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Behind the Everett Recovery Connection table: (Left to right) Director of the Family Restored Eric Girard, former City Councilor Al Lattanzi, Addiction Recovery Resource Specialist Paul Guarino, City Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Chris Simonelli, and Director of Public Health Sabrina Torra.

## City of Everett hosts Addiction and Alcoholism Family Education Session at the Connolly Center

Special to the Independent

The City of Everett hosted an Addiction and Alcoholism Family Education Session presented by The Family Restored on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Connolly Center.

Sponsored by the Everett Recovery Connection (ERC), this event focused on family recovery and navigating a loved one's addiction. Presented by individuals who are in long-term recovery, those who attended were able to learn about the Family Disease Model of addiction and have an open discussion about recovery.

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(Left to right) City Councilor Anthony DiPierro, State Rep. Paul Donato, Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Chris Simonelli, and Patti Scalesse.

## DiDomenico advocates for bill providing IDs to returning citizens

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently spoke before the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to advocate for his bill, S.1506, An Act relative to successful transition and re-entry to tomorrow for incarcerated persons. This legislation will provide identification cards to people who are incarcerated and will soon be re-entering our communities. Many

people who are released from incarceration do not have IDs, so they are immediately barred from accessing public and private services.

Senator Sal DiDomenico spoke about the importance of passing his proposal, "The unfortunate truth is that we do not prepare people leaving prison for re-entry into society and one simple and effective way to change that, is by giving them an ID. This bill will provide people

leaving incarceration with the ability to prove their identity in our society, which is key to accessing housing, food, employment, and basic needs that allow a person to survive, and then to thrive."

Without an ID card, some people can't even enter rehabilitation homes or halfway houses, which poses a very clear and harmful challenge to someone who is reentering society. This problem is likely to increase recidi-

vism because we make life so difficult at the very first step of the re-entry process for these individuals, which is the opposite of how we should be treating our residents.

Senator DiDomenico sponsored this bill alongside State Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley, and he will continue to work with her and the countless advocates to get this important bill over the finish line.



Senator Sal DiDomenico testifying before the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

## Council discusses Encore casino Host Agreement

By Cary Shuman

The City Council discussed the status of a new Encore Boston Harbor Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Mayor Carlo DeMaria's Chief of Staff, Erin Deveney, who responded to councilors' inquiries about the ongoing negotiations with Wynn officials.

Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins had requested an update from the Administration about the process of renegotiating the HCA with Encore.

### Ongoing Negotiations

"The City and representatives from Wynn have met on several occasions and have exchanged different sources of administration," said Deveney. "We have not come to an agreement. The negotiations continue. In deference to Wynn, they were going through the MEPA process and the outcome of that process obviously was factoring in to the viability of whether or not they would be able to proceed with the proposed expansion to the east of Broadway. The negotiations are still active, and we have not yet reached an agreement on terms."

The City of Everett receives more than \$25 million annually in the current HCA with Wynn.

### Matewsky seeks public safety sub-station in new agreement

Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky said he lives close to the Encore Boston Harbor property "and almost 24/7 fire engines and ambulances are going to that property."

"I hope the Mayor and the negotiations team consider a public safety building [for that area of Broadway]," said Matewsky. "We just paid \$500,000 for an ambulance. I think the casino people should have in this agreement that they put up a public safety building for the safety of our fire department and police department who go there [Encore Boston Harbor] 662 times a year. It's over the top. It's a quality-of-life issue."

Deveney said Mayor Carlo DeMaria is cognizant of public safety concerns that have been raised by previous city councils and residents.

"We can't control the number of calls and having that siren [sound] activity, but it has been noted by the Mayor that there is an interest that has been expressed to have some type of facility located in that section of the city."

The Council did unanimously approve an amendment by Councilor Matewsky to add "a pub-

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## Professional chef Fabbo speaks to EHS culinary arts students

By Cary Shuman

Professional chef and registered dietitian Victoria Fabbo made a guest-speaking appearance at a class of senior Everett High School culinary arts students Friday at the school.

"I was honored to come to the school and teach the students how to make a culinary reel encompassing a few short skills that these chefs will need in the future," said Fabbo, a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Providence.

Fabbo, who works as an Everett health inspector, said her culinary show, "Fabulous Foods With Victoria Fabbo," will feature Everett High students "as we hone our culinary skills while learning more about filming and editing."

"What a fun way to

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Professional chef and registered dietitian Victoria Fabbo, who grew up in Everett, works on a recipe during an appearance at an EHS culinary arts class.

**TRASH DELAY**  
Due to the President's Day Holiday on Monday Feb. 19, 2024, trash will be delayed by one day  
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The Independent Newspaper Group Office will be Closed on Monday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> in observation of President's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:30 am. Deadlines are Friday, Feb. 16 at 12 p.m.

## A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Vision of the Graduate Awards Program

### Congratulations, Lauren Sanchez Cespedes



Six Everett High School (EHS) students were presented with the first-ever Vision of the Graduate (VOG) Recognition Award for Resiliency during a brief ceremony inside Principal Dennis Lynch's office on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Pictured above is recipient Laura Sanchez Cespedes, who was not available on January 4th. She is pictured with her nominating teacher, Josephine Dougan of the EHS Art Department. The Recognition Award for Resiliency award winners were honored for demonstrating "Tenacity, Flexibility, Courage, Optimism, and a Growth Mindset."

## Everett High School Education Pathway

### First-Ever Mentoring Day a Huge Success

The Everett High School (EHS) Education Pathway hosted its first-ever Mentoring Day event on January 26, 2024. Sixty-five (65) students enrolled in Education 1, 2, and 3 classes attended and participated in a series of table discussions inside the EHS Library.

The senior Pathway students facilitated engaging and useful conversations among the aspiring educators.

The sophomores and juniors prepared questions about the pathway, the internship program for EHS seniors, and the post-high school planning process.

Students rotated between the tables to meet different senior interns.

Thanks to Education teachers Sarah Simmons and Amanda Pickowicz and Pathway Director Ryan McGowan for organizing this opportunity for our students.



## Everett Arts & Culture Events

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Charlestown, March 22-April 14.

Deadline to enter is March 7  
[www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com](http://www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com)

## EBNHC appoints Mimi Gardner as Vice President and Chief Equity Officer

Special to the Times-Free Press

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) announced the appointment of Mimi Gardner, MPH, MA as Vice President and Chief Equity Officer, bringing over 30 years of experience and leadership rooted in health equity to the health center's team.

"We could not be more excited to welcome Mimi to our leadership team," said EBNHC President and CEO, Greg Wilmot. "We know that what happens outside of the exam room is just as important as what happens inside the exam room when it comes to community health and wellness. Mimi's appointment furthers our efforts to work closely with our community partners to eliminate health disparities."

In her new role, Gardner will provide leadership, strategy, and guidance to EBNHC on continued equity efforts and will be responsible for engaging with community leaders and partners throughout the Commonwealth to develop and drive the prioritization of a health-informed community equity agenda.

"I am overjoyed to be joining a team that is committed to supporting underserved and marginalized populations with a collaborative and community-centric vision for growth," said Gardner. "My career thus far has been defined by enacting change and I am excited to help serve EBNHC's community in moving towards a more inclusive future."

Prior to joining EBNHC, Gardner was the Chief Clinical Officer at Charles River Community Health Center, where she brought her equity experience to the forefront of clinical operations by working with diverse stakeholders to implement systematic change. As Chief Behav-



Mimi Gardner.

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cluding primary care, 24/7 emergency care, behavioral health care, specialty care, and various other health and wellness programs, to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, visit [www.ebnhc.org](http://www.ebnhc.org)

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# Residents learn about Mystic River Watershed study of air quality in Everett

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Special to the Independent

Everett residents met with air quality and climate health professionals to learn about the Mystic River Watershed Association's three-year study (CLEANAIR) of air quality in Everett.

Both an air quality workshop (Jan. 17) and listening session (Feb. 6) were held in Everett.

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, who attended the workshop, said, "The Everett Air Quality Meeting was well attended and informative. I learned there is a device on top of Everett City Hall measuring the pollution in our community. This is an issue we should be concerned about, and I appreciate there are tangible measures being taken to address it."

Nicole Fina, who is the civic engagement and advisory manager for Everett Community Growers, attended both meetings in Everett and a listening session in Charlestown Feb. 8.

"Everett Community Growers is a part of the CLEANAIR project team, so we're helping with the engagement," said Fina. "We're partnering with the Mystic River Watershed Association."

Fina said that 36 residents attended the Feb. 6 meeting in Everett. She added that two physicians from CHA participated in the meeting.

"We talked about the monitor located on top of City Hall, and we had residents pick out an area in Everett where air quality monitoring could be done and where there are con-



**Mystic River Watershed Association Executive Director Patrick Herron and Project Manager Karina Ramos.**

cerns," said Fina.

Fina said the long-term monitoring of air quality in Everett "will take two to three years for the results to come in."

Much of the air quality study is focusing on transport-related air pollution, according to Fina.

"I found the meeting in Everett to very productive," said Fina. "We had a very good turnout and a wide demographic. People gave their feedback about how different causes of air pollution could affect them in their daily lives, like walking to school or work or taking the bus. I think people were really able to contextualize everything and put the pieces together why we're doing air quality monitoring in Everett."

To-date, forty-seven people have responded to the air-quality survey connected to the project. Fina encourages residents to complete the survey which is available at the Mystic River/CLEANAIR website.

Mystic River Watershed



**Nicole Fina, civic engagement and advocacy manager at Everett Community Growers, joined Mystic River Watershed Association and CHA representatives at the Air Quality meeting Feb. 8 in Charlestown. Front row, from left, are Nicole Fina, MRWA Project Manager Karina Ramos, Community and Engagement Consultant Dr. Greer Hamilton. Back row, from left, are Community Engagement Consultant Adrianna Spindle-Jackson, Wig Zamore, Tufts Air Quality Scientist Neelakshi Hudda, Tufts student Kyrielle Lord, CHA Epidemiologist Laura McNulty, and AmeriCorps member Shannon Collins.**



**CHA Epidemiologist Lauren McNulty speaks at the MRWA Air Quality Listening Session in Charlestown.**

Association Executive Director Patrick Herron said, "We're holding learning sessions to meet with residents to learn about the concerns they have

and also have them share their knowledge with us so we can understand the hot spots and where air quality might be poor in the community," related



**Nicole Fina (right) of Everett Community Growers is pictured at the MRWA Air Quality Listening Session in Charlestown.**

Herron. "The end result is if we can learn where the problems are and better understand them with some really sophisticated monitoring – that gives

us a change to talk with municipal planners and businesses, and try to find solutions."



**Kevin Vurreff, Rayven Willis, Maddy Santos, and her mother, Maria Santos, are pictured at the MRWA meeting in Charlestown.**

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lic safety building component" to the negotiations.

### Council will not have a final vote on new HCA

The most stunning revelation of the discussion was that the City Council will not have the opportunity to conduct a vote on approving the new Host Community Agreement.

In requesting a regular update from the DeMaria Administration about the negotiations, Council President Robert Van Campen asked Deveney, "Can I assume that Host Agreement as the original Host Agreement would require City Council approval?"

"In my conversation with outside counsel, whether or not the Host

Community Agreement or an amendment to the existing one requires Council approval, outside counsel advised me tonight that it does not actually require City Council approval," replied Deveney. "I was advised that you [the Council] are not formally and officially required to approve it."

After Councilor Peter Pietrantonio asked for "transparency" during the negotiation process in the interest of residents, Councilor Stephanie Smith asked whether it was the renegotiation of the current agreement that didn't require Council approval.

Deveney answered that "the agreement was not subject to Council approv-

al."

Martins immediately addressed Deveney's response by asking if the Council "could get a commitment from the Administration that we could see a draft [of the HCA] before it's approved so we can echo the voice and the request of our residents to make sure that we're asking for as much as we possibly can."

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we want to make sure we get it right for residents," said Martins.

Martins earned a big victory for residents when Deveney said, "I will share with all the parties the request from the Council to review a tentative agreement before signature."

**City of Everett Income-Restricted Rental Opportunity**

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23 Income-Restricted Rental Units

# of Units	# of Bedrooms	Estimated Square Footage	Rent*	Maximum Income Limit (% AMI)	# built out for Mobility Impairments	# built out for Visual Impairments and/or Deaf/Hard of Hearing
2	Studio	464-566	\$1,903	80%	-	-
6	1-Bedroom	570-782	\$2,149	80%	-	-
2	2-Bedroom	945-1,140	\$2,382	80%	-	-
4	Studio (ADA Units)	464-566	\$1,903	80%	3	1
4	1-Bedroom (ADA Units)	570-782	\$2,140	80%	4	-
5	2-Bedroom (ADA Units)	945-1,140	\$2,369	80%	4	1

\*Tenants are responsible for all utilities including gas (heating, hot water, & Non-ADA 1- and 2-Bedroom cooking), electricity (cooling, laundry, & Studio and ADA 1- and 2-Bedroom cooking), & cable/internet (optional)

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))		Maximum Incomes (set by HUD + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))	
# of Bedrooms	Minimum Income (80% AMI)	Household Size	Maximum Income (80% AMI)
Studio	\$57,090	1	\$82,950
1-Bedroom	\$64,470	2	\$94,800
2-Bedroom	\$71,460	3	\$106,650
Studio (ADA Units)	\$57,090	4	\$118,450
1-Bedroom (ADA Units)	\$64,200	5	\$127,950
2-Bedroom (ADA Units)	\$71,070	6	\$137,450

\*2023 Area Median Incomes for the Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, MA-NH MSA

Minimum incomes do not apply to households receiving housing assistance such as Section 8, MRVP, or VASH

**Applications are available during the application period from Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

To request an online application or to have one sent by email, visit [www.AnthemEverettLottery.com](http://www.AnthemEverettLottery.com), email [AnthemEverett@MaloneyProperties.com](mailto:AnthemEverett@MaloneyProperties.com) or call (617) 639-3064 Ext 705 | US Relay 711

If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at (617) 639-3064 Ext 705 | US Relay 711, to request that we mail you one and/or to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

Applications may also be picked up in-person at:  
Parlin Memorial Library  
410 Broadway Everett, MA 02149  
Monday-Thursdays: 9am-9pm  
Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday: 10am-2pm

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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## OL' MAN WINTER IS NO MATCH FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

The record-high temperatures and beautiful weather this past weekend and Monday may have lulled us into thinking that the worst of winter was behind us. But Ol' Man Winter gave us a head-fake worthy of Patrick Mahomes by bringing our region the threat of a major nor'easter with high winds, significant snow, and coastal flooding on Tuesday, although the Greater Boston area escaped the worst of it.

But try as he might, Ol' Man Winter just ain't what he used to be thanks to the effects of climate change.

Eight of the 24 warmest winter days on record in Boston over the past 110 years have occurred since 2016. But it isn't just our corner of the globe that is feeling the effects of a warming planet. World-wide, December 2023 was the warmest December ever, completing a year in which the seven months from June to December all broke temperature records, making 2023 the warmest year since record-keeping began.

With ocean water temperatures now following the same trend, it is expected that a warming planet and a warming ocean will create a positive feedback loop that will accelerate both trends at a far more rapid rate than even the most-pessimistic climate change scientists had predicted.

For those among us who think that the worst effects of climate change will have to be addressed by future generations, the rapidity of the onset of climate change effectively means that there is no place on Earth that is safe for any of us.

In other words, the future is now.

## PATS FANS, ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

The Super Bowl has become our biggest national holiday. There is no other event that even comes close to grabbing the attention of just about every American, even more so this year with the addition of Taylor Swift into the mix.

For the 19 years from 2001 to 2019, the Patriots made it to the big game nine times, an amazing run, especially when you consider that they made the playoffs in 17 of those years and therefore their success rate -- measured by how many times they made it to the Super Bowl -- was better than 50 percent.

We often wrote during those years that we shouldn't take the Pats' success for granted because even the greatest of dynasties eventually comes to an end. We were around when the Celtics' dynasty ended with the retirement of Bill Russell in 1969 after winning 11 championships in 13 seasons and the next season and the Celts went from top dog to a near doormat (although they soon rebounded when they drafted Dave Cowens.)

So as we were watching the Chiefs and the 49ers, and all of the hoopla surrounding the Super Bowl (which somehow gets even bigger and bigger every year), we were reminded of the Pats' glory years, when our entire region was united in the common cause of rooting on Tom Brady and the team. Our kids wore their Patriot gear to school and businesses of all kinds exhibited support for the Pats.

But those days seem like a lifetime ago. With the Pats now having been out of the Super Bowl picture for five years (and with no hope of getting there anytime soon), watching Sunday's game made us feel that we were on the outside looking in at a party to which we had not been invited.

# Independent Forum

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, February 20, at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

Chess Club, Parlin Fireplace Room. Wednesday, February 21, at 3pm. Play, learn, and practice chess. All ages and skills welcome!

Murder/Mystery Book Club, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, February 22, at 12pm. We discuss Josephine Tey's Brat Farrar. A stranger, posing as Patrick Ashby, heir to a sizable fortune, has been carefully coached on the mannerisms, appearance, and details of

Patrick's early life, up to the year he disappeared. It seems the imposter will pull it off until old secrets emerge that jeopardize his plan and his life. See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

### Parlin Childrens

Crafts for Kids Parlin Children's Room. Tuesday, February 20, at 2pm. Let's make a POM POM Yeti Sign! All kids ages 3 and up are welcome; please come and join the fun! Registration is required. Sign up online or at the Parlin Children's desk.

Storytime and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, February 21, at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing

and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Crafts Free for All! Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday through Friday, February 21-23, at 2pm. We'll be making a variety of crafts during school vacation week! Join us each day for something new. Suggested for ages 3+. Registration is required. Sign up online or at the Parlin Children's desk.

### Drama Class

Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, February 21, 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.

### Shute Adult and Teens

Resume Writing, Shute

Adult Department. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Parlin and Shute Libraries. By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics: how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard functions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register.

## ABCD offers free tax preparation for area residents

ABCD urges all residents of Boston and the Mystic Valley who earned \$64,000 or less in 2023 to schedule a FREE in-person tax prep appointment right away at one of our neighborhood sites by calling 617-348-6329 or visiting [bostonabcd.org](http://bostonabcd.org)/tax.

ABCD is a co-founder of the Boston Tax Help Coalition, a public-private collaboration with the City of Boston and a number of other non-profit organizations, which seeks to ensure the full participation of all Boston residents in the City's economic vitality and future. Additionally, as a member of the Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) network, ABCD offers free tax preparation services in the Mystic Valley. Both the Boston and Mystic Valley coalitions fall under the federal VITA program.

ABCD's IRS-certified tax preparers will be at our 11 neighborhood sites and two satellite locations to prepare and electronically submit returns through in-person appointments and document drop off. In addition, we are offering evening tax prep services at Brookside Community Health Center in Jamaica Plain. VITA volunteers provide credit advising

and financial education to clients in the form of the Financial Check-Up (FCU) – a light-touch credit advising session in which a trained Financial Guide assists taxpayers in understanding their current financial situation, including a review of an individual's credit report and FICO score, a personalized one-year plan to help improve their credit, and relevant service referrals. Our tax volunteers are multilingual – fluent in eight languages including English, Spanish, French, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole and Haitian Creole. ABCD meets people where they are.

"ABCD is proud to be a longstanding partner of the MASSCAP VITA network and the Boston Tax Help Coalition," said ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler. "Free tax preparation services bring millions of dollars back into our communities and help empower underserved residents in Boston and the Mystic Valley by providing IRS certified tax preparers at easy to access sites in the neighborhoods ensuring that clients receive every tax credit for which they are eligible. The Massachusetts Child and Family Tax Credit, Rental Deduction and Senior Circuit Breaker increas-

es in 2023 are good news for residents burdened by the high cost of living. In Massachusetts, according to Prosperity Now, an estimated 24.3% of eligible households do not claim EITC. This credit can be claimed retroactively for the past three years. Eligible taxpayers, including some seniors, can qualify for a sizable sum."

Last year, ABCD helped 3,103 residents complete their state and federal tax returns, generating \$5,395,219 in federal and state refunds combined. A total of 488 clients filed for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) which generated over \$1M in refunds. We filed 384 Child Tax Credits on behalf of our clients, generating \$498,691 in refunds. For over 30 years, ABCD has provided more than 150,000 people across the city with free tax preparation services. A list of required documents to complete tax returns can be found here.

Those who may qualify for free tax preparation services include:

- People who earned \$64,000 or less in 2023
- People with disabilities
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

ABCD's IRS-certified tax preparers will make sure that residents receive every tax relief measure to

which they are entitled and that help reduce poverty rates among underserved households including:

- EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit – one of America's most effective anti-poverty initiatives – EITC is a tax deduction that rewards work. This year, a Married Filing Jointly family with three or more children earning up to \$63,398 and filing jointly will receive total federal and state EITC deductions of \$10,402 off their 2023 income tax. The IRS estimates that one out of five eligible taxpayers will not claim EITC and will lose out on this important credit.
- CTC – CHILD TAX CREDIT – has increased to \$310 per qualifying child in 2023.
- SENIOR CIRCUIT BREAKER – a state tax deduction providing seniors age 65 and older who pay unsubsidized rent or property taxes. The maximum credit amount for tax year 2023 has increased from \$1,200 to \$2590. If the credit owed exceeds the amount of the total tax payable for the year, the additional amount of the credit will be refunded without interest.
- RENTAL DEDUCTION – which has increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

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## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL 2023 AMELIA EARHART FELLOW

Local Massachusetts Zonta Clubs of District One, recently honored Chloe Gentgen, this year's recipient of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, at a dinner and awards ceremony hosted by the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore. Ms. Gentgen is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Chloe's presentation detailed her research focus on space systems engineering, mission architecture and the multi-disciplinary optimization applied to deep-space robotic exploration.

The guest speaker at the event was Olivier de Weck, Apollo Program Professor of Astronautics at MIT, where he is the director of the Engineering Systems Laboratory. Professor de Weck spoke on the history of exploration

predating that of space exploration, demonstrating the complexity of technological systems, their design and how they evolve over time.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship is a Zonta International program. Established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zonta member, Amelia Earhart, the \$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women internationally pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Women who demonstrate a superior academic record conducting research applied to aerospace engineering or space sciences are eligible.

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Shown (Left to right) are Mary Knight, Janice Sikorski, Georgia Green, Lee Farrington, Sheila Arsenault, Chloe Gentgen, Christine DePrizio, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Janice Tatarka, Barbara Lawlor, Diane Cambria, and Mary Jane O'Neill. Missing from group photo- Pam Miller, Theresa DiPietro, and Adele Lubarski.



Olivier de Weck, Guest Speaker, Mary Knight, Janice Tartaka, Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore President, and Chloe Gentgen.



Mary Knight, Zonta District 1 Director of communications, Theresa DiPietro, Zonta member, and Chloe Gentgen, Amelia Earhart Fellow.

### Session // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ery-related topics. "We remain committed to connecting those who are struggling with addiction and their families with the help they need," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "I'd like to thank Chris and Paul for all their work to help our community with this serious issue that has unfortunately affected so many families across our nation."

Led by Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Chris Simonelli and Addiction Recovery Resource Specialist Paul Guarino, the ERC is a program within the Public Health Department that focuses on connecting the community to addiction and recovery support services.

"I'd like to thank Mayor DeMaria for giving me the opportunity to be able to

bring this program to the citizens of Everett," said Simonelli. "This event was very successful and contained many important discussions. I'd also like to thank The Family Restored, and all of the staff and departments at City Hall – the Mayor's staff, Paul Guarino, the Health Department, the folks who run the Connolly Center – a special thank you to Mike DiPietro and Patti Scalesse for all their help, and most of all, the citizens of Everett for their honesty and participation."

If you, or someone you know, is struggling with addiction and needs help, please don't hesitate to contact Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Chris Simonelli at Chris.Simonelli@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-579-6421; or Addiction Recovery

Resource Specialist Paul Guarino at Paul.Guarino@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-874-0489. You can

also visit the Health Department office located in Everett City Hall, 484 Broadway, Room 20.



Eric Girard speaking to the audience.



(Left to right) Director of The Family Restored Eric Girard, Board member for The Family Restored Ben Coffin, City Councilor Holly Garcia, and City of Everett Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Chris Simonelli.

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# Culinary // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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blend two worlds,” said Fabbo.

EHS Culinary Arts Department Head Carolynn Parmenter thanked Fabbo for visiting the school and making an informative presentation to the students.

“I thought Victoria’s presentation was great,” said Parmenter, who is in her 21st year of teaching culinary arts at Everett High School. “Preparing a reel is something that young culinarians need to know about, because social media is the way to market one’s skills in the

future. So, it’s really important that these students know how to do that to get their stuff out, to label it properly so more viewers can see it, and that’s how they get noticed.”

EHS senior Mia Auguste said of the day’s presentation, “I really enjoyed today’s class. Learning from Victoria was really insightful. It gave me a really good experience, and I learned more about editing and videography.”

Auguste said she will be attending UMass/Amherst and studying to be a psychologist.



Everett High seniors in the culinary arts welcome professional chef and registered dietitian Victoria Fabbo to their class. Front row, from left, are Mariela Chacon, Camila Ferreira, guest speaker Victoria Fabbo, Culinary Arts Department Head Carolynn Parmenter, Cindy Emile, Joshua Bon, and Thiago DeAngelis. Back row, from left, are Tyana Williams, Chef Rich Marino, Pietra Bertolazzi, Mia Auguste, and Gregory Barros.



Everett High culinary arts students Mia Auguste, Cindy Emile, and Pietra Bertolazzi are pictured at the presentation by Victoria Fabbo Friday at the school.



Victoria Fabbo works on a recipe of banana peanut butter oat bites with EHS culinary arts students Joshua Bon, Gregory Barros, and Thiago De Aguiar.



Everett High School Culinary Arts Department Head Carolynn Parmenter welcomes Victoria Fabbo to the class.



Victoria Fabbo (right) and Everett High student Tyana Williams converse during the class at Everett High School.

## National Grid reminds customers to take advantage of all available energy programs to help manage bills

As winter weather and colder temperatures persist, National Grid is reminding Massachusetts customers to take advantage of energy programs that can help them manage their energy bills.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), commonly referred to as Fuel Assistance, provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills. Enrollment for LIHEAP is free and open through April 30, 2024, and covers energy usage from November 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024.

LIHEAP is open to both homeowners and renters, including households whose cost of heat is included in rent, and eligibility is based on household size and the gross annual

income of every household member 18 or older. Household income cannot exceed 60% of estimated state median income. The program provides assistance through a fixed benefit amount for the cost of the primary source of heat, which includes, but is not limited to: electricity, oil, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal.

“National Grid recognizes that energy bills can be a real challenge for many customers – especially in these colder winter months,” said Helen Burt, Chief Customer Officer at National Grid. “The LIHEAP program can provide much needed assistance for customers who are struggling to keep up with their energy costs. We also encourage customers to look at options

in our Customer Savings Initiative, to consider a payment program, or see if they are eligible for rate discounts.”

To apply for LIHEAP:

- Apply online at <https://www.toapply.org/MassLIHEAP>
- Visit and apply at an agency in your area.

For more information concerning LIHEAP:

- Visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap>.
- Customers may also call the Cold Relief Heatline at (800) 632-8175.

National Grid recognizes winter bills can pose challenges for customers. National Grid’s Customer Savings Initiative is designed to help customers reduce their energy use and lower energy costs, manage their energy bills and payments, and help them secure available energy assistance.

Along with LIHEAP, National Grid has several programs dedicated to helping income-qualified families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. Programs include but are not limited to:

- Discount Rates where qualifying income-eligible customers may receive a discounted rate on electric and gas service, as well as no-cost energy efficiency upgrades.

- The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is available to any Massachusetts residents who, because of temporary financial difficulty, cannot meet a month’s energy expense and is not eligible for state or federal energy assistance.

Several bill help options and payment plans are available for customers in need of assistance. Customers may enroll in programs such as the Budget Billing Plan, which spreads monthly payments out more evenly throughout the year to offset periods of high energy usage.

Customers can visit [ngrid.com/heretohelp](http://ngrid.com/heretohelp) to learn more.

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# Sports

## EVERETT IN BASKETBALL ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

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Jaysaun Coggins came out of a rebound scramble then put back a missed shot with 12 seconds on the clock to give Everett a 59-58 win over Chelsea in a wild game Saturday at Everett High School. The Tide led 48-43 after three periods but the fired-up Red Devils reeled off the first eight points of the fourth quarter to take a 51-48 lead, but Everett battled back. The game was suspended for some 20 minutes with 37.1 seconds on the clock and Everett up 57-56 when an Everett cheerleader fell ill and required medical attention. The teams returned to action and exchanged baskets as Everett hung on for the win.



NOT AN EASY TASK: Lian Dorosario Santos (13) drives toward the basket against the tight defense of Chelsea's Moe Osman.

UNCOMFORTABLE SEAT: Everett's Lian Dorosario Santos lands on Chelsea's Abdi Mohamed as they fight for a loose ball. See Page 8 for more photos.



ROUGH PLAY: Everett's Leison Ruiz dives for the ball to try and wrest control from Chelsea's Moe Osman.



FLOOR FIGHT: Everett's Vessenchy Jean (10) reaches around Chelsea's Moe Osman in the fight for a loose ball.



TENSE MOMENTS: Everett cheerleaders stand by as emergency personnel attended to a cheerleader who fell ill.

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**ALL MINE:** Jaysaun Coggins keeps the ball away from Chelsea's Moe Osman and a Red Devil teammate.



**REBOUND REACH:** Henrique Pinto (32) hauls in a rebound over Chelsea's Justin Toro (10) and Brauli Quezada Tineo.



**IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND:** Jaysaun Coggins has the upper hand in a rebound battle with Chelsea's Abdi Mohamed.



**COMING THROUGH:** Jaysaun Coggins muscled his way toward the basket.



**KEEP IT IN PLAY:** Leison Ruiz dives and reaches to keep a ball in play under the Everett basket.



**HAND TO HAND BATTLE:** Everett's Vessenchy Jean and Chelsea's Brauli Quezada Tineo (1) both have a hand on the ball.

## EHS Roundup

### EHS BOYS TO HOST EAST BOSTON TOMORROW

The Everett High boys basketball team will entertain non-league rival East Boston tomorrow (Thursday) evening in the EHS gym. The opening tip is set for 7:00.

Coach Gerry Boyce and his crew have been on a roll of late. The Crimson Tide have racked up five straight victories, including three this past week over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Somerville (74-35), Medford (80-60), and Chelsea (59-58) to claim second-place in the GBL with a 12-2 league record behind Lynn English (13-1 in the GBL), with whom the Tide split their season

series 1-1 in a pair of contests that went down to the wire.

Everett will wrap up its 2024 regular season on Sunday afternoon at non-league opponent Sharon. The Tide, who stand at 12-5 overall and are ranked 37th in the MIAA's Division 1 power rankings, then will await the announcement of their seeding and opening-round opponent in the D-1 state tourney.

### EHS GIRLS SHOOT FOR TOURNAMENT SPOT

The Revere High girls basketball team kept alive its hopes for qualifying for a berth in the Division 1 post-season state tourney

with a scintillating 50-48 victory over non-league opponent Lawrence this past Monday evening at the Revere High gym.

The win improves the Lady Crimson Tide's record to 8-10 with two games to play. Everett needs to win both contests in order to finish with the .500 record needed to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

"This was a huge bounce-back win for us," said EHS head coach Riley Dunn, referring to the team's 50-33 loss to Medford a few days previously. "I am so so so proud of my girls' mental toughness, discipline, and confidence. It was a very physical battle the entire game. Hats off to a very well-coached

and competitive Lawrence team."

Emilia Maria Babcock led the way for the Lady Crimson Tide with an impressive stat line that included a double-double of 22 points and 11 rebounds to go with five assists and five steals.

"Emilia shot an impressive 10-for-12 from the free throw line, hitting some big shots under pressure to finish the game out strong," noted Dunn.

Malaica Guillaume reached double figures with 15 points and snared seven boards and made three steals. Taisha Alexandre, Kat Landaverde, and Kaesta Sandy played some major impactful minutes for the Tide, "They came up with big

offensive and defensive plays when we needed them," Dunn added. "Sonia Constanza Flores and Casey Martinez also were a consistent and reliable force on the defensive end, making important and crucial plays that won't show up on any stat sheet."

In last week's 50-33 loss to GBL foe Medford, Guillaume was the leading scorer with 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds. "That was an eye-opening game for us," said Dunn. "Medford is a great team and we resolved to bounce back and learn from it and get better -- and that's what we did."

"I'm so proud of this team and their effort to get the win," Dunn continued. "We have a tough

road ahead. We have two games left and need to win both to make the playoffs, but I believe in this team!"

And hopefully, if the Lady Crimson Tide are successful, it will be by a margin larger than a one-possession game. "These 1-3 point games have not gotten any easier to handle as each," Dunn added humorously, referring to her team's six games that have been decided by two points or less this season in which the Tide are 3-3.

Dunn and her crew will begin their tourney quest tomorrow (Thursday) when they make the long trek to Lowell and then will entertain Marblehead on Monday afternoon at 3:00.

## GREAT PERFORMANCES FOR EVERETT HIGH INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAM AT GBL MEET

The Everett High indoor track and field team turned in strong performances at the Greater Boston League (GBL) indoor track and field meet, which featured athletes from all eight of the GBL schools, at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.



Boys Long Jump medalists: Senior Khang Nguyen (2nd Place), Senior Captain Jalen Jones (6th Place)



Sophomore Kayshaun Eveillard finished 3rd in the 55 Meter Dash and 2nd in the 300 Meter.



Boys 4 x 200 Meter Relay (3rd Place): Senior Jeremiah Jeanlouis, Senior Captain Jalen Jones, Sophomore Kayshaun Eveillard, Senior Matthew LaMonica



Girls Shot Put medalists: Senior Captain Darrynn Desrameaux (GBL Champion), Senior Captain Layla Betancur-Cardona (3rd Place), Senior Captain Nicole Brandao (5th Place)



Boys 4 x 400 Meter Relay (5th Place): Senior Dawens Germain, Senior Captain Nischal Tamang, Sophomore Adrien Reyes, Junior JN Baptiste Orleans

## DOC announces plan to conclude operations at MCI-Concord in the summer of 2024

The Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) announced its intention to conclude operations at MCI-Concord, a medium-security men's prison. Amid the state's lowest prison population in 35 years, the announcement reflects the Department's ongoing efforts to enhance operational efficiency, advance cost-saving solutions, and deepen investments in programming and services.

The strategic decision to end operations at MCI-Concord and relocate its staff and population is based on a thorough assessment of decreased housing needs and the aging facility's high maintenance costs. Furthermore, this proposal allows the Department to dispose of the property, making it available for non-correctional purposes and potential redevelopment to the benefit of the surrounding community.

Opened in 1878, MCI-Concord is the oldest men's correctional facility in Massachusetts. Its aging infrastructure has become too costly to maintain and requires significant investments.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration's Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Budget proposes closing MCI-Concord which will result in substantial savings, including nearly \$16 million in operating costs and negating the need for \$190 million in capital projects for decarbonization, cooling, and deferred maintenance at the nearly 150-year-old facility.

"During its first year, the Healey-Driscoll Administration has worked closely with the Legislature, community partners,

and advocates to invest in justice initiatives that have contributed to the lowest rates of incarceration and recidivism in decades," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "Strategically consolidating DOC resources makes financial sense and enables the Department to build upon the proven, evidence-based rehabilitative programs that support successful reentry and improve outcomes. I commend Commissioner Mici and her leadership team for their continued commitment to enhancing operations while delivering effective services to those in their care."

"This proposal underscores the Department's commitment to responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources while ensuring the fulfillment of our rehabilitative mission," said DOC Commissioner Carol Mici. "The strategic consolidation of resources eliminates redundancies and empowers us to enhance efficiency and ensure a more effective and impactful correctional system for our incarcerated population, the people who work there, and the community."

MCI-Concord currently operates at 50% capacity with an incarcerated population of approximately 300. Individuals living at MCI-Concord will complete a reclassification process in the coming months and be transferred to an appropriate facility.

In recent years, MCI-Concord has offered several unique programs focused on rehabilitation. These include the nationally recognized Building Responsible Adults Through Validation and

Education (B.R.A.V.E) Unit for emerging adults and educational opportunities to complete advanced studies at Tufts University. These programs will continue to be operational. The Department is developing plans to transition these programs to other comparable facilities in the system.

The DOC will begin the process of transferring correctional officers and incarcerated individuals throughout this fiscal year with the expectation that this process will be complete by the summer of 2024. Once the safe transfer and closure is complete, the property will be made available for potential redevelopment.

Massachusetts has long been a leader in reducing incarceration. The most recent state-level incarceration trends from the Vera Institute show that the rate of incarceration in Massachusetts is 122% lower than the national rate. Reports from the Vera Institute for Justice found that Massachusetts' incarceration rate is consistently the lowest in the nation, decreasing nearly 5,000 over the past decade, resulting in a record low of nearly 6,000 incarcerated people.

Under Massachusetts law, closing a correctional facility and disposing of the property requires the approval of the state legislature. The Administration's FY25 Budget proposes language to address this requirement.

The Department has published an FAQ to provide families and loved ones with more information about the decision to conclude operations at MCI-Concord.



Girls 4 x 800 Meter Relay (5th place): Senior Nicole Ramos Fonseca, Senior Tiffany Escobar, Junior Milena Antoine, Senior Captain Suzanne Maharjan

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## Local union electricians team up with Boston Celtics to host an unforgettable evening

A group of Everett youths had a memorable experience attending February 9's exciting Boston Celtics game at TD Garden, where the Celtics held off the Washington Wizards to win, 133-129.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Local 103 IBEW and NECA Greater Boston, the Kids Corner initiative welcomed a group of enthusiastic kids from Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. to an action-packed evening and gave the youngsters an amazing experience by placing them at the heart of an exciting NBA game.

Local 103 and NECA recently became official partners of the Boston Celtics, teaming up to create unforgettable experiences for young people throughout Greater Boston through the Kids Corner initiative. The initiative aims to inspire and uplift young people by emphasizing the importance of teamwork and partnership.

Part of the evening included the kids getting to see themselves featured on the TD Garden jumbotron and several goodies from the Celtics.

"IBEW Local 103 is

very excited about this new partnership. Our goal is to put a smile on these kids' faces and give them an experience they won't forget," said Lou Antonellis, Business Manager of IBEW Local 103. "They had a great time and got to see the NBA's best team in action."

"We're very proud of our partnership with the Boston Celtics and proud to provide this opportunity to children throughout the greater Boston area," said Kristen Gowin, NECA Greater Boston, Executive Manager. "Together, we're creating unforgettable mo-

ments where we can show more young people teamwork right here in their community."

Local 103 IBEW's mission is to provide Greater Boston's developers with the best trained, most efficient, safest electricians and telecommunications specialists, while fostering our Union's values of economic fairness, equal opportunity and charitable giving in the communities where we work, live, and raise our families. Our unwavering commitment to professional excellence is personified by the recently built addition to our Joint Apprenticeship Training facility. The Local 103 JATC is among the most advanced electrical apprenticeship programs in the country. Working for better wages, better benefits, and fair working conditions is just one part of our Union's focus. Local 103 members take pride in giving back our time and expertise to causes and charities serving those less fortunate.

NECA Boston represents nearly 100 of the finest electrical and telecom construction companies in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. Steeped in a tradition of quality electrical installations, NECA Contractors strive to bring strategic energy solutions, reliability and safety to



The attendees sporting gear provided by Local 103 IBEW and the Boston Celtics.

each local project. Their dedication to construction quality, innovation and developing and retaining the best talent is synonymous with their dedication to the

communities they serve, and they're proud to share and amplify those values through industry partnership with the IBEW Local Union 103.



Eliot Community Human Services, Inc kids enjoying the Kids Corner initiative at the TD Garden.

## Protecting individuals with dementia from wandering during the winter season

To help families protect their loved ones with dementia from the potential dangers of wandering in cold winter areas, where frigid temperatures, snow, and ice create additional safety risks, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is providing four

tips dementia family caregivers can use to reduce the chances of wandering.

Safeguard the home. Facilitate safe movement by avoiding clutter and eliminating tripping hazards. Be mindful of how objects like car keys, jackets, and purses might motivate the person to leave suddenly. Install electronic chimes or doorbells on doors so someone is alerted if the individual tries to exit. Consider utilizing a smart doorbell with an app that can notify you when someone is entering or exiting the home.

Be aware of your loved one's patterns. Know what times of the day may be more activating than others and provide activities during those periods. Encourage healthy sleep habits to reduce the chances the person might leave in the middle of the night. If your loved one does wander, keep a record of their patterns (frequency, duration, time of day, etc.) to help guide you in the future.

Develop a safety plan. Keep a list of places the person may go (i.e., previous home or place of employment, favorite spots around town), a recent close-up photo, and medical information readily accessible to give to first responders if needed. Maintain a list of people to contact if the person goes missing and ask neighbors to call you if they see the person out alone. See if your community has a safety program for families affected by dementia, such as Project Lifesaver. These programs allow you to voluntarily enroll your loved one to receive locating technology. First responders can then activate the technology if the person goes missing. When possible, encourage and incorporate input from the person when developing the plan.

The HelpLine is available seven days a week by phone (866-232-8484), text message (646-586-5283), and web chat (www.alzfdn.org).

Wandering can also be a

## OBITUARIES

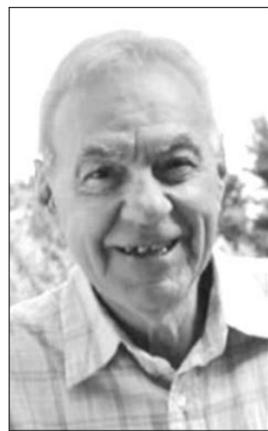
### Albert Louis "Junior" Sciarappa

A true sports enthusiast

Albert Louis "Junior" Sciarappa of Everett entered into eternal rest unexpectedly on January 25, in the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He was 85 years old.

Al was born in Everett and remained a lifelong resident of the city he loved. He worked for Tony Ventura's Everett Square Sporting Goods until its closing some years ago. A true sports enthusiast, Al loved all sports, especially the local Everett sports teams. During his retirement, you could find Al in Everett Square, walking along Main Street, and on Sundays meeting the boys and old friends at Glendale Park. "Junior", as he was affectionately called by many family members and old friends, loved his family.

He was the beloved son of the late Alberto and Maria (Russo) Sciarappa; the dear and devoted brother of Ida Giordano, Gloria Orcione and the late Domenic, James, Angelo Sciarappa, Fred Shepherd, Rose D'Andrea, Frances Deschenes, Jeanette Tortorella, Lena DiGiando, Helen Perelli, Carmella Farro and



Florence Vetran; and the loving uncle of Robert F. Giordano, Jr. and Frances Giordano Siciliano and her husband, Joseph, as well as many other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Relatives and friends attended Al's visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, in Everett on January 29 and his funeral was held from the funeral home on January 30 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Albert's memory to the American Heart Association, 93 Worcester St., Wellesley, MA 02481 would be sincerely appreciated.

### Sharon Glover

Graduate of RHS, Class of 1964

Sharon K. Glover, 77, passed away peacefully on February 10, in Portsmouth, NH.

Born in Everett in 1946, Sharon was the daughter of the late Harold and Marion (Colella) McKinney and the wife of the late Robert Glover, with whom she shared 54 years of marriage.

Sharon grew up in Revere, graduating from Revere High School in 1964. She was a proud resident of Revere, having resided here for most of her life until moving to New Hampshire several years ago.

She is survived by her sons, Brian Glover and his partner, Anissa Spring, of Epping, Nh, Mark Glover and his wife, Michelle, of Seabrook, Nh, granddaughter, Morgan Glover, her brother, Robert McKinney and his wife, Pamela, and her niece, Kati. She was predeceased by her



grandson, Tyler Glover.

Services will be private for the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sharon's memory to the American Heart Association. For guestbook, please visit [www.Buonfiglio.com](http://www.Buonfiglio.com)

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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**  
<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.**

### 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 YouTube.

For more information, they can be reached online at [zionchurchministries.com](http://zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto: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,**  
**Everett MA 02149 Phone**  
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### Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

#### News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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**Rev. Larry Russi, Sr. Pastor**  
**pastorlarry@thelighthousechurch701.net**

### Church at the Well Everett

#### News and Notes

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

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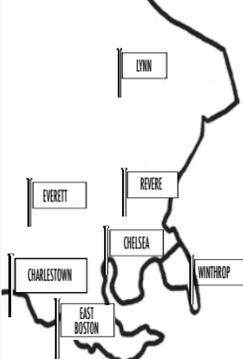
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#### News and Notes

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**Grace Anglican Episcopal Church**  
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