attorney. “The prohibition against ghost guns, enhancement of the red flag law, and strengthening of our assault weapons ban are critical changes necessary in keeping everyone safe. I applaud the Senate for their thoughtful gun safety legislation.”

The bill includes the following gun safety policies:

- Ghost Guns. Updates the state’s laws to bring Massachusetts in line with national standards and to ensure accountability and oversight for those who own and possess unserialized and untraceable firearms.
- Assault Weapons. Codifies Massachusetts’ existing prohibition on assault weapons and copies or duplicates of those weapons, to ensure that our residents are kept safe from weapons of war.
- Glock Switches and

- Trigger Activators. Makes it illegal to possess devices that convert semi-automatic firearms into fully automatic machine guns.
- Inspections of Gun Dealers. Ensures that gun dealers are inspected annually and allows the Massachusetts State Police to conduct those inspections if a local licensing agency does not or cannot do so.
- Red Flag Law and Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO). Allows health care professionals to petition courts to remove firearms and licenses from patients who pose a risk to themselves or others. The bill also allows preemptive orders to prevent a dangerous individual from obtaining a license to carry a firearm.
- Harassment Prevention Orders. Protects survivors of harassment by requiring courts to compel the surrender of firearms by individuals who are subject to harassment protection orders who pose an immediate threat.
- Sensitive Places. Prohibits the carry of firearms in government administrative buildings, with exceptions for law enforcement officers and municipalities that choose to opt out.
- Mental Health and Gun Licensing. Ensures that firearm licensing authorities have access to certain information about an applicant’s history of involuntary mental health hospitalizations due to posing a serious harm—with appropriate safeguards to guarantee privacy and due process.

- Data Collection. Creates a more robust data reporting and analysis mechanism for guns used in crimes, suicides, and attempted suicides to ensure that the Commonwealth can better target training and enforcement efforts.
- Gun Industry Accountability in Advertising. Prohibits the marketing of unlawful firearm sales to minors and allows industry actors to be held civilly liable if such marketing practices lead to an individual being harmed.
- Firing at a Dwelling. Creates a criminal charge for intentionally firing a firearm at a dwelling or other building in use.
- Community Violence Prevention. Creates a commission to analyze the allocation of state violence prevention funding and recommend changes to reduce gun violence in disproportionately impacted communities; develops a pilot program to promote gun safety awareness and firearms licensing education; and establishes a task force to make recommendations for maximizing federal funding for gun violence prevention in the most equitable way.
- Emerging Firearm Technology. Establishes a commission to study emerging firearm technology, with a particular focus on products and features that could increase safety.

The SAFER Act will be brought to the Senate floor for debate on Thursday, February 1, 2024.



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